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FORTY-THREE OHIO STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN ANNUAL STATE SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

COLUMBUS, OH – Alice Yoshida, a sixth grader in Warren County during the 2013-2014 school year, was recognized Saturday at the Ohio State Fair as the overall state winner in a statewide poster contest. Alice's poster on lightning safety artistically illustrates a lion roaring. The heading appropriately states: When Thunder Roars Go Indoors.

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness chose Alice's poster as the most informative, accurate and creative out of the many posters received during its annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest.

As the overall state winner, Alice received a variety of awards and prizes from the committee and its partners, to include a check to go toward a \$100 U.S. Treasury Direct savings bond, a letter of congratulations from Governor John R. Kasich, a NOAA Weather Radio, a smoke detector, a personalized trophy, a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) backpack and disaster supply kit, and a host of other prizes. Later in the fall, her school will receive an engraved "traveling" trophy to showcase for the remainder of the school year. In an effort to promote severe weather preparedness, the committee will feature Alice's poster throughout the year.

Seven students, one from first through sixth grades and specialized instruction classes, were announced as state-level winners and received prizes and awards, including checks to go toward \$50 savings bonds, NOAA Weather Radios, smoke detectors and letters of congratulations from Gov. Kasich. They are: 1st Grader Brianna Sargent of Morrow County; 2nd Grader Grace Draeger of Sandusky County; 3rd Grader Corinne Shull of Lucas County; 4th Grader Briana Webb of Mercer County; 5th Grader Olivia Goble of Meigs County; 6th Grader Regan Draeger of Sandusky County; and 6th Grader Devin Overall of Lorain County.

This year, a total of 43 students from 27 Ohio counties were honored as regional winners. The students represented grades 1-6 from 33 schools. As regional winners, every student artist received a certificate from the National Weather Service and sling backpacks full of prizes from the offices and their partners that make up the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness.

"Teaching Ohioans Severe Weather Safety and Preparedness"

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Since 1978, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness has conducted its annual poster contest. Since its inception, students have designed informative posters on severe weather safety and preparedness. The efforts of these students have helped the committee meet its overall goal – to educate Ohioans about the actions they can take to protect themselves and others before, during and after severe weather occurs.

Names of the 43 regional, state and overall state winners

(*) Denotes state winners

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<i>Grade</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Home County</i>		<i>Grade</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Home County</i>
Specialized Instruction	Darian Sanders Devin Overall	Scioto Lorain				
1 st Grade	Cale Kline Elliana Maddock Maggi Makai Brianna Sargent* Leah Tronge	Logan Hamilton Perry Lorain Morrow Portage		4 th Grade	Wyatt Bobby Luke Eiden Lauren Goberman Blaine Hannan Makayla Kelly Madison Stepka Myla Toole Briana Webb*	Mahoning Henry Wood Perry Licking Cuyahoga Adams Mercer
2 nd Grade	Connor Close Nathan Cremeans Grace Draeger* Caroline Ernst Madalynn Gaug Raelynn Kirkpatrick Donovan Kennedy Izzy Orr Laynie Russell	Franklin Cuyahoga Sandusky Brown Portage Logan Allen Cuyahoga Perry		5 th Grade	Jovan Adams Danielle Bremer Olivia Goble* Madison Kurtz Cade Meade	Mahoning Wood Meigs Wayne Adams
3 rd Grade	Gavin Pysi Maura Reier Summer Scaife Corinne Shull* Emily Wilson Jenna Wilson Marina Ziegler	Tuscarawas Darke Cuyahoga Lucas Adams Perry Summit		6 th Grade	Regan Draeger* Dylan Jackson Skyy Khounborin Olivia Rhodehamel Emma Vah Alice Yoshida**	Sandusky Preble Wayne Mahoning Fairfield Warren

All posters will be available to view on the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness Web site: www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

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