

The 2016 Manitoba German Language Contest took place on March 2nd at the Chief Peguis Junior High in Winnipeg.

Decker School participated for the first time ever this year and did very well. Students are assessed on their written language, reading comprehension, listening comprehension and oral language skills. (The reading and listening comprehension assessment component was completed previously at local schools.) The final assessment consisted of a short German interview or debate in which oral language competency was evaluated.

Our students competed in 3 levels of category B, which is for students who speak a German dialect at home and take at least some German in school. The top 3 students in each level were awarded cash awards, trophies; the senior categories top prize is a study trip to Germany.



Below are the results as they related to Decker school...

Category Junior A (Grades 7-8)

1st Sally Wollman, Gr 8, Decker Colony School

2nd Anja Waldner, Gr 8, Decker Colony School

3rd: Dorothea, Baker School.

Category Intermediate B (Grades 9-10)

1st: Demetrius Wurtz, Netley School

2nd: Delphine, Baker School

3rd Robert Waldner, Gr 9, Decker Colony School

Category Senior B (Grades 11-12) 1st: Jenna Waldner, Gr 12, Decker Colony School. (Winner of Germany trip scholarship)

2nd: Hadassah Maendel, Baker School

3rd: Julian Waldner, Gr 11, Decker Colony School.

Clearly, Decker Colony School students did very well, sending 10 of 30 students to the final oral language interviews and placing top-3 in 5 of the 9 spots in the finals for their categories.

We are thankful for having had the opportunity to participate and want to congratulate all students who competed in the German Language Contest, win or lose.

We do not want to honour only the winners, but everyone who participated. We recognize the hard work and dedication of all participants over the past months, and realize the disappointment that inevitably results from such competitions. We hope to imbue all students with a sense of success and allow them to hold their heads high, whether they made it to the stage or not, and to be gracious in whatever their achievements. You ALL did well!

This contest results reminds us to continue to promote quality German programs for all our student, and we hope to continue to offer high-levels of German programming in the coming years. For Decker Colony's and PWSD's ongoing support in this we are much appreciative.

Good day!