

NEWS RELEASE

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Mariemont City Schools

Mariemont Junior High Writing Teams Combine for Regional Championship

The Mariemont Junior High 7th and 8th grade Power of the Pen teams competed On March 13 at Princeton High School against 42 schools in the regional tournament. Mariemont writers came in first place overall for the 7th and 8th Grade teams combined.

The Mariemont 7th grade writing team won the 7th Grade category. Individually, 7th grader Spencer Peppet came in 7th place.

For the 8th grade, Grace Bales came in 14th place, and Olivia Erhardt won Best of the Best for a piece she wrote at the district competition. Olivia will be published in the 2010-2011 book of writers. All three of these girls will automatically move on to the state competition, with the possibility of more Mariemont students also qualifying.

The state finals for Power of the Pen competition will take place at Wooster College on May 20-21.

Power of the Pen is an interscholastic competition for young writers with tournaments throughout the state of Ohio. Since its inception in 1986, Power of the Pen has grown from a single writing contest to a statewide educational enrichment program.

The MJHS Power of the Pen teams are coached by teachers Leslie Jordan and Erica Eppert.



Photo: The Mariemont Junior High School Power of the Pen students celebrate their combined 7th and 8th grade team 1st place finish at the regional competition on March 13.

Members are: Cate Donahue, Addie Shelley, Lindsey Siegfried, Gusty Pohlman, Andi Christopher, Jon Bezney, Micaela Duever, Taylor Giordullo, Spencer Peppet, Grace Bales, Olivia Erhardt and Hans Hinebaugh.