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Huntsville Students win top awards in State Arbor Day Poster Art Contest
Winners will visit Governor Riley at the State Capitol and plant a tree on the grounds

Huntsville, AL --- With balloons, cash, news of a pizza party, and a "round-trip ticket" to the State Capitol, Mayor Loretta Spencer and Joy McKee, director of Operation Green Team surprised two local elementary students at school on Thursday, February 15. The students were winners in the State Arbor Day Poster Art Contest, "Trees are terrific and forests are too!"

Parker Mahan, a fifth grade student at Chapman Elementary, took top honors in the city and state contests. Kaitelen Campbell, a fifth grade student at Ridgecrest Elementary, placed third in the state contest.

Mayor Spencer and Mrs. McKee presented each student with balloons, \$25 cash, and a pizza party for the entire class. The students also learned that they will travel to the State Capitol as a guest of Governor Bob Riley. The governor will present awards to Parker and Kaitelen and help them plant a tree on the Capitol grounds.

"There are many talented students in Huntsville," Mayor Spencer commented. "Parker and Kaitelen's accomplishments are a first for our city. This is the first year that Huntsville has two of the top three awards given by the State."

Huntsville students have taken tops honors in the State contest for the past 5 years.

"It is very exciting to see our young people succeed," Spencer continued.

This year more than 620 students from 16 Huntsville elementary schools participated in the poster art contest. Parker's poster will advance to the National Contest.

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