

# NEWS

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## **2006 winners announced in the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Healthy Smiles Poster and Coloring Contest**

*DENVER, Colo.* – **Katie Van Note**, a fifth grade student at **Compass Montessori Elementary School** in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, was awarded **Grand Prize** honors in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthy Smiles Poster Contest, sponsored by the Colorado Dental Association (CDA) and the Metro Denver Dental Society (MDDS).

In an effort to support the incorporation of oral health awareness and education into Colorado elementary schools, CDA and MDDS invited over 1,200 elementary schools, grades K-6, to participate in the contest this year.

The theme of this year's contest was **"What Fuels Your Healthy Smile?"** Katie's entry was selected from over 2,700 works of art illustrating good oral health habits. Katie, age 10, earned \$500 for her school, a \$100 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble and art supplies for herself, and toothbrushes, toothpaste and T-shirts for her entire class. Representatives from CDA and MDDS, along with mascot, Sammy the Saber Tooth Tiger, presented the award to Katie at her school in front of her teachers, classmates and family on May 5, 2006.

Twelve elementary students were selected to receive **1<sup>st</sup> Place honors**. Selection was determined according to the following geographic areas throughout the state:

- **Arkansas Valley:** Sara Gallegos, Manzanola Elementary
- **Boulder/Broomfield County:** Renee Kendrick, Coal Creek Elementary

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- **Colorado Springs:** Jordan Powell, Martin Luther King Elementary
- **Intermountain Region:** Hannah Bartel, TLC Christian School
- **Larimer County:** Meghan Stirling, Eyestone Elementary
- **Metro Denver:** Delaney Piper, Mortensen Elementary
- **Northeastern Colorado:** Kalee Noe, Columbine Elementary
- **San Luis Valley:** Gabby Wolf, Pleasant View Elementary
- **San Juan Basin:** Kelby Nunley, Rico Elementary
- **Southeastern Colorado:** Moises Sanchez-Gonzalez, Caesar Chavez Academy
- **Weld County:** Emily Doerner, Winograd Elementary
- **Western Colorado:** Kelly Knez, Sunset Elementary

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**PLEASE CONTACT (303) 488-9700, ext. 3270 to obtain photos (hard copies or electronic files) of student entries.**