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Ugly Bug Contest

The Oklahoma Ugly Bug Contest is hosted by the Oklahoma Microscopy Society and is a statewide competition for elementary schools to find the "ugliest" or most unique bug native to Oklahoma. Last year and this year Casady fourth graders have participated in the contest, working with their families to locate the ugliest bug that they can find.

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"The purpose of having students do the contest is to have an understanding of the relationship amongst organisms and how they interact in their ecosystem," said Mrs. Meredith Mayernik, who has organized and run the competition in the fourth grade the past two years.

The rules for the contest are clear:

- The bug submitted must be native to Oklahoma.
- Spiders and scorpions (arachnids) are not allowed to be submitted to ensure students are safe while in search of the perfect insect.
- Winning schools at the state level are awarded a *stereo microscope equipped with a camera*.

Casady fourth graders spent the past month searching for the perfect bug to bring and submit for our internal contest this year. Once all the bugs had been collected they were put on display in the Lower Division Common Room for the rest of the division to see and vote for their favorite bug. Casady's contest was to determine which bug would be submitted for the state competition.

This year, Mrs. Mayernik set up an easy, touch-free voting system. Each bug had its own QR code that students were able to scan with their iPads to vote. It made for a quick, easy process that allowed the whole building to get involved!

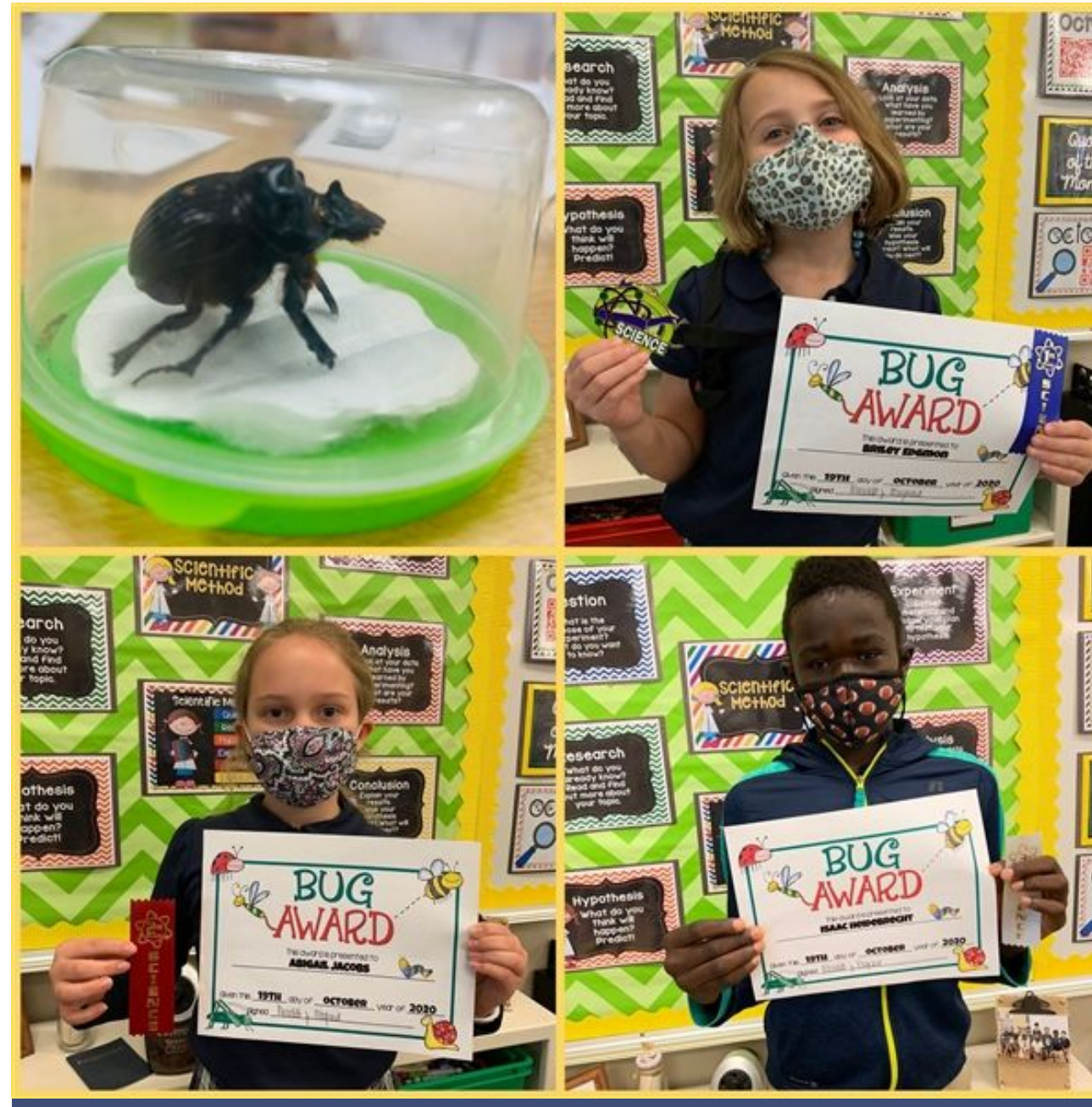
"I wanted students to have the opportunity to get out and observe the bug world around them and see bugs in their natural habitats, and just have fun," Mrs. Mayernik said.

This year's top three bugs in the Lower Division were:

1. Briley Edgmon's female Rhinoceros Beetle
2. Abigail Jacob's centipede
3. Isaac Heidebrecht's grasshopper

Briley's beetle will advance to the state competition and represent Casady!

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SCHOOL WIDE UPDATES FROM MR. SHELDON

9/17/2020

Over the past four weeks, I have seen actions that remind me we have a genuinely caring community. A community that supports the work to develop in our youth a moral compass, empathetic heart, healthy body, and the desire to make their world a better place.

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THREE CASADY SENIORS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

9/10/2020

Senior Cyclones Graeme Jones, James Lowe, and Matthew McQuiston have been National Merit semifinalists by the National Merit® Scholarship Program. The National Merit® Scholarship Program "honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies."

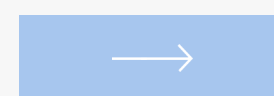
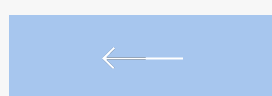
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A VIDEO MESSAGE TO THE CASADY COMMUNITY FROM MR. SHELDON

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As we approach this Labor Day weekend, I hope you have the best weekend ever. Let's continue to model trust, commitment, and love for one another.

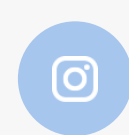
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