

## 4th graders share winning essays

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Holyoke fourth grader Brenna Sullivan was recently recognized as the winner of the Family Community Education (FCE) Club's "Character Counts" essay and artwork contest.

Sullivan received a savings bond from FCE and her essay and artwork were sent to compete at the state level.

Eli Meakins and Riley Thompson, both of Haxtun, took second and third respectively.

The contest is open to all fourth grade students in public, private and home schools across the state and nation.

The theme for the 2011 contest was "Caring" and encourages students to strive for excellence and creativity in reading, writing and drawing skills. The contest promotes FCE's literacy programs, character counts and community involvement.

Each local student participating in the contest also received a book from the FCE Club.



**By Brenna Sullivan**

Everyone needs to care. I'm describing what caring is and what we can do.

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Caring means loving, kindness and to be helpful.

You could send pennies to penny harvest or even show integrity by doing small acts of kindness. You can be helpful by stopping animal cruelty.

You can reduce, reuse and recycle. Maybe even donating to goodwill. But these are examples. You could do many more.

When you see a veteran we need to thank them and show our appreciation.

This would be a better world if we would all care and most of all, acted on it.

### **By Eli Meakins**

Caring is about helping others. It is about being nice and showing respect. You think about others. You think about how others feel.

When you are caring you show love. You bring happiness to others. Caring is about helping others with their problems.

When I think of caring, I think of being a good person. When you are caring you don't just do it so people like you. You do it because you like to do it.

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Caring is about the love of others. Caring is one of the best things a person could do.

### **By Riley Thompson**

To me caring is about being thoughtful and helping others. It's also about respecting other students or teachers and their belongings. Caring is about being on task and treating others how you would like to be treated.

I think caring is also about being responsible. Like if you borrow something from a classmate you should be careful with it and return whatever you borrowed right after you get finished with it.

To me that's what caring is about.