

<p><b>Crestwood Advisory Team Meeting</b>          Tuesday, February 28, 2017          Crestwood High School Library • 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Everyone in our Community is welcome!!!          The purpose of the Crestwood Advisory Team (CAT) is to foster and facilitate effective communication between District employees, parents of ELL students, and community stakeholders.</p>	<p>Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 P.M.  <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a></p>
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### Young authors make in impact at festival

By Karen Hain

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Mohammed Bazzi shares his essay at the Young Authors Festival. (Courtesy photo)

DEARBORN/DEARBORN HEIGHTS — When Kinloch Elementary School teacher Susie Krupa found out a writing contest through the University of Michigan did not include third-graders, she was quick to convince officials the contest should be opened up to them and got her students involved.

As part of Henry Ford's 150th birthday celebration, the University of Michigan-Dearborn sponsored a Young Authors' Festival on Nov. 23 and a writing contest for children in fourth, fifth and sixth grade. Krupa's third-grade winners, then, were the its youngest. A similar event had been held years earlier and was intended to be brought back in 2014, but the year of Henry Ford's birth presented an opportunity too exciting to pass up.

Of the approximately 200 entries, each grade level had three winners. For the third graders, Krupa's winners were Mohammed Bazzi in first place, followed by Mohammed Harp in second and Dana Jboor third. Though the children were told in class that they had won, the revelation of placement was saved as a surprise for the day of the event at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Mardigian Library.

Winners received Barnes & Noble gift cards and the first-place essays will be submitted to the Michigan Reading Association's Kaleidoscope magazine.

Dana's mom, dad, brother and sister all came to the event for the activities and support. Her father said the experience is exciting for the children and encourages them to do more.

The festival's theme, Henry's Dream, encouraged young Michigan scholars to write about their future dreams and plans to go forward toward them. Answers ranged from career goals to imaginative trips.

Bazzi wrote about playing for the NBA, Harp wants to be a scientist and wrote about the importance of education in achieving the goal and Dana dreamed of a vacation to Hawaii.

"I practice every day. Whenever I shoot and miss, I do it again. My teacher says learn from your mistakes. If you fail, try again," Bazzi read aloud at the event, as all first-place winners were invited to do.

Contestants and the public were also invited to listen to author Carol Hagen, who once worked in the Riverside Middle School library, and illustrator Matt Faulkner sign autographs and give interactive speeches talking about their book "The Night Henry Ford Met Santa." Harp especially liked the personalized caricatures the illustrator did, which now hang in the child's room.

Faulkner's art work, along with other illustrations and children's books in other languages, was on display in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery throughout the event and afterward as an exhibition.

Attendees also enjoyed breakfast, a slice of Henry's birthday cake and workshops with activities, like creating a book jacket, free writing, writing nonfiction and writing/illustrating responses to the opposite form.

"I am really proud of all three children. We have been learning writing skills and the writing process, and they have put them to good use. I am very impressed that they used adjectives, similes, metaphors and details in their writing...Even at this young age, they had a lot of insight into how to accomplish their goals," Krupa said.

