

Coventry girl is Google Doodle state winner

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COVENTRY, R.I. (WPRI) — What would you like to invent to make the world a better place?



(Click image to view the news clip)

A Coventry girl's idea answering that question has been chosen as the state winner in a contest to be shown off on one of the most often-seen pages in the world: the home page of Google.

Molly Brown, of the Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School, <u>drew a concept for a "peace multiplier, creating unity and equality within the world,"</u> according to Google. Brown's drawing was announced Tuesday morning as the Rhode Island state winner in the Doodle 4 Google contest, which is open to K-12 students across the United States.

"Peace could end wars, stop families from being torn, and create a place of sharing, adding quality to life," Brown's concept statement continued.

On the Web: Vote for Molly's Google Doodle

The entries were broken down into 5 grade groups — Molly's is in the grade 8-9 group. Guest judges — including Rhode Island School of Design interim president Rosanne Somerson — picked the state winners.



From the state winners, the public can vote for their preferred Doodle till May 9th. 5 national finalists, one per grade group, will be announced May 21. Each finalist and the finalist's teacher will receive a laptop computer; the finalists will also get a trip to the Google headquarters in California.

The national winner's Doodle will be featured on the Google U.S. homepage on June 9, 2014, and the winner will receive a \$30,000 college scholarship. The winner's school will also receive a \$50,000 grant good towards computer technology.



Runner-up finalists will also get scholarships.

Google Doodles have been around even before the search engine was incorporated, according to the section of the site reserved for them. The site claims more than a thousand Doodles have been created for regional variations of Google around the world, changing the site's logo to celebrate notable events.