

## ADDISON 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS WIN KICK BUTTS LETTER WRITING CHALLENGE

Students in Marcie Hill and Amy Gilliland 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Addison Elementary School received *Lifeskills* prevention instruction provided by a mini-grant Winston County Schools received from Alabama Department of Public Health. *Kick Butts* week is a national campaign which heightens awareness about tobacco use and encourages tobacco users to quit. The mini-grant and its activities target limiting tobacco use by students and amending local and state legislation to reduce access to tobacco and exposure to second hand smoke.

Students were asked to write letters to the editor expressing their concern for smokers and their experiences with second-hand smoke. Five letters were chosen for publication in the paper. The winners are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Brandy; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Maria; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Marquita; 4<sup>th</sup> place: Chandler; 5<sup>th</sup> place: Hannah. Each student was rewarded with a gift bag provided by Winston Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention (Winston ASAP) which included: "You Don't Have to Smoke to be Hot" back-pack, Winston ASAP baseball cap, Frisbee, motivational bracelet and Winston ASAP T-shirt.

