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“Mr. Yuk Keeps Me Safe!”

Poison Prevention Week Poster Contest Finalist Recognized

The Washington Poison Center held its second statewide Mr. Yuk Poster Contest for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Tyler Sudderth from Arlington (age 11, 5th grade) was recognized as a finalist on January 9, 2008 at Highland Christian Academy.

The Washington Poison Center awarded Sudderth’s teacher, Mrs. Lita Crowley, \$200 for her classroom. Sudderth received a \$50 savings bond and prize package including a remote control airplane from Galaxy Hobby, mp3 player from Bartell Drugs, watches from Sketchers, a football from Safeway and many other donated items from stores and Washington Poison Center supporters throughout the Northwest.

The Western Washington University Viking Mascot, Victor E., was on hand to congratulate Sudderth in front of his peers. All the elementary students got to take home an autograph from Victor E. and Mr. Yuk stickers.

Sudderth became a celebrity that day as he visited all the classrooms with Victor E. posing for group pictures. “Wow, mine was one of the best?” a pleasantly surprised Sudderth murmured when told his poster was chosen ahead of 445 other posters. “This was a very special day for Tyler to have his entire family on hand and the Viking made it that much more exciting,” said Mark Brown, Principal Highland Christian Schools.

Statewide, 450 students submitted a poster for this year’s Mr. Yuk Poster Contest. The competition increases awareness of poison safety and the Poison Center through a creative and engaging activity for youth. The winning poster will be used as the official Washington State poster for Poison Prevention Week in March 2008 and will be displayed on billboards and posters statewide. Four finalists were selected in addition to the winning poster. The Washington Poison Center is visiting the schools of all five students this January.

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About National Poison Prevention Week

Congress established National Poison Prevention Week more than forty years ago to raise awareness of unintentional poisonings. Over one million poisonings involving children are reported each year. Many of these poisonings could have been prevented. Poison centers organize events during this special week to educate parents and others about which household products are poisonous, how to prevent poisonings from occurring and what to do if a poisoning occurs.

About the Washington Poison Center

The Washington Poison Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, prevents harm from poisonings by being the primary resource for poison treatment, education and prevention. Reachable 24/7, the national poison hotline: 1-800-222-1222 will connect you to specially-trained nurses, pharmacists and poison specialists. Poison help is always free and confidential. Services are available for people with hearing problems and for non-English speakers.

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