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Northside Elementary Places 4th in Regional Science Olympiad *BES, HES, MAES & PSES Students win 1st Place Awards*



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Northside Elementary School won fourth place out of 27 teams at the Middle Georgia RESA Regional Elementary Science Olympiad held March 17. Northside’s team qualified to participate in the Georgia State Elementary Science Olympiad tournament in May at Kennesaw State in Atlanta.

Northside Elementary Principal David Sams commented, “I’m very proud of our students! They are excited about competing at state. We are pleased to be chosen to represent our school, district and Middle Georgia RESA region.”

Sams described the competition: “This tournament is really cool. During the awards presentation, only the top three winners in each of 18 events are recognized with medals. It is very competitive! It’s an overall team event and each team receives points in how they finished from 1st place to 27th place. Overall, our district had its best performance this year.”

The Northside team members are: Kyle Baker, Madison Brown, Nevaeh Clark, Peyton Clements, Sharai Colindres, Esther Druhl, Daizi Faiella, Marc Garrett, Fred Glover, Charlton Gordon, Eli Hodges, Amir Howard, Savannah Knake, Taylor Lambert, Ivan Lopez, K. J. McDavis, Carter Mitchell, Jayce

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Nguyen, Caitlyn Phillips, Ella Ryle, Ade Sulaimon, Sydney Ussery, Hannah Willis and Sadie Willis. Their coaches are: Stacy Brown, Mandy Ross, Megan Pittman, Dawn Adams, June Glover, Jill Nelms and Beth Sciarro.

The students are pictured above with (back row, from left): Board of Education member Dave Crockett, Superintendent of Schools Mark Scott, Principal Sams, Assistant Principal of Instruction Rebecca Oakley, and Board members Helen Hughes, Dr. Rick Unruh and Fred Wilson.

Other Houston County elementary schools that competed at the region competition were: Bonaire, Eagle Springs, Hilltop, Matt Arthur, Pearl Stephens and Westside. Students who won individual medals are listed below by school.

Bonaire

1st Place: Rock Hounds - Elijah Belcher and Michael Holmes

Hilltop

1st Place: Bridge Building - Meghan Miller and Valentin Mejio

2nd Place: The 24 Game - Meghan Miller and Valentin Mejio

3rd Place: Barge Building - Terrin King and Gavin Riezinger

3rd Place: Which Way is North? - Jack Bender and Brennan Barnwell

Matt Arthur

1st Place: Deep Blue Sea - Lucas Martinez and Jacob Moore

Northside

2nd Place: Straw Egg Drop - Caitlynn Phillips and Sydney Ussery

3rd Place: Rock Hounds - Taylor Lambert and Ivan Lopez

3rd Place: Straw Tower - Madison Brown and Hannah Willis

Pearl Stephens

1st Place: Paper Rockets - Kierra Williams and Demarion Buckner

Westside

2nd Place: Bridge Building - Kaitlyn Zervos and Jazmine Miller

3rd Place: Deep Blue Sea - Nathaniel Petersdorff and Tyrell Owens

3rd Place: Paper Rockets - Nathaniel Petersdorff and Christopher Gunderman

3rd Place: Don't Bug Me - Weston Strickland and Tyrell Owens



Houston County's Elementary Science Olympiad Coaches are pictured (from left, front to back):

1st row: Sharon Kirksey, Pearl Stephens; Beth Sciarro, Megan Pittman and Mandy Ross, Northside; Karen Phillips, Christie Bergh, Anna Raley and Tammy Petersdorff, Westside; Shelby Koehle, Eagle Springs; Judy Peters, Hilltop; Peaches Tankersley, Matt Arthur.

Back row: Stacy Brown and Dawn Adams, Northside; Melinda Schroeder, Matt Arthur; June Glover, Northside; Leslie Scarborough, Bonaire; Amber Bowling, Westside; Emily Angle, Morgan Aeschlimann and Grace Springer, Eagle Springs; and Dara Seamans and Kim Davis, Hilltop.

Not pictured are: Christina Palozzi, Bonaire; Jill Nelms, Northside; and Caroline Randall and Emilia Sadler, Pearl Stephens.

With 27 teams, Middle Georgia RESA is allowed to send five teams to the Georgia Science Olympiad. This will be Northside Elementary's third time to compete at the state level.

Northside Elementary is located at 305 Sullivan Road in Warner Robins. For more information, please contact Sams at 478-929-7816 or David.Sams@hcbe.net.

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