Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
April 23, 2026	Recognition Item 2

Title

Georgia K-5 Science Fair Winners

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Georgia K-5 Science Fair Winners

Summary Explanation and Background

Fifteen Cherokee County School District elementary school students won honors at the Georgia K-5 Science and Engineering Fair! Five won first-place honors and two additionally earned Grand Top 10% awards at the competition held at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville. Thank you to our local sponsors, Cherokee County Water & Sewerage Authority, Cobb EMC and Gas South.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List) — Enter URL below

Science and Engineering Fair Winners

Source of Additional Information — Open URL

Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD	770.479.1871
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CCSD Georgia K-5 Science and Engineering Fair Winners

First-Place Honors and Other Top Awards

Sanjay Gogineni, Grade 1, Macedonia ES, “Cabbage Magic: A Colorful pH Experiment,” Chemistry, teacher Georgia Knowlton – Grand Top 10% Award, Primary Division

Krithi Kulkarni, Grade 5, Hickory Flat ES, “Cracking the Code,” Systems Software, teacher Janet Wheeler – Grand Top 10% Award

First-Place Honors

Granger Bales, Grade 3, Ball Ground ES STEM Academy, “Electrified Water,” Earth & Environmental Sciences, teacher Mary Marble

Rebecca Pennington, Grade 4, Clark Creek ES STEM Academy, “Which Toothpaste Is More Effective?” teacher Karen Garland

Natalie Tetteh, Grade 3, Clark Creek ES STEM Academy, “Which Liquid Dissolves Sugar the Fastest?” teacher Karen Garland

Second-Place Honors

Hank Feise, Grade 2, Bascomb ES, “Need 4 Speed,” Physics and Astronomy, teacher Jennifer Mendenhall

Luca Heller, Grade 1, Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy, “Cloud Capacity,” Earth & Environmental Sciences, teacher Leah Spradlin

Emerson Reese, Grade 5, Carmel ES, “Which Sporting Ball will Go the Highest Launched Vertically?” Physics and Astronomy, teacher Kate Henriques

Third-Place Honors

Ayushman Gadhavi, Aditya Nair, and Adrian Sobrino, Grade 4, Little River ES, “Milk Wars: The Spoilage Edition,” Microbiology, teacher Shaniqua Young

Andie Hesser, Grade 3, Johnston ES, “The Meltdown Test,” Chemistry, teacher Susan Turco

Tucker Hill, Grade 2, Macedonia ES, “Terrific Torch Test: Which Material Burns the Most?” Materials Science, teacher Georgia Knowlton

Cole Robitaille, Grade 3, Johnston ES, “Plane and Simple,” Engineering Mechanics, teacher Susan Turco

Sheryl Ann Sam, Grade 2, Carmel ES, “Buzz About Fizz: How Soda Affects Objects Compared to Water,” Chemistry, teacher Kate Henriques