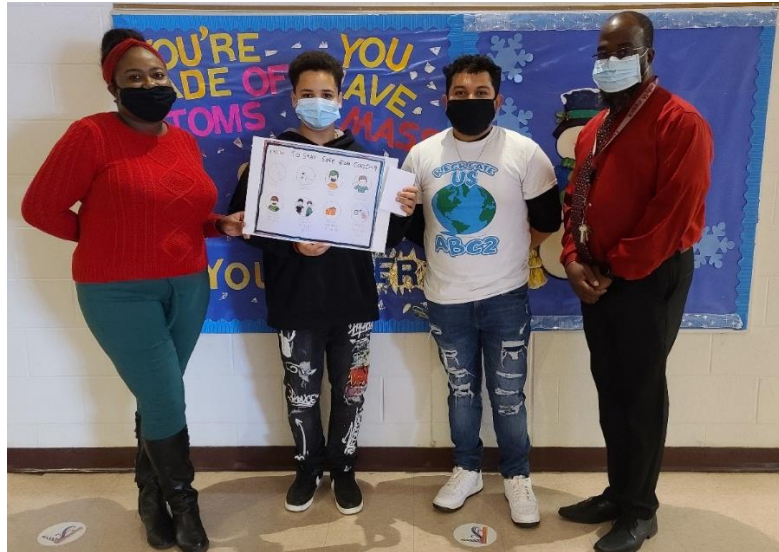




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Congratulations to Joe Barber, a 7th-grade student from William R. Davie STEM Academy, who won Third Place in the ABC2 Community Recovery Poster Making Contest sponsored by ABC2NC. Joe's artwork was among the 31 entries submitted for the contest. The contest was open to students to show off their artistic talent. There were four topics to choose from: The importance of getting the COVID-19 vaccine, why and how to wear a mask; why and how we wash our hands; and three steps to staying safe from germs.

Joe Barber's winning topic was "How to stay safe from COVID-19". Ms. Sutania McBean, ELA Teachers, assisted Mr. Barber in submitting his work. Mr. Yair Castellanos, ABC2 Community Strategist, rewarded Mr. Barber with a \$25 gift card for his hard work and placement for the contest. Superintendent Dr. Cunningham states, "I am so proud of Mr. Barber for participating in the ABC2 contest. How to stay safe from COVID-19 is such an important topic, and everyone must do their part in ensuring we keep each other safe". Principal Brian Biles said, "I am very proud of the work he put into this design and how he has represented Halifax County Schools. Way to go!" Joe Barber's poster will be publicly showcased to promote COVID Safety through the ABC2 web page and neighboring school districts' websites. Joe Barber will also receive credit for his work. ABC2 and school districts will display the posters publicly as a Public Service Announcement (PSA) relating to COVID-19 Safety practices. Again, Congratulations, Joe Barber, and keep striving for five!