

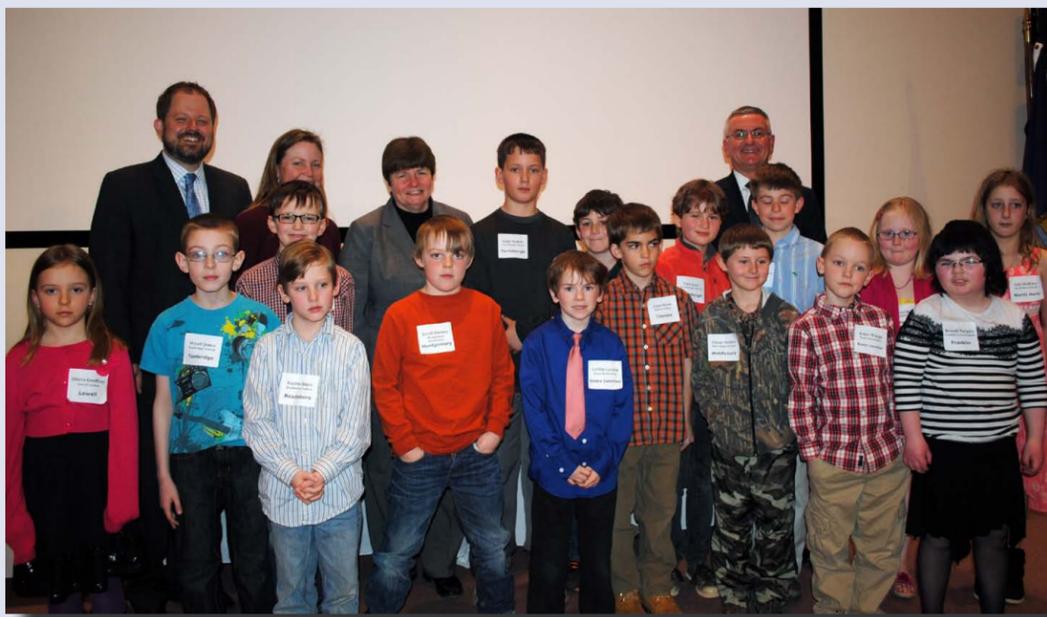


# 2014 Financial Literacy Awards Ceremony

On April 10, 2014, the State Treasurer's Office held its annual Financial Literacy Awards Ceremony in Montpelier. State Treasurer Beth Pearce recognized student accomplishments in the Reading is an Investment program and the Be Money Wise financial literacy poster contest. Both statewide programs are directed by the Treasurer's office. The Vermont JumpStart Coalition received a Gubernatorial proclamation declaring April as Financial Literacy month and were recognized for their commitment to financial literacy. Enjoy these photos from the ceremony!

## Thank You to Our Program Supporters!

**Reading is an Investment:** The Windham Foundation, TD Bank Charitable Foundation, Comcast, & the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. **Be Money Wise Poster Contest:** Vermont Bankers Association



(At left) Twenty elementary school students were awarded \$250 college savings account. Their names were selected through a random drawing of more than 4,100 completed reading logs! Program supporters included: Tuck Rainwater, Comcast Community Relations Director; Deborah Unica, Administrator of the Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan, VSAC; State Treasurer Beth Pearce; and TD Bank Vermont President Phil Daniels.

Sixteen winners attended the ceremony. Pictured from left to right are:

- Olivia Geoffroy, Lowell Graded
- Wyatt Jones, Tunbridge Central
- Austin Bunn, Readsboro Central
- Thane Gill, Ferrisburgh Central
- Jacob Barnes, Montgomery Elem.
- Gabe Kadric, Ferrisburgh Central
- Griffin Larson, Essex Elementary
- Jacob Gilman, Chelsea School
- Liam Shaw, Chelsea School
- Tori Schott, Ferrisburgh Central
- Chase Stokes, Mary Hogan
- Jonas Keim, Williston Central
- Isaac Wargo, Essex Elementary
- Clare Monahan, Manchester Elem.
- Brandi Paradis, Franklin Central
- Lily McKitty, North Hero

## Reading is an Investment Winners!

The Reading is an Investment program was used in 130 Vermont elementary schools this year. It promotes both financial literacy and reading literacy through classroom and library instruction and through a personal reading program.

## Be Money Wise Poster Contest!

There were 387 posters entered in the 2014 Be Money Wise contest. Students designed around the theme of "Think ... before you spend!"



**Evan Forrest**  
Williston Central School

**1st Place**  
Elementary Division



State Treasurer Beth Pearce congratulates Tunbridge Central School student Wyatt Jones on winning a college savings account.

Lt. Governor Phil Scott reads the Gubernatorial proclamation before presenting it to Vermont JumpStart President Judy Ribolini.



**1st Place**  
Middle School Division

**Esther Mackenzie**  
Middletown Springs Elem.

Students from Founder's Memorial School in Essex Junction received a 4-foot-tall teddy bear for their library after their school name was drawn from among those schools that submitted completed reading logs from more than one-third of their enrollment. The bear was donated by the Vermont Teddy Bear Company.



**1st Place**  
High School Division

**Julian Kelly**  
Montpelier HS



State Treasurer Beth Pearce and Chris D'Elia, President of the Vermont Bankers Association, recognized each student individually who placed 1st through 3rd in each division. (From left to right):

- Esther Mackenzie, 1st MS, Middletown Springs
- Jordan King, 2nd HS, Milton High School
- Adelle Woodcock, 3rd MS, Grace Christian School
- Alan Rivers, 2nd ES, Franklin Central School
- Isabella Gaffney, 3rd ES, Robinson Elementary
- Julian Kelly, 1st HS, Montpelier High School
- Dakota Sanderson, 2nd MS, Windsor Jr./Sr. High School
- Evan Forrest, 1st ES, Williston Central School



Honorable Mention artist Zachary Gary, St. Johnsbury School.

Thanks to our volunteer photographer Scott Baker!

(Below) Twenty-six students received honorable mention honors. Their posters were on display at the State House on April 10. A list of all honorable mention artists is located on the main poster contest web page.

