

Four kids are top winners in magazine's writing contest

Four FCPS students were among the six grand prize winners in Lexington Family Magazine's annual writing contest.

The magazine asked kids in grades K-5 across the Bluegrass to write an essay of 100 words or less on the theme "The Person I Would Most Like to Meet Is ..." More than 1,000 children responded – writing about their heroes, their favorite people from history, their favorite pop stars and their favorite athletes. Here are the grand prize winners from Fayette County Public Schools:

Boys / K-1: **Parker Hodge**, a first-grader at Millcreek Elementary, wrote about Beethoven. He won a collection of games from Cranium. Parker's essay:

I would like to meet Beethoven so I could ask how did you become deaf, do you know sign language and can you hear music in your head? I would also want to know why you became a composer, how many songs you wrote and what was your favorite song. I like to write songs, too. I would ask him to listen to me play my modern songs and show him a digital music player, which would probably amaze him! I would also ask him to play for me – especially my favorite – his 5th symphony.

Girls / K-1: **Kennedy Cobb**, a first-grader at Garden Springs Elementary, wrote about meeting a cancer patient and being a good role model for her sister. Kennedy's prize was Chrissa, the newest American Girl doll. Kennedy's essay:

The person I would like to meet most is a cancer patient. I would like to make their life better. It will change mine, too. I will visit him or her at the hospital if I have to. I will give up everything to help them. I will be a good role model for my sis so I can pass it down to her.

Boys / grades 4-5: **Connor Langfels**, a fifth-grader at Garden Springs Elementary, wrote about quarterback Tim Tebow. Connor won a collection of games from Cranium. His essay:

The person I'd like to meet is Tim Tebow. I'd like to meet him because he's a good Christian quarterback that plays for Florida. Tebow was the youngest player ever to win a Heisman. He dedicates most of his performances on the field to families in the Philippines where Tebow was born. In press conferences, Tebow's reporters turn off their recorders when he talks about God, yet that doesn't stop him. Tebow does missionary work over the summer instead of partying with all of his college friends. He was the first sophomore ever to win a Heisman.

Girls / grades 4-5: **Anna McGary**, a fifth-grader at Clays Mill Elementary, wrote about dance choreographer Twyla Tharp. Anna's prize was a collection of horses and books from Breyer. Anna's essay:

Guess what award-winning choreographer has inspired me to choreograph modern dances, think outside the box, try new things and find my own style? Twyla Tharp! Her amazingly high

level of talent and creativity amazes me. Ever since I heard about Mrs. Tharp, I was fascinated by her. Watching dances she has choreographed has shown me that different can be amazing! Mrs. Tharp has inspired me to try modern dance, instead of just classical ballet. Mrs. Tharp has also shown me that thinking outside the box can lead to success. I aspire to become a famous choreographer like Twyla Tharp!

In addition, Lexington Family Magazine drew Julie Mullins' name from among all the teachers who submitted their classes' essays, and the Garden Springs writing specialist won a collection of books and DVDs. Mullins had all 27 of her classes participate in the contest, sending in more than 500 essays.

For more details about the contest, including a list of "honorable mention" awards, visit www.lexingtonfamily.com/writingcontest.htm.