



PARKSIDE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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To: Dr. Kristen Weikle and Members of Board of Education
From: Sarah Crowder & Eric Hadden
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Subject: GOOD NEWS REPORT

On Friday, November 8, Parkside Junior High School participated in the IESA Speech Contest for State Area 9. Sixteen area schools participated in this contest. Thirteen Parkside Junior High students participated in nine different events with 190 entries overall. Of these thirteen students, eleven received first-place finishes. We are especially proud to announce that five students in four events received the highest honors for the day, the Judge's Choice Award. Each judge is allowed to select one exceptional performance from all of those they judged throughout the day for this honor.

The PJHS Speech Team meets during the fall semester to practice and prepare for the November IESA Speech Contest under the supervision and coaching of PJHS 6th Grade Teacher, Beth Topping. Students work throughout September and October to memorize a solo, duet, or small group skit which they perform for a judge at contest. They practice before school to memorize, add blocking and actions as well as make sure performance pieces meet the time requirements. Students are not allowed to use props or wear costumes for performances, so they have to make sure that the characters and their conflicts are portrayed clearly through facial and vocal expressions.

Please help me in recognizing and congratulating our five Judge's Choice Award Winners: Lili Lopez, Sasha Randle, Luke Nauman, Nadine Stauch, and Alex Peterson.

Sincerely,

Sarah Crowder Principal

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