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Metro Denver Dental Society (MDDS) announces 2005 winners in 6th annual Healthy Smiles Poster Contest

DENVER, Colo. –**Taylor Carpenter**, a third grade student at **Pinnacle Charter School** in Federal Heights, has been awarded with **Grand Prize** honors in the MDDS 6th Annual Healthy Smiles Poster Contest.

The theme of this year's contest was **EVERY BODY NEEDS A HEALTHY SMILE**. Taylor's crayon, paint and paper collage entry, was selected from over 1,000 works of art illustrating good oral health habits. Taylor, age 8, earned \$500 for her school, a \$100 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble and toothbrushes, toothpaste and T-shirts for her entire class. Representatives from the Metro Denver Dental Society and the Society's mascot, Sammy the Saber Tooth Tiger, presented the award to Taylor at her school in front of her teachers, classmates and family.

Maribel Perales Moctezuma, age 9, a fourth grade student at **Ellis School** in Denver, took first place honors and **Luis Porras**, a fourth grade student at **Ashley Elementary School** in Aurora, received second place honors.

In an effort to support the incorporation of oral health awareness and education into metro-Denver area elementary schools, the Metro Denver Dental Society invites over 450 metro-area elementary schools, grades K-4, to participate in the Healthy Smiles Poster Contest each year.

The Metro Denver Dental Society, a component of the American Dental Association, is a 108-year-old organization working to advance public awareness and dental education for the betterment of our community's health.

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