

TOWN OF CENTREVILLE SPONSORS ESSAY CONTEST
AT
CENTREVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Town of Centreville sponsored an essay contest at the Centreville Middle School to give 7th grade students an opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of stormwater pollution and water conservation while developing effective writing skills which in turn foster self-confidence and personal expression.

The theme of the Essay Contest was *“We All Live in the Corsica River Watershed.”* Essays were 300 – 500 words and emphasized how citizens and students can protect the Corsica River Watershed and prevent stormwater pollution. The participants were required to explain the importance of both water quality protection and water conservation, and how each student can make a difference in their community.

In preparation for the essay contest the students studied ecosystems, learned about the characteristics and environmental issues related to the Chesapeake Bay, learned about watersheds and specifically the Corsica River, and had a field trip to the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center.

The essays were judged on content, creativity, and organization as well as their discussion about stormwater pollution. All of the essays were excellent and showed the students had a good understanding of stormwater pollution and stormwater management controls, making the judges’ job very difficult.

Prizes were donated by the Corsica River Conservancy, Acme, Food Lion, and Colosseum Pizza. The first place \$50 Best Buy gift certificate went to Tara Kenna, a second place \$25 iTunes gift certificate to Gracie Ray, and a third place pizza gift certificate to Colosseum Pizza awarded to McKenzie Woodward.

The Essay Contest was sponsored as part of the Town of Centreville’s stormwater management effort to reduce stormwater runoff and to meet the goals of the Corsica River Watershed Restoration Strategy.

Below are the Centreville Middle School 7th Grade Students who participated in the Essay Contest:



From left to right-
Back row- Charlie Rekstis, Allyson Frank, Tara Kenna, Mckenzie Woodward, Gracie Ray, Emily D'Orsaneo, Mrs Agee, 7th Grade Science Teacher
Front row- Mary Smith, Kelan Paddy and Sarah Jenkins