



Gulfport School District Spelling Bee Winners



- 1st place** - Kalyn Hill - Bayou View Elementary 5th grade
2nd place - Nyriantie Rainey - Central Elementary 4th grade
3rd place - Kelsey Fredrickson - Central Elementary 4th grade

2008 Alan R. Barton Excellence in Teaching Award



The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Power Education Foundation unanimously selected Sachiko Fairley to receive the 2008 Alan R. Barton Excellence in Teaching Award. Sachiko will be honored at a reception and dinner at the Great Southern Club on April 18. Sachiko will receive \$3,000 for personal use and an additional check for \$3,000 for professional use for classroom materials, equipment and professional development.



National BETA Club Scholar Receives \$1000.00 Scholarship



Gulfport, MS – The National Beta Club announced today that Russell Goldin has been named a Beta Scholar, which entitles him to a scholarship award of \$1,000.

Russell, a senior at Gulfport High School, competed against more than 1,200 candidates nationwide for this honor. Two hundred thirteen scholarship recipients were chosen. He plans to attend the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. He was recommended for this award by the local Beta Club sponsors, Vivian Andres, Angie Estrada, Stephanie Carrasco, Pam Stanley and Kim Chaplauske and by the principal, Michael Lindsey.

“This outstanding young person represents the true spirit of National Beta, having excelled not only academically, but in leadership and service to school and community as well,” said Mrs. Joan Burnett, interim executive director of the National Beta Club.

Russell Goldin is the son of Steve and Debbie Goldin. His grandparents are Max and Anne Hirsch and Jack and Florence Goldin all of Gulfport.

When asked how they felt about Russell’s accomplishment Vivian Andres, Beta sponsor said, “I am so proud of Russell. He epitomizes the Beta Club standard of outstanding service to his school and community.

Grandparents Day at Gaston Point Elementary

Grandparents are considered a national treasure at Gaston Point, and students were excited to welcome their grandparents to their school and show them their work. Pictured are Kylee Garrison, 5th grade, and her brother, Ashton Garrison, Kindergarten, with their grandparents.



Gaston Point Elementary With Liberty And Justice For All

VFW 4526 from Orange Grove presented awards to kindergarteners from Gaston Point who had learned the Pledge of Allegiance. Presenting awards to Malia McCollum and Ardeajah King are Post Commander Bill McNicholas, Dwayne Rooney, and Principal, Dr. Wanda Bradley.



Central Elementary Creates A Tile Mosaic "The World's Greatest"

After receiving a \$900 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission, Central Elementary constructed a tile mosaic with guest artist, Elizabeth Veglia. Ms. Veglia and Central Elementary students designed a mosaic entitled, "The World's Greatest." The tile mosaic will be hung in the school foyer. This work of art will be treasured for many years to come.



Big Read Essay Award

Katlyn Desporte, 9th grade student at Gulfport High School, won the Big Read Essay Award sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and Barnes and Noble. Students across the Coast have been reading the novel, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, and were asked to submit an essay based on themes found in the novel. Katlyn titled her essay, "To Build a Better Coast: the Issue of Poverty".



Big Read Essay Award

Students at Pass Road Elementary School recently participated in the National "Get out and Walk" Program on Thursday April 17th. Each grade level walked the track during their P.E. classes in order to surpass the 100,000 step target set by the principal, Mr. Kenny Hudson. This was the kickoff for the district's walking/running club which is restarting on Tuesdays at the GHS track. Anyone can come and join in with teachers, parents and students from Pass Road Elementary as well as other schools in the district at 4:00pm each Tuesday until school is out. The community is welcome to join as well.

