

## 2015 - Peace Poster Contest at St. Michael's School

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**Ridge, MD** – Mikaila Sullivan, an eighth-grade student at Saint Michael's, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Ridge Lions Club.

Sullivan's poster was among 52 locally and more than 375,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 28th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Club International sponsors the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. The top three posters were; 3rd place – Clara Greenwell, 2nd place – Hope Garland and 1st place – Mikaila Sullivan.

"Fill your heart with loving peace and share with the world," the 13-year-old from Lexington Park said. The poster was selected by the Ridge Lions Club and cabinet members from 22 C for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Share Peace." The judging was held Oct. 22 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ridge at the club's monthly meeting.

The Saint Michael's LEO club advisors Leo and Christina Gillespie said they were very impressed with the expression and creativity of this year's students at Saint Michael's. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. We are so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

Sullivan's poster will advance to face stiff competition through the district, multiple district and international rounds of competition if she is to be declared the international grand prize winner.

One grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of US \$5,000, plus a trip for the winner and two family members to an award ceremony. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of US \$500.

"Our club is cheering for Mikaila as her poster advances in the competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world," the Gillespie's said.

Locally, Sullivan and 51 other students were honored for their participation by the Ridge Lions Club on November 6 at Saint Michael's.

View international grand prize and merit award winners at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and local winners at <https://www.facebook.com/RidgeLionsClub>.

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