



ASD WINS PROJECT CITIZEN SHOWCASE – BIG!

June 12, 2009, Allentown, PA – Allentown School District deserves kudos for all the classes that participated in this year’s Pennsylvania State Showcase for Project Citizen. Sixteen project “portfolios” from ASD high, middle and elementary schools were showcased along with hundreds of others from throughout the Commonwealth at the state capitol in Harrisburg from May 26 – 29, 2009. Projects were rated by members of the Governor’s office, legislature staffers, and members of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge to determine the top three winners in the Commonwealth and to acknowledge the hard work of these young citizens.

A first place finish went to Cleveland Elementary School, Mr. Kearney and Ms. Coyne’s class project “Put It Out.” Their project will continue on to the National Showcase held in Philadelphia at the National Conference of State Legislatures Convention in July. In second place: Miss Nacci of Ritter Elementary whose class project was entitled “Lose the Phone.” Third place was a tie, going to Cleveland Elementary and Ms. Kelchner’s class project “Smoke Detectors Save Lives” and Ms. Kowalchuk’s class at Roosevelt Elementary for “Gangs and Their Effect on Allentown.”

The projects were then rated in one of three categories: Superior, Exceptional, and Honorable Mention.

Superior

- Cleveland Elementary School, Mr. Kearney and Ms. Coyne, “Put It Out.”
- Ritter Elementary, Miss Nacci, “Lose the Phone.”
- Cleveland Elementary, Ms. Kelchner, “Smoke Detectors Save Lives.”
- Roosevelt Elementary, Ms. Kowalchuk, "Gangs and their Effect on Allentown"

Exceptional

- Cleveland Elementary, Ms. Landis, “Challenging the 26th Amendment.”
- Jackson Elementary School, Mr. Keet, “Our Parks: Do you really feel safe?”
- Ritter Elementary School, Ms. Binder, “Plant a Tree: Save a Planet.”
- Ritter Elementary School, Mrs. Meitzler, “Health and well-Being 101.”
- Roosevelt Elementary School, Ms. Richie, “Trashing Our City.”

Honorable Mention

- Corry Area Middle School, Class 3A, “Health Class.”
- Corry Area Middle School, Class 3B, “Lunch Outside.”
- Jackson Elementary School, Ms. Mittura, “Jackson School Graffiti Watch.”

- Ritter Elementary, Ms. Grab, “Gangs in Our Community.”

Project Citizen is administered by the Center for Civic Education nationally, and Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge runs the program for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Project Citizen is funded by the US Congress through the Education for Democracy Act, and is sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures. For those who would like to view the Pennsylvania State Showcase, it will continue at Freedoms Foundation, 1601 Valley Forge Road, Valley Forge, PA 19482 through the end of June.

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