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State Department of Education announces student winners of holiday card contest

(BOISE) – This year’s holiday cards from the Idaho State Department of Education will feature a West Ada third-grader’s watercolor rendering of a classic winter scene: transporting a holiday tree home from the forest.

The painting by Julia Wood of Spalding STEM Academy won the grand prize in this year’s SDE Holiday Card contest, chosen from 1,099 entries by Idaho students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

“It is so much fun to see the talent, imagination and joy that go into this contest each year as students capture the spirit of the season in such creative ways,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “With so many great entries, it was challenging to narrow it down to one winner per grade.”

In addition to overall honors, Wood’s watercolor was selected as the third grade winner. Other grade-level winners are:

Kindergarten: Juliana Hearold, Meadows Valley School, Meadows Valley School District

First grade: Julia Loveland, Spalding STEM Academy, West Ada School District

Second Grade: Grace Roberts, Skyway Elementary School, Vallivue School District

Fourth Grade: Kylee Riggers, Prairie Elementary School, Cottonwood School District

Fifth Grade: Bailey Campbell, Heights Elementary School, Middleton School District

Sixth Grade: Peyton Genoway, Webster Elementary School, Lewiston School District

All of the grade-level winners can be viewed on the [State Department of Education website](http://www.sde.idaho.gov).

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Attached: Holiday card artwork by grand prize winner Julia Wood of Spalding STEM Academy. See the other grade-level winners at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/events/card-contest/>.