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**STUDENTS HELP WITH MOSQUITO PROTECTION MESSAGE  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL**— When students in the Palm Beach County Schools were asked to illustrate ways to protect from mosquito bites it was the Kindergarten through second grade pupils at Acreage Pines Elementary that were the big winners.

The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Florida Environmental Health Association conducted a poster contest to find new ideas and ways to present the mosquito prevention message. The Grand Prize winners came from the K-2 grades at Acreage Pines Elementary under the direction of art teacher Ray White. The winners of \$50 gift cards were, Dillon Bialy, Julia Pescosta, Kevin McFarlin and Shannon Sapp. Each of the posters illustrated one of the five D's (dress, drain, deet, dusk, dawn) and the one S for screens.

First Prize Winners were, Macy Cheatham from Binks Forest Elementary in the 3-5-grade category, Esteban Neumann from Bak Middle School in the 6-8-grade category and Ashley Zampino from Jupiter High School in the 9-12 category. These winners also received gift certificates.

Health Department Director Jean M. Malecki, M.D. said, "These children did an excellent job presenting the prevention message and we will be using their illustrations throughout the summer to remind people of the diseases mosquitoes carry and ways to stay safe."

West Nile Virus, Malaria, St. Louis Encephalitis and Eastern Equine Encephalitis are four of the known diseases carried by mosquitoes in Palm Beach County.



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