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# **Congratulations to the readers** of Central Elementary School



Some of the 57 students of Central Elementary School who participated in the Reading is Fundamental National Poster Contest show off some of their posters. The students earned a \$250 certificate to buy books for their school along with a supply of paperbacks.

## **Central students win national contest** earn money for books while encouraging reading

#### **By Greg Stover**

The Goodland Star-News Perhaps nothing brings as much pride to parents, or the community as a whole, as their children receiving national recognition for their achievements, especially when it also improves learning.

The students of Central Elementary School won a \$250 certificate to buy books for their school through the Reading is Fundamental National Poster Contest that took place this past school year. In addition each student also received a hardback copy of To Be an Artist through the Global Fund for Children, one of Reading is Fundamental's partners.

The contest asks children to design, draw and color poster artwork that expresses creative ideas about books and reading. The posters then were displayed around the



the winners of the western region which included Arizona, California, Colorado. Hawaii. Nebraska, New Mexico, Utah, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands and the Marshall Islands.

Both winners were featured in a recent Reading is Fundamental national newsletter.

There also was an individual contest where the national winner received a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, a laptop computer, a \$300 certificate to buy books, a \$500 certificate for his or her school to buy books and a all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C. There were prizes for first and second runner-up and for 50 honorable mentions.

Reading is Fundamental, founded in 1966, develops and administers children and family literacy programs throughout the United States designed to motivate children, especially through age 11, to read on a regular basis. For more information on the program go to www.rif.org. Reading is Fundamental along with Nestle is sponsoring the Nestle Very Best in Youth Program to honor young people who made reading a priority in their lives. For more information go to www.nestleusa.com/consumerSite/promotions.





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community. In Goodland they were displayed during March in the windows of Aten Department Store and Knott Just Books.

Karen Colip, who coordinated the program in Goodland, said the students were enthusiastic about the contest and were together the better the chances of winning. proud to see their work displayed in such a The country was divided into five regions public place.

To be eligible for the \$250 certificate the gion. Goodland and Sterling, Alaska, were

The national winning poster done by Rebeccca Galloway, 10, of Warwick, R.L

school had to submit a photograph of its posters on display. The more displays put for the contest with two winners in each re-



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Aten Department Store, 1103 Main Ave., hosted one of the displays that made Central Elementary School one of the winners of the Reading is Fundamental National Poster Contest. The display was featured in a national newsletter.





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