

Holley earns acclaim as poster contest winner

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LINCOLN -- Canon Holley, 10, a fourth-grader at Central Valley Elementary School (CVES), earned fourth place in the 2017 Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest.

Holley, along with three other Nebraska fourth graders, was recognized by Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley at a proclamation signing for Severe Weather Awareness Week at the State Capitol Wednesday, March 8 at 10 a.m. Holley earned a \$50 gift card for his submission in the contest that was open to all Nebraska fourth graders and was themed "Keep Calm and Find Shelter."

"The drawing took three or four days to complete," Holley said. "I got the idea after viewing an example provided by my teacher Mrs. Wood."

Mary Wood, CVES 4th grade Instructor, provided each of her students with the opportunity to submit a poster for the contest. County emergency managers then submitted the top three posters from their counties for judging at the state level.

"We're proud of him," said Holley's dad D.W. who along with his wife Ann and several other family members and members of the community were at the presentation. "We are thankful he is recognized for his talents."

Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 27-31. It is observed to increase awareness of, and response to, severe weather hazards. Severe weather can result in tragic losses that preparation and planning can prevent. Through the poster contest, fourth graders from across the state encourage Nebraskans to follow weather safety precautions.

Posters were judged on originality, effort and accuracy. The 2017 Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest was sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management (NAEM), the National Weather Service (NWS), the Nebraska Military Department and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). NWS provided Holley with a \$50 gift card, NEMA provided certificates to the top four students and the Nebraska Military Dept. matted the posters as a remembrance for students. For more information on severe weather awareness or preparing for severe weather visit: www.nema.nebraska.gov/

