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Gwinnett school bus safety poster picks up state honors

A **Gwinnett County Public Schools** student received state honors after earning a second place win at the state-level School Bus Safety Poster Contest competition. The student's art project also was the division three winner at county level.

The winning art project is:

Division 3 (grades 6-8), 2nd Place:

- Vreonna Strong-Belin
- Grade 7, Age 12
- Shiloh Middle School
- Gwinnett County Public Schools
- Teacher: Patricia Osborne

"Be Aware! Cross with Care" is the theme for this year's School Bus Safety Poster Contest. The annual contest is held nation-wide for students in grades K-8. Each local school system selects one poster per division out of a total of four divisions, for the state competition. The Georgia Department of Education selects the winners per division, and submits the first place recipients as entries to the national contest. GCPS sent a total of 4 entries, with one winning second place at the state level.

The judging group is made up of prominent individuals in the fields of elementary education, safety, and art. Georgia students have been the overall national winners six out of the last 21 years.

The winning artwork is used to promote National School Bus Safety Week, which is held Oct. 15-21.

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