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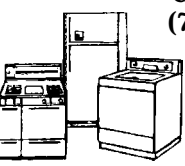
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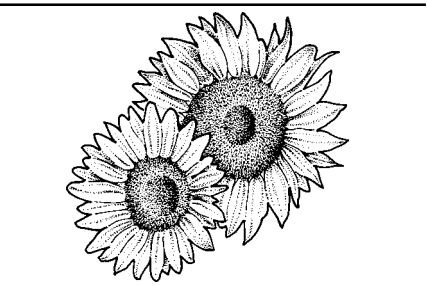


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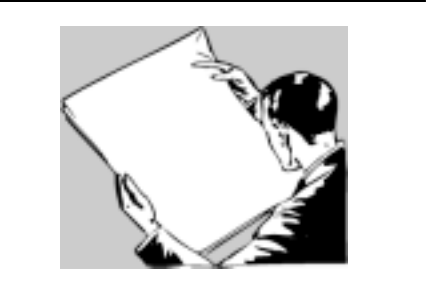
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Americanism Essay Contest “Why I Am Proud To Say The Pledge of Allegiance”

Maria Rodriguez won the local Elks Lodge Division 1 competition (fifth and sixth grade) of the Americanism Essay Contest. Dane Frazier placed second and Robert Cowan third out of the 60 essays received. The winners were announced Jan. 15.

Rodriguez won a \$50 savings bond and moved onto the Northwest Kansas district competition this past

weekend where she finished third.

The winner of the district competition advances to state, and the winner there on to the national contest.

The winner of the local Division 2 competition (seventh and eighth grade) was Sheena Sexson of Weskan Junior High School. She also won a \$50 savings bond and took first place at district earning another \$50 bond. She now advances to the

state competition next month.

Second place went to Hollie McKinney and third to Raney Okeson, both from Weskan. The Goodland Lodge received 28 essays for the Division 2 competition.

The contest, sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the United States, is part of National Patriotism Week, Feb. 16-22.



Maria Rodriguez Fifth Grade North Elementary School

What Saying The Pledge Means To Me

When you say the pledge it means you have respect for our great country. By saying the pledge it shows you are proud to be free. Every time I say the pledge it makes me think of the “Star Spangled Banner”.

It shows that you have respect for the people who have died for you. You see it means you are proud of what the nurses and veterans did so you and I could be free. It means you salute the veterans. I bet that everytime a child of a veteran says the pledge they feel

really proud.

Pearl Harbor was a tough time for the United States. But when we said the pledge it meant we still had hope. No matter what we still had the pledge to say for our respect. I bet that the soldiers that fought always said the pledge before they went on a mission.

When a person in school doesn’t say the pledge it’s like they don’t have respect for those who died for us. But, I know that when I say the pledge I’m proud to be an American. Because the “Pledge” is the the greatest thing.



Dane Frazier Fifth Grade North Elementary School

Why I’m Proud To Say The Pledge of Allegiance

I am proud to say the Pledge of Allegiance because it is what our country is about when it is time for war and time for peace. We say it each morning for our country. “I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America,” means you commit yourself to our country. “And to the republic, for which it stands,” means anyone can honor the flag whenever we like because our country is free. “One nation, under God,” means we worship freely in this one-of-a-kind nation.

“Individual, with liberty and justice for all.” means we are a free, presidential country that honors not only the present, but also the past as we battle with other countries.

I am proud to say the Pledge of Allegiance because it makes known to the world that we are free and other countries should know that we are a strong country that battles when battles should be battled and help when others need help. We have made peace with other countries and we have been God blessed to live in such a country where we have many freedoms.



Robert Cowan Fifth Grade North Elementary School

Why I’m Proud to say the Pledge of Allegiance

It’s fun to say the pledge every morning when the bell rings. I put my hand on my heart and know that I love America. I love the 50 states represented by the stars and the 13 stripes for the 13 original colonies.

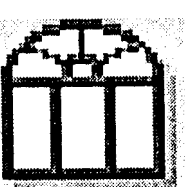
When I say the pledge I honor the soldiers every day

that risk their lives for our freedom The soldiers that protect our freedom 24/7. The ones who give up their families and lives so we can be free.

I’m glad that I can go home to a family unlike some people in other countries. I have the right to freedom here in the United States. I am proud to be an American and saying the pledge lets everyone know that.

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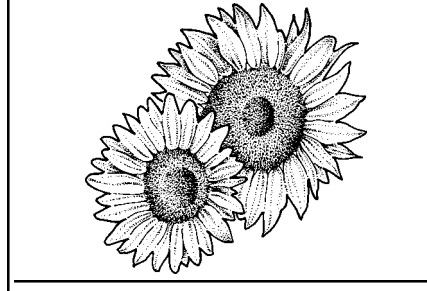


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