

**Congratulations to Mrs. Gomez and  
Leona Valley Elementary's Kindergarten and First Grade Class For Their**

**Participation in the Leona Valley Sertoma's  
"What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me" Poster Contest.**

**Leona Valley SERTOMA (Service to Mankind) exists to unite a vigorous group of  
business, professional and other dedicated men and women who want to have a  
meaningful impact upon our Antelope Valley by serving the genuine needs of  
children and others.**

**One of their missions is to promote Freedom and Democracy among our youth, and  
what better way to do this than to create a contest to encourage children to reflect  
upon what the Pledge of Allegiance Means to them!**

**29 children participated from Kindergarten and First Grade and  
6 were selected as the top winners of the contest.**

**Kindergarten Winners Were**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to Brooklyn Adragna for her depiction of a child reciting the pledge  
with her hand over her heart.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to Rayyah Ahmed for her depiction of two girls standing underneath  
a flag.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place went to Claire Fitzgerald for her depiction of a flag with fireworks.**

**First Grade Winners Were**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to Owen Izzo for his depiction of 2 children under a flag, holding  
another flag**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to Braedon Jones for his depiction of the American Flag waving in  
the breeze.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place went to Ryan Gamblin for his depiction of a Flag with people under the  
flag.**

**It was a very tough competition as all of the posters were done with so much heart  
and thoughtfulness. All children are receiving ribbons for their participation and  
the top 6 are getting some fantastic gift cards to "Toys R Us" for their outstanding  
effort.**

**Much thanks is given to all the students who participated:  
Alexis Knight-Beaulieu, Alyssa Perales, Anthony Loram, Aria Toso, Braedon  
Jones, Brooklyn Adragna, Camden Goss, Chase Haines, Chase Mac, Claire  
Fitzgerald, Cloud Guffey, Cole Harris, Estreya Sepulveda, Giovanni Maggio, Grace  
Glancey, Justin Rider, Kalee Boice, Kiana Busch, Madison Hornig, Maurice  
Morrell-Lagi, Miranda Koonce, Noah Worthington, Owen Izzo, Rayyah Ahmed,  
Reece Cyr, Ryan Gamblin, Shane Owen, Taylor Neva**