PATASKALA – Licking Heights Central Middle School continues to be swarmed with exceptional students who possess incredible skills, especially when it comes to crafting words and spinning tales.

Our Power of the Pen team of 12 authors, 6 seventh graders and 6 eighth graders, competed against 18 other schools from southern and eastern Ohio at the recent District competition held at Zane Trace Middle School.

Power of the Pen is an interscholastic club that helps students find their creative voice through writing. The program's aim is to give students a creative outlet for their writing and exact a positive impact upon overall academic achievement. Competitions take place at three levels: districts, regionals, and states. Every writer qualifies for districts, and - as the competition progresses to each level - writers advance based on their skills/talents.

Our team earned the following honors at the recent district competition:

**Seventh Grade:**
- Ellie Lewis – 3rd place overall
- Ellie Lewis – Best of Round #1
- Ellie Lewis – Best of Round #2
- Madison Stanley – Best of Round #3

**Seventh Grade Team – 3rd place overall** (among all 18 competing teams)

**Eighth Grade:**
- Jennalyn Anderson – 2nd place overall
- Hannah Bohlen – 5th place overall
Licking Heights Power of the Pen Advisor, Ms. Lauren Noble is proud of the success of our students. “It's such a wonderful thing to watch these students earn the accolades they are so deserving of receiving,” she said. “Their achievements, individually and as a group, certainly reflect what makes them so extraordinary.”

It will be announced in the coming weeks how many of our authors will advance to the upcoming regional competition in March (TBA) to be held at Chillicothe Middle School.

Congratulations to all of our Power of the Pen students on their accomplishments at the district competition and good luck to students who advance to the regional competition in March. For more information regarding school-sponsored clubs and organizations, and a list of events please click here or visit our website at www.lhschools.org.