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### Students Win GTE Design Contest

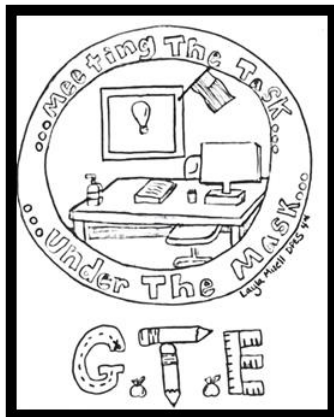
HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Three students won awards in the district's annual Gifted & Talented Education (GTE) T-shirt Design Contest. Winners were chosen for three categories.

Congratulations to:

- Top Primary Design ~ Emma Mikesch, Bonaire Primary;
- Top Elementary Design ~ Layla Mizell, David Perdue Elementary; and
- Top Digital Learning Design ~ Eden Goldsmith, Lake Joy Primary.

The students received a commemorative bear wearing their t-shirt design, a certificate and a monetary award, and their teacher received a t-shirt featuring their student's art. The Top Primary and Top Elementary designs were offered as options for this year's GTE t-shirt, and the Digital Learning design will be featured in March on the cover of the GTE. The Director of Gifted Education, Olethia Thomas, presented the awards.

The contest was open to elementary and primary students as an in-class activity and fundraiser for the Houston County GTE program. Their teachers encouraged creativity, clarity and presentation as the students designed a shirt with the theme "Meeting the Task Under the Mask."



Pictured (from left) are: David Perdue Elementary teacher Amy Stone, Layla and Thomas.

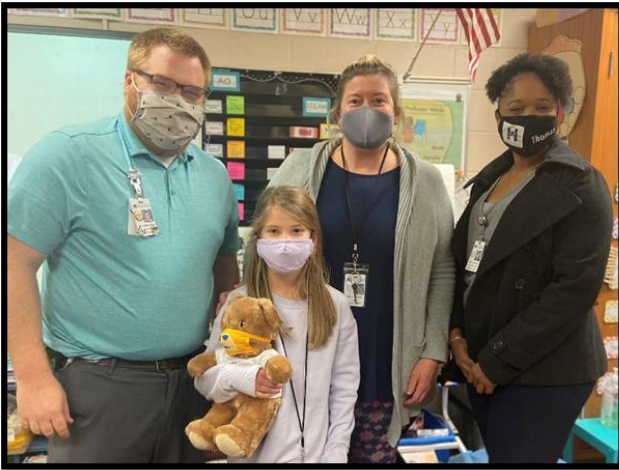
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Bonaire Primary teacher Marcella Fern, Emma and Thomas



Lake Joy Primary teacher Cameron Barronton, Eden, teacher Christy Garland and Thomas

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