

5 Posters, 5 Days on WRAL-TV 5 at 6 pm!



Watch Greg Fishel during WRAL-TV's 6 o'clock News January 30 – February 3, 2012

Our good friend, Chief Meteorologist Greg Fishel will spotlight five of our winning "Wetlands Are Wonderful" posters throughout the week after his weather forecast. Contest sponsors, Wake Soil & Water Conservation District and Novozymes Nature's GREEN-RELEAF Composting are proud of these 5th grade students for researching different types of wetlands across NC and communicating ways we can all protect them.

These colorful posters will educate TV viewers across a large area of the state about the benefits wetlands provide in trapping sediment, filtering and purifying water, providing fish and wildlife nurseries, recharging groundwater, and preventing floods that endanger life and property.

Our students researched & illustrated a variety of ways we can protect wetlands by allowing natural wetlands to exist, restoring wetlands that have been altered by planting native vegetation and plugging ditches, constructing "new" wetlands to absorb and filter stormwater runoff and recharge groundwater, and joining a land conservancy that protects vital wetland ecosystems across NC.

The overall #1 District winner is 5th grader Olivia Karen Andrews from Green Hope Elementary in Cary. Olivia's poster won her a \$100 cash award and the chance to win additional prizes this spring at the regional level in competition with 10 other counties. Good luck Olivia!

- Mon. 1/30 OLIVIA ANDREWS in Laura Zimmerman's class at Green Hope Elem. in Cary**
- Tues. 1/31 SONOMA KNECHT in Amanda Lefeld's class at Pleasant Union Elem. in Raleigh**
- Wed. 2/1 ALBERT CHOI in Brandy Smith's art class at Farmington Woods Elem. in Cary**
- Thurs. 2/2 RYAN BODNARIK in Stephanie Reid's class at Wendell Elementary in Wendell**
- Fri. 2/3 ASHLEY J. JOHNSON in Rene Alford's class at Alston Ridge Elementary in Cary**

Please Note: Posters may not appear in this exact order, and may be preempted by inclement weather or other breaking news. We thank Greg Fishel and WRAL-TV 5 for being great Friends of the District in providing prime time coverage of our young people's community conservation artwork and messages!