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### **Kings Chapel Students Win State Fire and Life Safety Essay Contest**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Three students at [Kings Chapel Elementary School](#) were recognized this week for winning a state essay contest. They won all three awards for the third grade in the 2020 Fire and Life Safety Essay Contest. Only 15 students across Georgia were named winners.

Congratulations to the following students:

- ★ Kadance Rivera ~ 1<sup>st</sup> place;
- ★ Abigail Johnson ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and
- ★ Morgan Hardwick ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Pictured with their awards are: (from left) Morgan, Kadance and Abigail.

Principal William Ray commented, “I am so excited our Kings Chapel students were selected as winners for this award. We have some fantastic writers at our school, and I’m glad to see them recognized for their work.”

Held in recognition of [Fire Prevention Week](#), the theme this year was “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen.” Amanda Jones, State Fire and Life Safety Educator from the commissioner’s office, visited the school to honor the students. Each of the three students read their winning essay and was presented a certificate and gift bag. Local firefighters also came to the school to congratulate the students and demonstrate their fire trucks.

The essay contest is held annually for students in kindergarten through fifth grades. Judges from the Office of Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire and Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association read the essays and chose the winners. This year, 119 students from 21 schools in Georgia participated in the essay contest.

The theme aligned with the National Fire Prevention Association’s mission to educate everyone on the fundamental basics of practicing fire safety. A complete list of contest winners may be viewed

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on the [Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner](http://oci.georgia.gov) website here:

<https://oci.georgia.gov/document/document/oci-gfsa-essay-contest-winnerspdf/download>.

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