

## Wakefield School Trio invests winnings from Regional Fair



Three students who won Honorable Mention in the Junior Division of the 2015 Fauquier County Regional Science & Engineering Fair did something unconventional with their prize money: they donated it, and it multiplied!

Wakefield School sixth graders Clay Sailor, Bobby Guiney, and Chandler Brown's group project, the "*Effect of Fertilizer and Foliar Spray on Plant Growth*" was awarded Honorable Mention and \$ 100 in cash as part of the prize from the Regional Fair on 3/14/15. These young men chose to donate their prize money to their school and challenged others to match this donation. Each of the boys' parents immediately met the challenge, so the \$ 100, plus three additional donations, became \$ 400. Having quadrupled their prize, the boys sent the money to Wakefield School's Development Office with the instruction that they wanted to support their Science Department.

The funds were used in a live auction at the school's *County Fair Auction* on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Each guest was given a special blue bid paddle to use for the Science Program Challenge Match. By the end of the evening, another \$5,600 was raised!

Hence, the original \$ 100 prize money became a \$ 6,000 donation to the Wakefield School's Science Department. The department is considering a variety of uses for this gift and is discussing creative and impactful ideas.

The resourcefulness and generosity of these bright young scientists is an example for all to follow.

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