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## **Gwinnett County Student Wins For District In Water Essay Contest**

Kathryn Fazekas, a student at Wesleyan School, is the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District winner in the fifth annual water conservation and preservation essay contest, sponsored by the Clean Water Campaign and the Water Use It Wisely Campaign. Fazekas, an 6<sup>th</sup> grader, will be presented with an award at Wesleyan School on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at 8:30 AM.

The Clean Water Campaign and Water Use It Wisely teamed up to encourage children and parents 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, Fazekas says, "There are many ways to encourage people to protect and save water. One way is to have conservation groups teach children about the importance of conserving water and keeping our water clean. If we all do our part in trying to protect the environment and conserve water, then there will be enough fresh water for every body now and in the future."

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.

### **About the Clean Water Campaign**

The **Clean Water Campaign** ([www.cleanwatercampaign.com](http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com)) 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.

**Water- Use It Wisely** ([www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://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 in partnership with the Georgia Pollution Prevention Assistance Division.

**Wesleyan School** is located in Norcross, GA. For more information about the school or student, please call 770448-7640.

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