

Morris Upchurch Middle School Students Participate in Veteran's Day Essay Contest

Morris Upchurch Middle School in conjunction with the Atlanta and Queen City VFW sponsored the Patriot's Pen essay writing contest among all sixth through eighth grade students. The Patriot's Pen contest is an essay competition sponsored by the VFW nationwide which gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy with the prospect of winning U.S. Savings Bonds. Students were judged on their understanding, development, and presentation of the theme "Are You Proud of Your Country?" The following students were named as winners of the local contest: sixth grade – Hunter Lance and Alaska Matteson; seventh grade – Hannah Hamilton and Madison Teale; eighth grade – Ryan Fincher and Alyssa Wiley. Each student was awarded a prize of \$50.00. They will advance to the regional level where their essays will be judged once again, and if chosen, will be forwarded on to the state level and then national level with the chance of winning a \$10,000 U.S. savings bond. The staff and students of Morris Upchurch Middle School appreciate the opportunity to work with the VFW and to increase their understanding of the importance of honoring our Veterans.



Front L-R: Roger Matlock, Hannah Hamilton, Madison Teale, Alaska Matteson, Hunter Lance, Bob Steger, and Charles Boone
Back L-R: Ryan Fincher and Alyssa Wiley