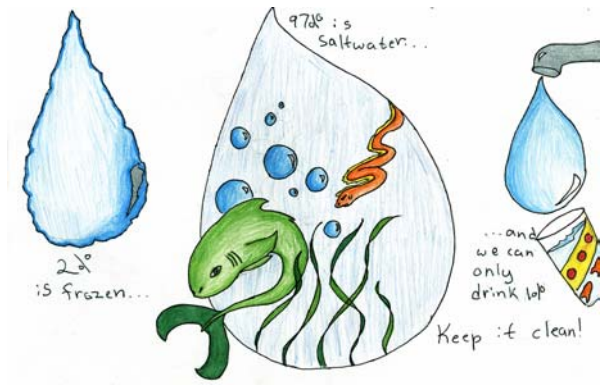


Meadville Area Partners Promoting Source Water Quality \$3,800 WREN Grant



1st Place
Edith Willy
First District Elementary School
2003 Poster Contest Winner

The delay of the WREN grant, summer vacations, and the torrential rainstorms in July and August may have put our projects a little behind schedule but it didn't damper our goals. Two of our sponsors, Meadville Area Water Authority and the West Mead Township are still catching up on the storm damages.

Even with these problems, our partnership has completed our first project utilizing the 4th Annual Poster Contest presented by the Meadville Area Water Authority during National Drinking Water Week, May 2003 to produce a booklet and placemat for the officials of; the City of Meadville, Vernon Township, Vernon Township Water Authority, Crawford County School District board members, and the Meadville Area Water Authority. Our goal of enlisting the support of local government officials, demonstrating the talents of our 6th students and their dedication in protecting water quality is starting to work. The West Mead Township meetings are televised on Armstrong Cable and at their September meeting, the supervisors acknowledged both the Meadville Area Partners Promoting Source Water Quality and the student's participation. The monetary cost of this project was less than \$200 and the in-kind services putting the booklet and placemat together was approximately \$200.

Our partnership is currently working on our second project of providing educational resources to the Meadville Public Library and providing bookmarks. We have already received the educational resources and are in the process of designing the bookmarks.

Our third project was not in our original WREN Grant proposal was recently approved by WREN for purchasing WATERTap from American Water Works Association, PA Section. The cost of this kit is \$595. WATERTap provides a comprehensive education for grades 2-7 programs about Pennsylvania Water and provides hands-on, activities, experiments, problem solving and lots of fun stuff. Best of all, this program can be used as a tool for educators to satisfy a portion of Pennsylvania's State Academic Standard for Environment and Ecology and Science and Technology that are water related.

Our partnership goal of promoting source water protection has three goals; enlist the support of officials, educate students in our area, and gain the support of everyone living in our source water area.