

# PCSD Students Recognized as 2014 Iowa Reading Association Creative Writing and Poetry Contest Winners

Superintendent Greg Ebeling would like to congratulate and recognize several PCSD students who have received awards at the 2014 Iowa Reading Association Creative Writing and Poetry Contest. To receive these awards, these PCSD students first had to be awarded first place at the local council level; each of eleven local councils in the state submitted their winning entries from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in both categories to the Association for consideration. The first place winners at the state level in each category will be recognized and honored at the Iowa Reading Association's Annual Summer Conference in Ames; second and third place winners are awarded a certificate. All winners below were recognized at a reception of the local (Three Rivers) council on April 7<sup>th</sup>, where the students read their winning entries to a crowd of family, friends, and teachers.

Below is a list of the winners at the state level from the Pella Community School District, their entries, and their teachers.

## Creative Writing

- ☒ Kindergarten (Madison Elementary) – Second Place – Aliyah Kleven: “Emily B. Jones New School”; teacher Kara Klein
- ☒ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (Madison Elementary) - Third Place – Easton Kleven: “Pirate Trouble”; teacher Jill Nelson
- ☒ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (Jefferson Intermediate) – **First Place** – Lily Pumphrey: “Just Like Everyone Else”; teacher Cristy Roozeboom
- ☒ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Pella Middle School) – Second Place – Hanna Blom: “Where the Healing Begins”; teacher Jodi Knight

## Poetry

- ☒ 1st Grade (Madison Elementary) – **First Place** – Patrick Bishara: “Out My Kitchen Window”; teacher Deb Fessler
- ☒ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Jefferson Intermediate) – **First Place** – Ella Corbin: “Labels”; teacher Linda Goodman
- ☒ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (Jefferson Intermediate) – Second Place – Kayla Tauke: “If I Was a Promise”; teacher Cristy Roozeboom
- ☒ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Pella Middle School) – Third Place – Gavin Klein: “That One Thing That Shall Not Be Named”; teacher Catie Brand
- ☒ 9<sup>th</sup> Grade (Pella High School) – **First Place** – Mandolin Holmes: “You’re Here”; teacher Laura Fank
- ☒ 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (Pella High School) – **First Place** – Shaylynn Reed: “Just One Drink”; teacher Ashlee Whittington