

## FRCS Students Receive Outstanding Performance Recognition on National Exams

I am very pleased to announce the results of the 2008-2009 Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY) Talent Search. Seven of our students received recognition for outstanding performance on the 2008-2009 Talent Search.

CTY invites students in grades two through eight who meet the following academic requirements:

- 1) achieve scores at or above the 95th percentile or higher on a nationally-normed test (TerraNova);
- 2) earn scores at advanced levels on state tests (MCAS); and
- 3) demonstrate superior academic performance.

Students in grades 7 and 8 take the ACT or SAT tests which are designed for college-bound eleventh and twelfth graders and students in grades 2-6 take the SCAT (School and College Ability Test). All children receive recognition certificates for their participation. High-scoring students in grades 2-8 are invited to state awards ceremonies. Some students also earn test scores that qualify them for CTY's summer and online courses.

Congratulations to the following students!

### CTY Talent Search- Grades 7 and 8 Student Awards:

#### *Massachusetts Award Ceremony - High Honors and Distinction:*

Students excelled on either reading or math sections of the ACT or SAT test to receive a State Award with High Honors, as well as achieved a test score that equaled or exceeded the average score for college-bound high school seniors.

- **Adn Naji**, Grade 8-High Honors (ACT) Reading
- **Lauren O'Reilly**, Grade 7-High Honors (ACT) Reading

#### *Talent Search - With Distinction (Reading and Math):*

Students achieved a test score that equaled or exceeded the average score for college-bound high school seniors.

- **Rashmi Koul**, Grade 8 Distinction (SAT)

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- **Sheila Orechia**, Grade 7 Distinction (SAT) Reading
- **Robert Palladino**, Grade 8 Distinction (SAT) Math

### CTY Talent Search Grades 2-6 Student Awards:

#### *Award Ceremony - High Honors (Verbal and Quantitative):*

Students excelled on both verbal and quantitative sections of the SCAT test to receive a State Award with High Honors.

- **Saatvik Garhwal**, Grade 3-High Honors (SCAT)

#### *Award Ceremony - High Honors:*

Students excelled on either verbal or quantitative sections of the SCAT test to receive a State Award with High Honors.

- **Harry Halvorsen**, Grade 3-High Honors (SCAT) Verbal

### FRCS 5th Grader Elissa Haddad Honored at State House

This Wednesday, state officials recognized the 9th Annual Missing Children's Day at the State House. Sponsored and coordinated by the Molly Bish Foundation, the Light of Hope ceremony brought together those impacted by child abductions and violence. State Representative Jay Barrows joined other dignitaries, including Lt. Governor Tim Murray, Attorney General Martha Coakley, and Senate President Therese Murray in remembering and honoring children both missing and recovered.

One of the events leading up to today's ceremony was a statewide art and essay contest sponsored by the State Police. I am pleased to announce that our very own **Elissa Haddad** won 3rd place in the competition. Elissa, her parents, Mrs. Sheer, and I were welcomed by our elected officials during the ceremony, as Elissa was presented with her award and a citation from the House of Representatives. Rep. Barrows also brought us to the House Chamber for a special tour. Congratulations Elissa!

### THANK YOU to Coldwater Creek and Their Mansfield Store Employees for Supporting Literacy at FRCS

**Coldwater Creek**, a corporation "which believes in giving back to communities", has been a partner in the Literacy Initiative at Foxborough Regional Charter School. We are very grateful that Coldwater Creek selected FRCS this year, as it becomes "involved in the communities *they* serve by becoming involved with the local elementary school."

At the beginning of the year, Coldwater Creek donated funds to help support the purchase of reading benchmark assessment kits that have been used in grades K-5. Coldwater Creek also donated several sets of attractive display boxes that will be used for one of our fundraisers. In addition, the Mansfield Coldwater Creek employees have donated books that have been distributed to both upper and lower school book collections.

THANK YOU Coldwater Creek for supporting literacy in our school! We appreciate you!  
- Mark Logan