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## **Annual Pumpkin Drop Winners Announced**



(Charleston, WV) - Hundreds of students from fourth grade to 12th grade came out to the 20th Annual Capital City Pumpkin Drop at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston Thursday to watch their pumpkins drop several feet.

Hosted by BridgeValley Community and Technical College and Appalachian Power, a classroom or group of students followed specific instructions to design a contraption that would protect a pumpkin when dropped several feet. Students used math and science skills to develop their containers.

Some of the materials used to keep the pumpkins safe were a combination of foam, pillows and toilet paper wrapped together.

Pumpkins are dropped from several feet and must hit a target on the ground. Some pumpkins survive the drop while others do not.

Students in three grade level categories compete for awards and the honor of being the Grand Slam Pumpkin. Monetary awards are presented to winning teams.

The event drew over 900 students from 35 schools in 11 counties.

**This year's winners were:**

Most Creative Design

Hurricane Middle School, Putnam County

Most Sustainable Design

Chapmanville Middle School, Logan County

Elementary School

First Place: Justice Elementary School, Logan County

Second Place: Ansted Elementary School, Fayette County

Third Place: Elk Elementary Center, Kanawha County

Middle School

First Place: East Fairmont Middle School, Marion County

Second Place: Clay County Schools - Gifted , Clay County

Third Place: Hayes Middle School, Kanawha County

High School

First Place: George Washington High School, Kanawha County

Second Place: East Fairmont STEM, Marion County

Third Place: Riverside High School, Kanawha County

Grand Slam Champion: Point Pleasant High School, Mason County

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