Tar Wars Rhode Island Holds Its Annual Poster Contest

At Wakefield Hills Elementary School on Saturday, May 8, 36 fifth-grade students and their families gathered for the 17th Annual Tar Wars Statewide Poster Contest. Arthur Frazzano, MD, chairman of the Tar Wars program and emcee for the day, announced the winners: first-place – Alexandria Nogueras from Marieville Elementary School in North Providence; second-place – Maria Spagnolo from George Peters School in Cranston; third-place – Keia DePina from Kingston Hill Academy in Saunderstown.

The 2010 Tar Wars Rhode Island sponsors included the Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Rhode Island Medical Society Foundation, and the West Warwick School Department. The judges were Barbara Morse, Reporter Channel 10 News; Gary Bubly, MD, President-Elect of the Medical Society; Nitin Damle, MD, Vice President of the Medical Society; Larry Lamothe, Director of Human Resources & Compliance, West Warwick Public Schools; and Priya Gupta, MD, of the Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians.

A special acknowledgement goes to the 2010 Tar Wars Rhode Island presenters for volunteering their time to visit schools to talk with students about the dangers of tobacco use. Owned and operated by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), Tar Wars nationally reaches approximately 400,000 students annually. In Rhode Island, Tar Wars involves more than 2800 students each year.

If you would like to become a Tar Wars presenter or would like more information about the program, contact Catherine Norton, 528-3286 or cnorton@rimed.org. Volunteer presenters are always needed and no experience is necessary. RIMS provides all program material, including “How To Present” guidelines and PowerPoint presentation.

[Image: Winner: 2010 Tar Wars Rhode Island Poster Contest.]