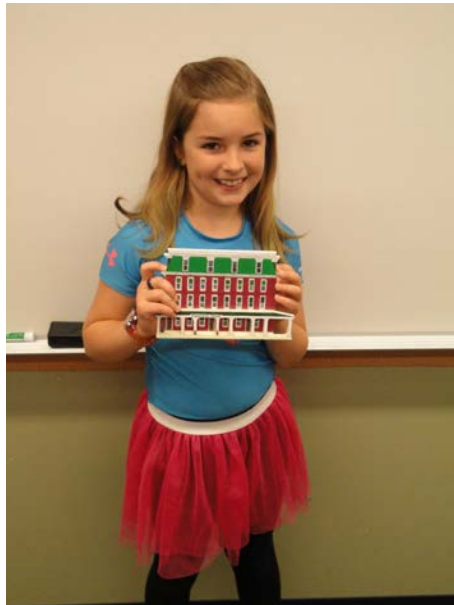


Third Grade Learns about the History of Portage



*Back row: Madelyn Boland, Isaiah Moyer, Isabella Scarton (all third place)
Middle row: Helaina Graessle, Teaira Howey, Ariel Ritchey, Cassidy Burkett (all second place)
First Row: Vanessa Spaid, Jewllee Lona, KenzLee Mowerv (all first place)*

Every year 3rd grade learns about some of the history of Portage. They learn that Portage began as a large forest of trees and people came to our area to cut them down. As the number of trees declined John Calvin Martin discovered coal under the surface of the ground. More people came to Portage to work in the over 100 mines we had. Hotels popped up all over town (16 in all) and Portage had a population of 16,000 people.



Kenzlee Mowery

The students learned a little about the important hotels in town and where they were located (Mountain House, Portage House, Keystone Hotel, etc.) Each student wrote a paragraph telling what they learned about Portage and then colored a poster that replicates the mural painted on the building beside the museum. Winners were chosen from each homeroom for the coloring contest and Mrs. Huschak presented certificates to them this week.

KenzLee Mowery won first place overall and her banner will be in the window of the museum.