

Winners of PPL's Safety Poster Contest Announced

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PPL (NYSE: PPL) has selected 36 winners from 6,093 entries in this year's Electrical Safety Poster Contest for students in kindergarten through 12th grade in schools throughout the PPL Electric Utilities' service area in central eastern Pennsylvania.

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For this year's contest, a popular part of PPL's energy education outreach, students created artwork around the theme "Sammy's Electrically Safe Holidays." Students used crayons, pencils, paints or computer-generated graphics to depict electrical safety messages about any holiday throughout the year.

"Sammy Safety," a smiling triceratops, is PPL's safety mascot that is used to spread safety messages among school children. It became the centerpiece of the poster contest in 1986.

The winners are:

First grade: Tony Castellani (grand prize), Valley View Elementary, Peckville; Alissa Steier (first place), St. Clare School, Scranton; Gregory Lerch (honorable mention), home school, Coopersburg.

Second grade: Tori Hartshorn (grand prize), Notre Dame Elementary School, East Stroudsburg; Kayla A. Griffith Kalinoski (first place), St. Clare School, Scranton; Alexa Echeverria (honorable mention), Notre Dame Elementary School, East Stroudsburg.

Third grade: James Moran (grand prize), Marion Catholic School, Scranton; Michael DiMaggio (first place), Pittston Area Primary Center, Pittston; Maria Sagliocco (honorable mention), Pittston Area Primary Center, Pittston.

Fourth grade: Dylan Gregorio (grand prize), Notre Dame Elementary School, East Stroudsburg; Amy Fedin (first place), Notre Dame Elementary School, East Stroudsburg; Stacy Fallat (honorable mention), Holy Spirit School, Mt. Carmel.

Fifth grade: Katie Clayberger (grand prize), Holy Spirit School, Mt. Carmel; Elizabeth Keiser (first place), Peters Elementary School, Slatington; Kaleigh Namiotka (honorable mention), Abington Heights Middle School, Clark Summit.

Sixth grade: Zachary Doleiden (grand prize), Pocono Mountain Intermediate North, Tobyhanna; Jillian Seamon (first place), Holy Spirit Academy, Hazleton; Ryan Holohan (honorable mention), St. Ambrose, Schuylkill Haven.

Seventh grade: Carolynn Marie Velas (grand prize), home school, Quakertown; Joshua Frisch, (first place), New Cumberland Middle School, New Cumberland; Cassandra Metzger (honorable mention), Milton Middle School, Milton.

Eighth grade: Thanh Le (grand prize), Mechanicsburg Area Intermediate School, Mechanicsburg; Lauren Bailey (first place), Mechanicsburg Area Intermediate School, Mechanicsburg; Allyssa Boyer (honorable mention), Mechanicsburg Area Intermediate School, Mechanicsburg.

Ninth grade: Blake Bonser (grand prize), Pocono Mountain High School, Swiftwater; Sarah Ecklund (first place), Bishop Hannan High School, Scranton; Miranda Morgan (honorable mention), Bishop Hannan High School, Scranton.

Grades 10 through 12: Patricia Savage (grand prize), 10th grade, Southern Columbia High School, Catawissa; Molly Stametzel (first place), 11th grade, Southern Columbia High School, Catawissa; Emily DeSilva (honorable mention), 12th grade, Muncy High School, Muncy.

Computer graphics, grades 6-8: Philip K. Rogers (grand prize), eighth grade, home school, Manheim; Randy Nolt (first place), eighth grade, Donegal Middle School, Marietta; Anthony Kellenberger (honorable mention), eighth grade, Donegal Middle School, Marietta.

Computer graphics, grades 9-12: Joel Thomas (grand prize), 12th grade, Lancaster County Career & Technology Center, Brownstown; Laura Fry (first place), 12th grade, Lancaster County Career & Technology Center, Brownstown; David Knowlden (honorable mention), 12th grade, Muncy High School, Muncy.

PPL's electrical safety poster contest has attracted thousands of educators and tens of thousands of students in public, private and parochial schools during its 16-year history.

The poster contest began as an outgrowth of PPL's K-12 energy education curriculum, developed in the late 1970s by the company and a core group of 60 educators from throughout Pennsylvania.

Prizes in the competition are five shares of PPL Corporation stock for grand-prize winners, two shares for first place and one share for honorable mention. All students who send in artwork receive a personalized certificate of appreciation from PPL.

The 12 grand-prize posters will be featured on PPL's 2002 electrical safety poster calendar that is distributed to all participating schools to reinforce electrical safety throughout the new year.

Teachers of grand-prize winners will receive \$50 from PPL for instructional materials and supplies. All teachers will receive a PPL 12-inch electrical safety ruler, which features important tips so they can remind their students to always be safe around electrical components.

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