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Brown Middle School Student Takes Fulton Honors in Water Essay Contest

Lauren Sisk, a student at J.E. Brown Middle School, is the Fulton County winner in the fifth annual water conservation and preservation essay contest, sponsored by the Clean Water Campaign and the Water Use It Wisely Campaign. Secretary of State Karen Handel will present her award at Brown Middle School on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at 2:00 PM.

The Clean Water Campaign and Water Use It Wisely teamed up to encourage children to address the growing need to improve water quality and conservation efforts in Georgia. Students researched and shared their thoughts on why conserving water and preventing water pollution are important for the future of their river, lakes and streams. The main goal of this program is to encourage students to create inventive solutions to water conservation and water quality in metro North Georgia.

In her essay, Sisk says, "Everyone must know that they can make a difference each and every day. Every drop counts. We can't live without water. Our health, quality of life and economy depend on it?"

The contest was open to sixth, seventh and eighth graders in Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding, Rockdale and Walton Counties. Each participating school submitted its winning essay for the county competition, and one overall winner was selected from among the county winners. County winners receive a Clean Water Campaign / Water Use It Wisely certificate presented by an elected official from that county and a \$25 cash prize.

To view the names of the winners and the winning essays, visit the Clean Water Campaign's Web site (www.cleanwatercampaign.com) and click on the essay contest link.

About the Clean Water Campaign

The Clean Water Campaign is a cooperative, multi-agency public education initiative spearheaded by local governments in metro Atlanta, supported by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and managed by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Its mission is to build awareness of water quality problems and solutions in the Atlanta region.

About Water- Use It Wisely

Water- Use It Wisely (www.wateruseitwisely.com) is a program that educates consumers about specific and simple water conservation measures they can use everyday to help. It is a multi-state program that is being sponsored in the metro Atlanta area by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.

J.E. Brown Middle School is located in Atlanta, GA. For more information about the school or student, please call 404-756-6414.

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