

Evans Elementary Third Grader Named K-3 State Semi-Finalist in Doodle 4 Google's National Logo Redesign Contest

Royersford — Expressing her creativity through a simple, artistic drawing earned Evans Elementary third-grade student Hayley Roberts a spot as the K-3 state semi-finalist in the 2013 U.S. Doodle 4 Google competition.

For being named the grade K-3 state semi-finalist, Google will send Hayley a certificate of recognition and a Doodle 4 Google T-shirt.

There were approximately 130,000 submissions total nationwide, but only one winner for each of the five categories in all 50 states were selected. In Pennsylvania, there were five semi-finalists in each of the following categories: grades kindergarten through third; grades fourth through fifth; grades sixth through seventh; grades eighth through ninth; and grades 10th through 12th. Of the five state semi-finalists, an overall winner was chosen as Pennsylvania's finalist, which came from the grade sixth through seventh category.

Hayley's redesign of the Google homepage logo was selected as one of the top 250 winning state semi-finalists submitted by students from across the nation. On Wednesday, May 1, Google representatives alerted Hayley of her achievement.

Throughout the 2012-13 school year, Evans Elementary School art teacher Kathryn Barton provided students and parents with information about art contests hoping they would be encouraged to spend time creating art outside of the classroom.

"I think it is an amazing accomplishment for Hayley to be chosen as a Doodle 4 Google state finalist," Barton said. "Hayley is a very talented young artist. Her accomplishment shows that you can do anything you put your mind to."

The contest invited students to transform the letters that spell "Google" into something representative of the theme, which was "My Best Day Ever..." The contest seemed tailor-made for Hayley, who said she wanted to show others that every day can be the best. In Hayley's doodle, she shows what she would do in her best day ever, such as taking a hot air balloon ride, swinging on a tire swing, swimming in the pool and roasting marshmallows on a campfire under the stars. For a complete look at Hayley's doodle, visit <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/finalists.html#d=d1-39>.

When Hayley learned that she was named a state semi-finalist, she said it was pretty awesome, especially since many different artists from across Pennsylvania had impressive works of art as well.

"It was cool to see all the different ways people enjoy their best day," Hayley explained.

Evans Elementary Principal Jacqueline Clarke-Havrilla lauded Hayley's accomplishment, saying it is truly impressive that she was chosen as a semi-finalist out of the hundreds of thousands of contestants that submitted doodles for the contest.

"We are extremely excited and proud of Hayley for what she has accomplished," Havrilla said.

Doodle 4 Google is an annual program that invites students in the United States to use their artistic talents to think big and redesign our homepage logo for millions to see. Submissions for the contest, which was open to students in grades kindergarten through 12th-grade, are divided into five grade groups (grade K - 3, grades 4 - 5, grades 6 – 7, grades 8-9 and grades 10 - 12) for judging. A National Winner is then selected by Google executives and announced at an event held in the Google New York office on May 23. One talented student artist will see their artwork appear on the Google homepage, receive a \$30,000 college scholarship and a \$50,000 technology grant for their school.

For more information, visit <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/index.html>.

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