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## **J.C. Booth Middle School Student Represents Fayette County in Water Essay Contest**

Nora Wilfong, an eighth grade student at J.C. Booth Middle School, is the Fayette 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.

Nora Wilfong will be presented with her award at J.C. Booth Middle School on Thursday, October 30, 2008. Fayette County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jack Smith, will present Nora with the County Award. Chairman Smith said, "As a policy maker in Fayette County, it is my job to implement policies and laws to preserve our community resources. But I cannot do it alone; we need the support of the community." Wilfong's essay outlines simple ways to protect her community's water resources through simple behavior changes. In her essay Wilfong says, "Hosting a city-wide litter clean up would help reduce water pollution. At home, there are lots of ways to conserve water. Keeping showers short and turning off the water while brushing your teeth are both very helpful."

The two campaigns, Clean Water Campaign and Water Use It Wisely, teamed up to encourage children and their 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 Walton counties. Each participating school submitted its winning essay for the county competition, and

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one overall District Winner was selected among the county winners. The District Winner receives a \$100 check and the 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](http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com).

**About the Campaigns**

The **Clean Water Campaign** ([www.cleanwatercampaign.com](http://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 15-county District.

**Water- Use It Wisely** ([www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://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.

**J.C. Booth Middle School** is located at 250 Peachtree Parkway South, Peachtree City, GA 30269. For more information about the school or student, please call 770-631-3240.

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