



## News release

### March 24, 2021

#### ***Prodigies for Peace celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*** *Award winners recognized at March 23 school board meeting*



*First place winner, Isabelle Dobrea,  
Grade 8, Heatherwood Middle School.*

Everett, WA - At the March 23 school board meeting, 42 Everett Public Schools students were recognized for earning an award in the 20th Annual NAACP Prodigies for Peace contest.

Each year the NAACP, Snohomish County Chapter, holds a celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As part of the celebration, students are invited to submit essays and art for the Prodigies for Peace competition. Student work is judged by members of the community.

Students earning first, second, third and honorable mention awards in each grade band and each creative category are honored for their inspirational works. This year, Everett Public Schools had 18 winners for essays and 30 winners for artwork.

In celebration of the accomplishments of these students, a [video highlighting the artwork and essays](#) was played at the board meeting for the students, their families and teachers in attendance.

The Prodigies for Peace writing contest helps students draw connections between the people and events that shaped the civil rights movement and the social issues that influence their lives today.

Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to recognized students. The 2021 Prodigies for Peace winners are listed below by grade band and contest category.

#### Essay contest winners for grades 2-5

First place: Jagannath Ubriani (Jag), Mill Creek Elementary, Grade 2

First place: Aarna Patil, Tambark Creek Elementary, Grade 3

First place: Ian Tong, Mill Creek Elementary, Grade 3

First place: Ashlene Sharma, Tambark Creek Elementary, Grade 3

First place: Denise French, Garfield Elementary, Grade 4

First place: Eva Jones, Emerson Elementary, Grade 5

Second place: Alex Ruiz, Cedar Wood Elementary, Grade 3

Second place: Navneet Kaur, Mill Creek Elementary, Grade 3

Second place: Jane Higginson, Jefferson Elementary, Grade 4

Second place: Jocelyn Rodriguez Ramos, Emerson Elementary, Grade 5

Third place: Audrina Catalan, Mill Creek Elementary, Grade 3

Third place: Ella Hyatt, Mill Creek Elementary, Grade 3

Third place: Ishya Beemreddy, Tambark Creek Elementary, Grade 4

Third place: Dylan Orozco-Gutierrez, Emerson Elementary, Grade 5

Essay Contest winner for Middle School

First place: Mayson Stephens, Forest View Elementary, Grade 4 (entered MS category)

Second place: Elexa Hernandez, Evergreen Middle School, Grade 8

Third place: Callia Park, Gateway Middle School, Grade 6

Third place: Cadence Marletto, Cedar Wood Elementary, Grade 5 (entered MS category)

Art Contest winners for grades K-2

First place: Ema Flotten, Tambark Creek Elementary, Grade 2

First place: Princeton Makinde, Mill Creek Elementary, Grade 1

Second place: Kaitlyn Stetich, Forest View Elementary, Grade 2

Second place: Olivia Effendie, Tambark Creek Elementary, Grade 2

Third place: Architha Rajesh, Tambark Creek Elementary, Grade 2

Third place: Camerina Stinson, Hawthorne Elementary, Kindergarten

Honorable mention: Abhivav Pradeep Kumar, Tambark Creek Elementary, Grade 2

Honorable mention: Celeb Wie, Tambark Creek Elementary, Grade 2

Honorable mention: Dheepthi Rajesh, Tambark Creek Elementary, Kindergarten

Honorable mention: Arina Sholukh, Forest View Elementary, Grade 2

Honorable mention: Yuta Merriman, Cedar Wood Elementary, Grade 2

Honorable mention: Dakota Steelman, Hawthorne Elementary, Grade 1

Honorable mention: Mila Jonasson, Mill Creek Elementary, Grade 2

Honorable mention: Paisley Stinson, Hawthorne Elementary, Grade 1

Art Contest winners for grades 3-5

First place: Amoures Makinde, Mill Creek Elementary, Grade 3

First place: Naomi Anderson, Emerson Elementary, Grade 4

Second place: Mariam Almaasrawi, Tambark Creek Elementary, Grade 3

Second place: Denise French, Garfield Elementary, Grade 4

Third place: Isabella De Vega, Forest View Elementary, Grade 5

Third place: Ishya Beemreddy, Tambark Creek Elementary, Grade 4

Third place: Colton Shick, View Ridge Elementary, Grade 5

Honorable mention: Josie Ladd, Forest View Elementary, Grade 3

Honorable mention: Fiona Sander, Forest View Elementary, Grade 5

Honorable mention: Aarna Patil, Tambark Creek Elementary, Grade 3

Honorable mention: Prarthana Harihar, Tambark Creek Elementary, Grade 3

Honorable mention: David Bonson, Hawthorn Elementary, Grade 4

Art Contest winners for Middle School

First place: Kailee Juen, Heatherwood Middle School, Grade 8

First place: Isabelle Dobrea, Heatherwood Middle School, Grade 8

Second place: Arden Kaylor, Heatherwood Middle School, Grade 8

Honorable mention: Oleksandra Kotvytska, Heatherwood Middle School, Grade 8

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