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Kimberly Student Earned Third Place in State Aviation Art Contest

Kimberly, Wis. – March 12, 2019 – Abby Doleysh, a fourth grader at [Woodland Elementary School](#) in the [Kimberly Area School District](#), won third place in her age category in the Wisconsin round of the [2019 International Aviation Art Contest](#). Abby has much to celebrate as she pursues her potential in academics and arts. Additionally, she is only 10 and did very well in her age category, which includes children from 10 to 13 years old. The theme for this year's artwork contest was "My Dream to Fly." The competition seeks to encourage students to develop an interest in the aviation field. The brochure includes this inspiring passage for youth:



"Each achievement in flight has started with a dream. Along the way, the next generation of aviation enthusiasts have built their dreams on the works of those who came before. Now, it's your turn.

Wherever your imagination takes you when you look to the clouds, it's time to pick up your favorite art supplies and share your dream to fly!"

The top three winning state entries for each age category advance to the National competition. Abby's artwork has been sent to the [National Association of State Aviation Officials \(NASAO\)](#) headquarters in Washington D.C. to compete in the national contest. Entries that win at the national level then advance to compete in the international contest in Switzerland.

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This summer, all of the winning entries from Wisconsin, including Abby's, will be exhibited at the Wisconsin State Capitol from June 21– July 5, 2019.



Since 1989, the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) has sponsored the International Aviation Art Contest to challenge young people to illustrate the importance of aviation through art. There are many organizations that sponsor the contest including the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics.

Demonstrating the impact of aeronautics through an interactive, fun medium such as art motivates youth of all ages to become more familiar with aeronautics, engineering and science. The U.S. portion of the contest is sanctioned by the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), managed by the NASAO Center for Aviation Research and Education and sponsored by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – Prescott, Ken Cook Co., the Federal Aviation Administration, and the National Coalition for Aviation and Space Education with additional support from NASAO members.

Children between the ages of 6 and 17 may participate. Entries are judged in three classes, according to age and at least in part for its creative use of the theme in relation to the aviation world. Each FAI member country sponsors the contest in their country and submits national winners to the International Jury each year.

About the Kimberly Area School District

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.