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## **Knox County School Takes the GOLD in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual WinterKids Winter Games! SILVER goes to a Washington County School and BRONZE to an Aroostook County School.**

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**Westbrook, Maine** – Prescott Memorial School in Washington, Knox County, is celebrating today having taken the coveted Gold Medal prize in the 3rd Annual WinterKids Winter Games, receiving \$10,000 cash for their school - \$5,000 from WinterKids and a surprise matching gift from Major Community Sponsor, Hannaford.

The regular competition period ended with 6 Maine school in a one-way tie for first place. A final tie-breaker challenge, creating a likeness of their school principal out of snow ranked the schools 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place. Jonesport Elementary School won the Silver (\$3,000) for Washington County, and Dr. Levesque Elementary School in Frenchville won Bronze (\$1,500) for Aroostook County. WinterKids presented the prizes in all-school ceremonies at the winning schools on Wednesday and Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Students from 32 elementary schools, representing each of Maine's sixteen counties, competed in the WinterKids Winter Games during the month of January. Competition was fierce as students participated in a four-week series of outdoor physical activity, nutrition, family engagement, and winter carnival challenges designed to help them be active in the winter and learn healthy habits. This year's theme was Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). Each school was encouraged to involve volunteers, parents, healthy eating and active living organizations in their community, and hold a winter carnival to close out the month's events.

Schools competed for weekly points based on the total percentage of the student body that participated. Schools competing in the WinterKids Winter Games received a toolkit full of resources and incentives to help students earn points, including the award-winning WinterKids Guide to Outdoor Active Learning- an easy to use resource to help kids move, learn, and explore outdoors while meeting education standards. In addition, schools received bonus points for Weekly Wild Card Submissions, including: a roster video, a meme, a photo and a Boomerang.

"Each year of the Games surpasses the last! We are so proud of each and every child, teacher, parent and staff that put their heart and souls into this month-long challenge to make themselves and their schools a healthier place! Over 7,500 kids and 1,200 teachers and staff statewide set and achieved countless goals with the help of their families and communities!" says Julie Mulkern, Executive Director of WinterKids. "This is a fantastic way to get kids excited about being active and learning outdoors in the winter and living healthier lifestyles."

The 2020 WinterKids Winter Games are made possible by: *The Bingham Program, TD Bank, Subway, Backyard Farms, Emera Maine, Flexible Flyer, Garmin, Mt. Washington Observatory, Johnny's Selected Seeds, MaineHealth Let's Go! 5210, MMG Insurance, Sam L. Cohen Foundation, Ski Maine Association, University of New England, and Boston Museum of Science.* For more details on the games visit: <https://winterkids.org/teachers-schools/winterkids-winter-games/>.

### **FINAL RESULTS FOR ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ATTACHED HERE.**

*WinterKids is the nonprofit organization that helps children develop healthy lifelong habits through education and fun, outdoor winter activity. The organization delivers innovative outdoor programs for families, schools, and communities. WinterKids' Major Community Sponsor is Hannaford. WinterKids' Supporting Sponsors are Agren, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Irving Oil, L.L.Bean, Portland Glass, WEX, and WMTW 8, and the Maine's CW. Learn more at WinterKids.org.*

## WINTERKIDS WINTER GAMES 2020

### **Gold Medal Winner: \$5, 000**

Prescott Memorial School, Washington  
Knox County

### **Silver Medal Winner: \$3,000**

Jonesport Elementary School  
Washington County

### **Bronze Medal Winner: \$1,500**

Dr. Levesque Elementary School, Frenchville  
Aroostook County

### 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Leroy H Smith School, Winterport  
Waldo County

### 5<sup>th</sup> Place

West Bath School  
Sagadahoc County

### 6<sup>th</sup> Place

Bay Ridge Elementary School, Cutler  
Washington County

### Tied for 7<sup>th</sup> Place are:

Ames Elementary School, Searsmont  
Waldo County  
Fairview Elementary School, Auburn  
Androscoggin County  
Helen Thompson School, West Gardiner  
Kennebec County  
Whitefield Elementary  
Lincoln County

### Tied for 8<sup>th</sup> Place are:

Edna Libby Elementary School, Standish  
Cumberland County  
Glenburn Elementary School  
Penobscot County  
HB Emery Jr Memorial School, Limington  
York County

### Tied for 9<sup>th</sup> Place are:

Ash Point Community School, Owl's Head  
Knox County  
Brownville Elementary School  
Piscataquis County  
Sabattus Primary School  
Androscoggin County  
Swan's Island School  
Hancock County

### 10<sup>th</sup> Place

Waterboro Elementary School  
York County

### 11<sup>th</sup> Place

Bristol Consolidated School, Pemaquid  
Lincoln County

### 12<sup>th</sup> Place

Harrison Elementary School  
Cumberland County

### 13<sup>th</sup> Place

Fort Kent Elementary School  
Androscoggin County

### Tied 14<sup>th</sup> Place

Andover Elementary School  
Oxford County  
Carrabec Community School  
Somerset County

### 15<sup>th</sup> Place

Rangeley Lakes Regional School  
Franklin County

### 16<sup>th</sup> Place

Beech Hill School, Otis  
Hancock County

### 17<sup>th</sup> Place

Madison Elementary School  
Somerset County  
Greenville Consolidated School  
Piscataquis County

### 18<sup>th</sup> Place

Spruce Mountain Elementary, Jay  
Franklin County

### 19<sup>th</sup> Place

Katahdin Elementary School, Stacyville  
Penobscot County

### 20<sup>th</sup> Place

Fisher Mitchell School, Bath  
Sagadahoc County

### 21<sup>st</sup> Place

Dirigo Elementary School  
Oxford County

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Place

Vassalboro Community School  
Kennebec County