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### **NOVA Announces Winners of Internet Safety Poster Contest** *Students from Sellersville Elementary School & Central Bucks West Win Prizes*

**(BUCKS COUNTY, Pa.)** Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) is pleased to announce the winners of their Internet Safety Poster Contest:

**Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Category:** Zabien Richards, 1<sup>st</sup> grader, Sellersville Elementary School, won a \$50.00 art supply basket. He drew a Lego person to emphasize Internet safety messages.

**4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Category:** Anna Ceschan, 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Sellersville Elementary School won a \$50.00 Target gift card. Ceschan used a combination of puns and a shark theme to remind people about Internet safety practices.

**8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Category:** Noemi Nieves-Hoblin, 12<sup>th</sup> grader, at Central Bucks High School West won a \$50.00 Apple iTunes gift card. She used images including an old-fashioned airmail envelope and a menacing figure to spread the message of Internet safety.

Internet safety is especially important now that both children and adults are spending more time online as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak. Also, increased Internet use escalates the risk that predators will reach out to children. The poster contest was an opportunity to remind everyone about Internet safety rules, encourage safe decision making and to give students an opportunity to share their creativity for the betterment of others.

NOVA asked students throughout Bucks County to submit posters that incorporated Internet safety rules into their design including concepts such as:

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- Personal information is private
- Keep privacy settings on
- Practice safe browsing
- Be careful what you download
- Choose strong passwords
- Post with caution
- Avoid the Clickbait trap

“NOVA received many excellent submissions from talented and creative students from all over Bucks County. It was challenging to pick a winner in each category,” said Pattie Cavalle, NOVA's Education/Awareness Prevention Coordinator. “We thank everyone who participated and congratulate the winners.”

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### **ABOUT NOVA**

Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and works to prevent and eliminate violence in society through advocacy, training, community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1974, NOVA is a non-profit 501(c)(3), community-based organization operating out of three offices in Fairless Hills, Jamison and Perkasie. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state and local government grants and contracts, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For more information, visit [www.NOVABucks.org](http://www.NOVABucks.org).

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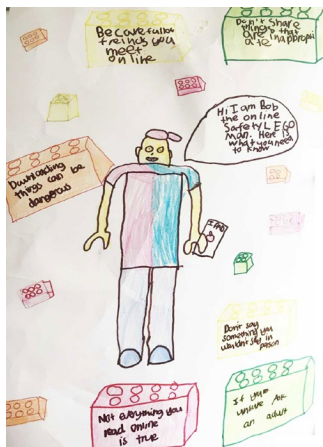
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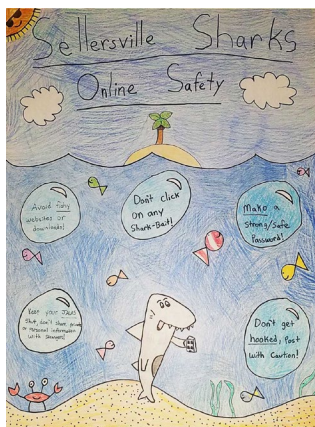
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**Z.Richards.Poster.jpg**-- Zabien Richards, 1<sup>st</sup> grader, Sellersville Elementary School and winner in the Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade category.



**A.Ceshan.Poster.jpg**-- Anna Ceschan, 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Sellersville Elementary School and winner in the 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grade category.



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**N.Nieves-Hoblin.Poster.jpg**--Noemi Nieves-Hoblin, 12<sup>th</sup> grader, Central Bucks High School West and winner in the 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade category.

