

Pennell Student Recognized by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Secretary

Pennell Elementary School student, Grace Howley, was recognized by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Secretary, Barry J. Schoch, at a ceremony at the Governor's residence in Harrisburg, Pa, during National School Bus Safety Week for her poster submission. Grace won First Place for her poster, which portrays the slogan "I See the Driver – The Driver Sees Me". Students were asked to illustrate, in a free hand drawing, proper school bus safety, and their drawing had to harmonize with the aforementioned theme. The entries were submitted during the 2010-2011 school year.

"The poster contest is a unique opportunity to engage young people in safety topics while giving them a chance to explore their creativity, and have a little fun," said Schoch. "These creations are a subtle reminder not only to their fellow students, but to all of us, that following common-sense rules with school buses can save young lives."

Grace's poster was chosen from more than 300 public and private school student entries. Her poster will now be forwarded to The National School Bus Safety Poster Contest Committee to be judged at the end of this month. The National winners will receive savings bonds, and the overall winning poster will be used in the 2012 National School Bus Safety Campaign.

Pennell Principal, Shawn Dutkiewicz stated, "We are very proud of Grace and the time and thought that she put into her artwork. Receiving recognition for her poster was a great honor, and we could not be happier for her! Great job Grace!"

