

# Friends host fish art contest - winners announced



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The Friends of the Spanish River hosted a lake sturgeon art contest last fall and the winners were announced last week. Although several schools throughout the area located along the Spanish River were invited to take part and did so, the 25 or so judges (from the Friends and member sponsors) of the contest, chose five of the six winners out of AB Ellis PS in Espanola, the sixth from Beedaaban School in Sagamok-Anishnawbek First Nation. The winners received cash prizes, certificates and small gifts. Their art work (featured on the next page) is now owned by the Friends of the Spanish River and will be used in promotional material over the next few years. The first kickoff will be as bookmarks for the upcoming Earth Day celebrations in Sudbury this April. The Friends worked in partnership with the Espanola Game and Fish Protective Association, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Mid-North Monitor in hosting the contest. On hand for the presentation is Friends secretary-treasurer/Mid-North Monitor editor, Rosalind Raby; AB Ellis principal, Terry Moss and Friends chair; Bill McKenna. The winners (in no particular order) are: GRADE FOUR TO SIX DIVISION: TAYLOR SEMENIUK – GRADE FIVE – AB ELLIS; MIRANDA MORLEY-RIGGS – GRADE SIX – AB ELLIS; SHEALYN SPAFFORD AND BEGIIZHIK NAHWEGAHBOW – GRADE FIVE/SIX SPLIT; GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT DIVISION: AVERY MORIN – GRADE 8 – AB ELLIS; and CLAYTON SPAFFORD – GRADE EIGHT – AB ELLIS. LOUISSA KABONI – GRADE 8 – BIIDAABAN SCHOOL (below - right) won second place in the GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT DIVISION. The schools were also presented with commemorative photographs of the art work as well. A special thank you goes out to OJ Graphix of Espanola for reproducing the art work for future use as bookmarks, posters and other promotional material.



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