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Four sixth grade students at Chase County Schools were recognized, and awarded, by the Imperial Lions Club for entries in the club's annual peace poster contest.

This year's winners and cash prizes were Cole Wilson, first, \$25; Kirsten Biesecker, second, \$15; and Megan Baird, third, \$10. Parker Dillan's entry was named honorable mention.

All four students also received certificates from the club.

This year's international contest for 11 to 13 year-olds followed the theme, "Imagine Peace."

Judging considered originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Wilson's poster advanced to the district competition, where the winner there went on to the state contest. A state winner from Nebraska will then compete internationally.

This is the 25th year for the Lions peace poster contest. It's expected more than 375,000 entries will be received worldwide.

Eventually, one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a \$5,000 cash award and a trip to the United Nations for the awards ceremony.

Lions Clubs International sponsors the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people.

The local contest was optional for students in the 11-13 age range. Art teacher Lindsey Tomaso worked with students in her classes who chose to take part.

She said the school will display posters from all of the students who submitted entries for the contest.

Lions club member Angie Worth coordinated Imperial's peace poster contest.