



John Fuller fourth grader Jaden Mossman is congratulated by Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear for his Honorable Mention poster at the Jan. 10 awards ceremony.



Jared Tozier, a fifth grade student in the John Fuller K-Kids program poses with Woodsy Owl, Smokey Bear and his Honorable Mention poster.



Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear were a hit with the K-Kids at John Fuller Elementary School when they attended an awards program on Jan. 10.

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On Thursday, Jan. 10, young conservationists at the John Fuller Elementary School in the K-Kids program were honored for their posters illustrating ways to prevent wildfires and respect the environment. This after-school program is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Mount Washington Valley under the direction of JFES teachers and Key Club assistants. It is a leadership program that encourages primary students to work together on service projects, develop leadership potential and create strong character. The 2013 Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster contest is a joint effort with the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. It was sponsored locally by the Mountain Garden Club of the Mount Washington Valley and the Saco Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service. This Poster Contest gave students the opportunity to demonstrate, through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl, their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles. Students were thrilled to welcome Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear to the presentation.



Students in John Fuller Elementary School's K-Kids program pose with their directors, Woodsy Owl, Smokey Bear, Saco Ranger Station Rangers and members of the Mountain Garden Club.