

March 8, 2016

### Writing Competition Awards Reception

(Agawam, Mass.) The Agawam Cultural Council will hold a reception to celebrate and honor winners of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Writing Competition on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the Agawam Public Library. The competition was open to all students in the Town of Agawam, and winners in all categories that qualified for judging will present their work for the audience's enjoyment. Local dignitaries have been invited to join in celebrating these talented young members of our community. Light refreshments will be served after the presentation. The Agawam Cultural Council is pleased to offer this opportunity to all young writers in the Town of Agawam to recognize their talent, in the hope that it will encourage a lifelong appreciation of the power of the written word.

The Agawam Cultural Council is sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Writing Competition as part of its ***Give Back to the Community Program***. The reception is free and open to the public.

Awards will be presented to the following:

#### Grades K-1 Art Poster

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50 - Gianna Goodrow**, Grade 1, Title - Stage Fright
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$25 - Nathaniel Ryan**, Grade 1, Title - I Am Not Scared
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$15 - Karina Radkovets**, Grade 1, Title - Bravery/Jumping Off Diving Board In Deep End

#### Grade 2 Paragraph

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50 - Maria Maynard**, Title - Kindergarten
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$25 - Catherine Merigian**, Title - Rollerblading
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$15 - Laura Parolo**, Title - Making New Friends

#### Grade 3 Paragraph

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50 - Grace Moriarty**, Title - Football Fear
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$25 - Abigail Drumm**, Title - The Scary Summer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$15 - Andee Gebeau**, Title - Your Worst Fear

#### Grade 4 Poem

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50 - Tessa Ebreo**, Title - My Report
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$25 - Gabriella Manes**, Title - The Talent Show
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$15 - Alivia Carrier**, Title - Diving Board Experience

#### Grades 5-6 Composition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50 - Cameron Cofer**, Grade 6, Title - Yoda
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$25 - Domenic Vecchiarelli**, Grade 6, Title - How Did You Do It?
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$15 - Brynn Legros**, Grade 6, Title - Facing Fears

Insufficient entries were received in the Junior High and High School categories for judging.

The ACC would like to extend a special *Thank You* to the following teachers for their assistance in aiding their students' entries:

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The Agawam Public Library is located at 750 Cooper Street in Agawam, Massachusetts and can be reached by phone at (413) 789-1550. (A map to this location can be found on the Agawam Cultural Council's "Writing Competition" web page at [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org) .)

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.