



Grace Episcopal Day School Places First and Second in VFW Patriot's Pen Contest

Michael Robinson, Jr. of Silver Spring, a 7th grader at Grace Episcopal Day School's Kensington Campus wrote the first place winning essay in the recent Veterans of Foreign Wars writing contest. The subject of the essay was "How Shall We Honor our Veterans". Michael, whose father deployed to Iraq when he was 5 years old, explained the pride and love he felt towards his father, and all of our veterans, and the importance of their service on our behalf.

Erin Monahan of Kensington, an 8th grader at Grace, won with the 2nd prize essay. She explained that we should "honor our veterans not only for what they do but also for what they sacrifice for us." Erin, whose father is a physician in the Navy, has had the experience of seeing recovering veterans in our government medical facilities.



Erin Monahan of Kensington and **Michael Robinson** of Silver Spring, are the Grace Episcopal Day School Middle School students awarded second and first place in the Veteran of Foreign Wars Essay Contest entitled "How to Honor our Veterans."

Grace opened its doors for its 50th year of compassion, inspiration and learning in September, and is celebrating this important anniversary all throughout this school year. Over 200 students in our 3-year olds through 8th grade classes are served on two campuses in Silver Spring and Kensington. The Grace community is dynamic, inclusive and dedicated to each other and to the school's mission of providing a nurturing educational environment which promotes academic excellence and dedication to service. For more information on Grace and to receive admissions materials, please contact our offices at 301-585-3513.