



## Media Release

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### JHWilson students win prizes in VFW contest

LAKE WALES – Creativity and a little knowledge of history paid big dividends for some Janie Howard Wilson Elementary students recently.

The school participated in The Veterans for Foreign Wars Post 2420 coloring and essay contest, and several students won awards and cash prizes.

Winners of the coloring contest included third-place winner **Kaitlyn Bastone**, a kindergarten student, who received \$25; second-place winner **Josie Blum**, second grader, who received \$50; and first-place winner **Corinthian Royals**, first grade, who received \$100.

Fifth grader **Adam Britt** won first prize in the essay contest, writing about what it would have been like to be present at the Transcontinental Railroad Ceremony when the golden spike was "driven in" in 1869.

“What an amazing way for the VFW to connect with the students about history,” said Principal **Beverly Lynne**. “Our students were thrilled with the money awards! Although Corinthian and Adam were ready to go shopping, Josie already knew that she would put her ‘winnings’ in her savings account.”

**Betty Perkins**, president of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and **Sherlene Ford**, first vice president, helped present the prizes and awards to the winning students at Janie Howard Wilson Elementary.



**Left:** Pictured are (front l-r) student winners Kaitlyn Bastone, Josie Blum, Corinthian Royals, Adam Britt; (middle l-r) Principal Beverly Lynne, VFW Ladies Auxiliary President Beverly Perkins, Mrs. Bastone, Mrs. Blum, Ms. Searight, Mrs. Britt, Assistant Principal Steven Whitaker, and VFW Ladies Auxiliary First Vice President Sherlene Ford.

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