

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY  
RECOGNITION**

**2018 HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOLIDAY CARD**

**KAYLYN STUPALSKI, BEL AIR HIGH SCHOOL  
CADE MULLEN, C. MILTON WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL**

**December 17, 2018**

**Background Information:**

Each year, the Harford County Public Schools Communications and Art offices combine to conduct a contest seeking artwork to be used as the official school system holiday greeting. Art teachers are invited to have their students create artwork displaying a winter scene that would be appropriate for use by the school system during the holiday season. The student whose artwork is chosen is honored by being invited to attend a Board of Education meeting where he/she is publicly commended. An electronic holiday card is posted to the HCPS website (hcps.org).

In addition, HCPS reaches out to student musicians to submit music to be part of the electronic holiday card. Aspiring composers were invited to share their talents with the school system by submitting original material written by the student, representing a winter theme and no longer than one minute 30 seconds in length.

**Discussion:**

During the 2018 contest, pieces of artwork were produced by students at all school levels, identified by art teachers as being outstanding, and submitted to the HCPS central office to be judged. The artwork of Bel Air High School 11<sup>th</sup> grader Kaylyn Stupalski was selected as the official HCPS holiday greeting based on its peaceful message of the holiday season. Kaylyn's painting, entitled "Winter at Grandma's," features a snowy scene and impressed the judges with its representation of the holiday season and appropriateness as artwork for the school system greeting. Kaylyn's art teacher is Karen Johnson.

In addition, original compositions produced by students at all school levels were submitted this year. The original piece by C. Milton Wright High School 12<sup>th</sup> grader Cade Mullen was selected as the official music to accompany the electronic holiday card. Cade's song, "Joy," was selected because it exhibited great creativity and musical talent, and its mellow but happy beat was perfect for the holiday image. Cade's music teacher is Joel Frisch.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County congratulate Kaylyn Stupalski and Cade Mullen on their outstanding submissions that were chosen for the 2018 official HCPS holiday greeting card. The Superintendent further recommends the Board congratulate Kaylyn's art teacher and Cade's music teacher for the support of their efforts and wish both Kaylyn and Cade continued success in their academic and artistic endeavors.