

THERE'S EDGE IN KnowLEdge

The 21st of January 2018 was a rigorous but fun-filled day for the Primary Department as it took its turn in having the Academic Olympiad 2018. Notwithstanding the tight schedule and limited time of the preparation, the activity made a smooth take off and successful landing as planned.

Moving through with the theme: "CELEBRATING KNOWLEDGE FOR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE", the Principal, Dr. Alexander S. Acosta, emphasized in his inspirational message the importance of holistic learning, where students need to go out of the classroom and be taught in a natural and more engaging way. Further, he stressed how education gives competitive edge to every learner, though going through it is a huge investment of time and resources. He acknowledged the vitality of the parents' roles in the academic journey of the children. Seeing the energy and precision of students' performances left him, as well as the other academic heads in awe. The judges on the other hand, had a hard time on deciding on who to declare as winners.

The event was divided in three major parts; the literary competition, the quiz bowl, and the spelling bee. The grade one level had poem recitation where the students recited with perfection the poem, "Sick" by Shel Silverstein, the grade two level did a book character portrayal and the "Lion and the Mouse" was made spectacular through a story telling competition by the grade three level. Since the Academic Olympiad is a weeklong activity, the initial days were spent holding the elimination rounds and practices giving way to the participation of all students in the department. For her closing message, Mrs. Nenita G. Cabral, the vice-principal of the primary department, acknowledged the presence and collective efforts of everyone that brought huge success to the event. She emphasized on her message the true essence of lifelong learning which is the focus of the primary department in particular. She encouraged the parents to give the children unceasing support not for the sake of winning alone but honing the children's characters as well so they may be strong and ready for the real battles in life. Below is the list of winners in the different categories.

LITERARY COMPETITION

POEM RECITATION	
<i>Champion</i>	Sofia Yzabelle C. Santiago Grade 1 – Iris
<i>First Runner Up</i>	Maria Monicabel D. Bisenio Grade 1 – Iris
<i>Second Runner Up</i>	Herleva Chloe B. Navera Grade 1 – Santan
<i>Third Runner Up</i>	Fritz Ishmael C. Tulay Grade 1 – Santan
<i>Fourth Runner Up</i>	Zuriel John D. Emperador Grade 1 – Daisy
BOOK CHARACTER PORTRAYAL	
<i>Champion</i>	Cadeen Ahzcey H. Gimeno Grade 2- Yellowbell

First Runner Up	Joevianne Breana C.Ningal Grade 2-Marigold
Second Runner Up	Amber Candy I.Sainz Grade 2-Yellowbell
Third Runner Up	Shane Zen Andi N. Manlapaz Grade 2-Yellowbell
Fourth Runner Up	Sofiah C. Apostol Grade 2- Magnolia
STORY TELLING	
Champion	Unica Raija A. De Vera Grade 3- Chrysanthemum
First Runner Up	Princess Denise T. Gonzales Grade 3- Chrysanthemum
Second Runner Up	Del P. Olavides Grade 3- Chrysanthemum
Third Runner Up	Yochabel A. Reynes Grade 3- Chrysanthemum
Fourth Runner Up	Marthylda Jameel C. Flores Grade 3- Waling-Waling

QUIZ BOWL

Champion	Team Wordsworth (Reese Rafael A. Castillo,Zrylle Julienne M. Manalo, Elijah Jovan C. Cordero)
First Runner Up	Team Shakespeare (Lucas Vincent M. Gines,Darren Jace C. Acosta,Aaron Joel P. Nepomuceno)
Second Runner Up	Team Hemingway (Tisha Dianne B. Desierto,Denise Sophia M. Casinillo,Maiarah R. Quijon)
Third Runner Up	Team Silverstein (Fenella V. Muñoz, Ayham I. Ali, Luke Chandler G. Herrera)
Fourth Runner Up	Team Dickinson (Angel Venice O. Mercado, Leahna Alexa T. Pulido, Rainah Avril V. Uy)

SPELLING BEE

GRADE 1 LEVEL	
Champion	Tisha Dianne B. Desierto Grade 1 – Iris
First Runner Up	Paul Justin B. Guibao Grade 1 – Santan
Second Runner Up	Sharmaine Jewel T. Dimaano Grade 1 – Aster
Third Runner Up	Ysabelle Kaeth F. Panes Grade 1 – Santan
Fourth Runner Up	Rolenzon M. Loyola III Grade 1 – Zinnia
GRADE 2 LEVEL	
Champion	Nina Anika D. Pedrezuela Grade 2- Yellowbell
First Runner Up	Joevianne Breana C.Ningal Grade 2-Marigold
Second Runner Up	Dylan A. Tanyag Grade 2- Carnation
Third Runner Up	Jamila Angelli S. Teves Grade 2-Sunflower
Fourth Runner Up	John Isaac G. Rutor Grade 2-Begonia
GRADE 3 LEVEL	
Champion	Abbey Rommel D. Catalan Grade 3- Chrysanthemum
First Runner Up	Marthylda Jameel C. Flores Grade 3- Waling-Waling
Second Runner Up	Adam B. Dayrit Grade 3- Kalachuchi
Third Runner Up	Juliana Chelsea U. Abellanosa Grade 3- Dandelion
Fourth Runner Up	Abdur Rahman B. Garces Grade 3- Ilang-Ilang

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