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NDOT Snowplows visit Norfolk and Pender Elementary Schools to Celebrate “Name a Snowplow” Contest Winners

Jan. 20, 2023 (Lincoln, Neb.) — Two northeast Nebraska elementary school students were recently announced winners of the Nebraska Department of Transportation’s (NDOT) “Name a Snowplow” Contest, and as an added highlight, the prizes were delivered to their schools by the snowplows emblazoned with the winning names.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022, students from Norfolk’s Westside Elementary School gathered to celebrate fourth grader Carlos Martinez, who submitted his winning name, “Snow Big Deal.” On Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, students from Pender Public Schools gathered to celebrate kindergartner Sloane Hoffman, who submitted her winning name, “Snow School Today.” NDOT District 3 Engineer Kevin Domogalla and members of the NDOT team presented the prizes at both events.

Both students received a prize box and a letter from former NDOT Director John Selmer, congratulating them on their efforts. Afterward, everyone had the opportunity to ask questions and explore the snowplows. Please see attached photos and captions.

“We are proud of the efforts and creativity shown by the winners of our contest and are happy to recognize them today,” said Domogalla. “We are also proud of their classmates and others who are here to support them. This is a fun way to get the students involved as well as bring attention to our hardworking snowplow drivers and maintenance workers at the NDOT, who give their best efforts to keep our roads safe during and after winter weather.

NDOT had almost 700 submissions by elementary students from all eight highway districts throughout the state, and the two winners from District 3 who were recognized were among 16 winners from the entire state.

The selected plows have been branded with their new monikers and will be updated on NDOT’s plows.nebraska.gov and on 511.nebraska.gov where the name and location of each plow will be available in real time. While NDOT has over 600 snowplows, this year’s winners will be added to winners from last year’s inaugural “Name a Snowplow” contest and will be the only ones identified by name for now.

NDOT will share additional information on its social media pages, including when names are available on the website.

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