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East Cobb Middle School Student Represents Cobb County in Water Essay Contest

Amanda Kang, an eighth grade student at East Cobb Middle School, is the Cobb County winner in the seventh annual water conservation and water quality essay contest, sponsored by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District). The Metro Water District is a planning entity dedicated to developing comprehensive watershed, wastewater and water supply and water conservation plans to be implemented by local governments in the 15-county metro Atlanta region. The Clean Water Campaign and Water Use It Wisely are public education campaigns designed to educate and promote behavior changes in water conservation and water quality.

Amanda Kang will be presented with her award at East Cobb Middle School on Friday, October 31, 2008. Kathy Nguyen, Water Efficient Program Manger with Cobb County Water System will present Amanda with the County Award. Mrs. Nguyen said, "Educating the public about how to conserve water and the importance of water conservation is essential. Cobb County Water works with schools, businesses and civic organizations to teach some of the simple behavior changes that Amanda mentioned in her essay". Kang's essay outlined ways Cobb County residents can conserve water in their homes. In her essay she recommends, "Water can be saved by turning the faucet off in the shower when not rinsing, collecting rainwater in buckets to water plants on dry days, and waiting until your laundry machine and dishwasher is completely full before running it."

The two campaigns, Clean Water Campaign and Water Use It Wisely, teamed up to encourage children and parents to address the growing need to improve water quality and water conservation efforts in Georgia. Students researched and shared their thoughts on why conserving water and preventing water pollution are important for the future of their rivers, lakes and streams. The main goal of this program is to encourage students to create inventive solutions to water conservation and water quality in metro North Georgia.

The contest was open to sixth, seventh and eighth graders in Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding, Rockdale and

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Walton Counties. Each participating school submitted its winning essay for the county competition, and one overall District Winner was selected among the County Winners. The District Winner receives a \$100 check and County winners receive a \$25 check along with a certificate presented by a county representative.

To view the names of the winners, and read their winning essays please visit, the Clean Water Campaign website at www.cleanwatercampaign.com.

About the Campaigns

The **Clean Water Campaign** (www.cleanwatercampaign.com) is a cooperative, multi-agency education initiative spearheaded by local governments in metro Atlanta, supported by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and managed by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Its mission is to build awareness of water quality problems and solutions in the 16-county District.

Water- Use It Wisely (www.wateruseitwisely.com) is a program that educates consumers about simple water conservation measures. It is a multi-state program that is being sponsored in the metro Atlanta area by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.

East Cobb Middle School is located at 380 Holt Road, Marietta, GA 30068. For more information about the school or student, please call 770-578-2740.

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