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CCPS Announces K-12 Hear Our Voices Literary Competition Winners

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is proud to announce the 2022-2023 Hear Our Voices (HOV) Literary Competition Winners!

Hear Our Voices Literacy Competition Winners:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/14vIMkIDebmv7CCvFLB24Gw_4abpYeBxgOHaTindxk1U/edit?usp=sharing

The Hear Our Voices Literary Competition encourages scholars in kindergarten through 12th grade to create original works through either written or oral presentations. Beginning at the school level the competition allows school-based winners to advance to the final phase of the competition at the district level. Scholars who participated in the written categories (dictated narrative (kindergarten only), narrative, essay, and poetry) were able to select their own topics while individuals who competed in the oratorical competition (speech, spoken word, and multimedia) engaged in the preselected topic of "Social Media: Friend or Foe" (see the entire prompt below). All winners will also be published in the annual *Hear Our Voices Magazine*.

Clayton County Public Schools congratulates each of these students on their thoughtful and dynamic presentations! Additionally, the district applauds the Department of Elementary English Language Arts, under the leadership of Ms. Ebony Brown, the Department of Secondary English Language Arts, led by Ms. Regina Willingham, and their outstanding teams for making this wonderful learning opportunity available to our students. The Department of English Language Arts will host a reception on May 23, 2023 to recognize and honor all winners.

2022-2023 Hear Our Voices Oratorical Competition Prompt

Spending time on social media has become almost a way of life for most people — scrolling through videos of cuddly cats and wacky dances for hours a day. But is it healthy for children and young adults to engage with social media in excessive amounts every day? And how do you know if you're being safe on social media? Most social media apps require users to be at least 13 years old. But in a recent poll, parents shared that 50% of children 10 to 12 years old and 33% of children 7 to 9 years old use social media apps. Studies have even shown that social media apps are specifically designed to encourage addictive behavior. On the other hand, social media apps have allowed people to connect and coordinate in the midst of natural disasters. They have allowed people to coordinate actions for a political movement, for both good and ill. They have allowed families to come together that live far apart, while also dividing families in the same home. Some countries specifically censor and control what media is allowed on these apps, while others promote as few restrictions as possible.

Given the complexity of the issues surrounding social media in society, particularly regarding its effects on children and young adults, how do you feel about this issue? Raise your voice to bring your opinion to this concern. Has social media caused more harm than good? Should it be controlled to protect consumers or left unchecked as a matter of free speech? Is social media a friend or foe?

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About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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