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“Calaveras Students Compete for Attendance Awareness”

The second annual collaborative effort of the Calaveras County Office of Education (CCOE), the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB), Calaveras County District Attorney and the Calaveras County Sheriff to increase public awareness about the importance of school attendance has paid off. This year’s SARB poster contest received 250 entries. Students at Gold Strike high school judged the poster entries and determined this year’s winners.

“Our annual Attendance Awareness Poster Contest has been gaining popularity in our local school districts,” said Calaveras County Superintendent of Schools Scott Nanik. “Students are excited to share their love for school and their perspectives on why it is so important that kids attend.”

First place winner Ava Cable is an eighth grader at Toyon Middle School. She received the grand prize of \$150.00 and a date to be ‘Calaveras County Sheriff for the day.’ Ava’s poster entry became the printed poster that is now displayed throughout local Calaveras county businesses. Her poster features a frosty snowman wearing glasses and the phrase “Be Cool, Stay in School.”

The second and fifth place winners both attend Albert Michelson Elementary. Kaeli Ribeira placed second with her poster entry and was awarded a check for \$100.00. Kaycee Orvis’ poster received fifth place and she received a goodie bag from CCOE.

The third and fourth place winners both attend Valley Springs Elementary. Third place winner Kendra Beachler received \$50.00 and fourth place winner Ashley Penrose received a good bag from CCOE.

Students from all over the county competed in this year’s poster contest. “This year’s participation has been outstanding,” said Superintendent Nanik.

Superintendent Nanik and Calaveras County District Attorney Barbara Yook attended each of the award ceremonies, which were held at the winning students’ schools. “The District Attorney’s Office is pleased to partner with CCOE and our local schools to encourage kids to stay in school. Lower truancy rates lead to lower dropout rates, which lead to lower crime rates,” said Yook.

Sheriff Rick DiBasilio was present for the first place winner announcement and stated, “as a past School Resource Officer, I am thoroughly impressed at what this young lady (Ava Cable) has achieved.”

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