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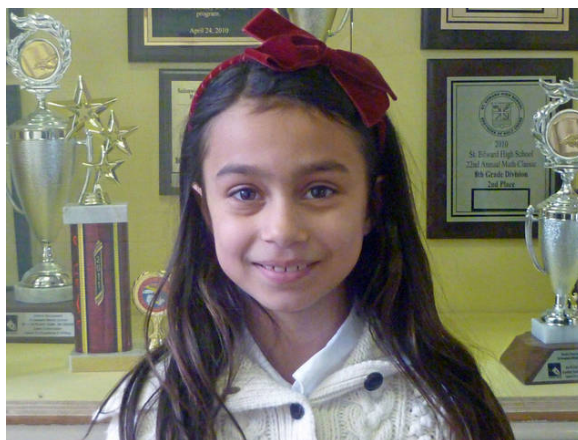
Third Grade Birchwood Student Wins National Chemistry Week Contest

Cleveland - **Dharma N** was one of the third grade winners of the American Chemical Society's (ACS) National Chemistry Week 2011 chemistry contest for the Cleveland area.

The K-4 National Chemistry Week contest was called "Cabbage Chemistry in Your Home." The contest introduced the children to the idea of pH by having them make their own indicator paper at home using cabbage. They then used their homemade indicator paper to test various household items to see if they were acidic, basic, or neutral. Students were asked questions about their results that required the reporting of observations as well as making inferences.

National Chemistry Week (NCW) is a community-based annual event that unites ACS local regions, businesses, schools, and individuals in communicating the importance of chemistry to our quality of life. The theme for 2011 was, "Chemistry - Our Health, Our future!"

"I liked testing all the items the best," reported the smiling third grader, "some of the results were surprising to me." As the third grade winner, **Dharma**, is invited to attend "Education and Awards Night," an ACS dinner held in April to honor top performers in NCW. She will also receive a cash prize.



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The Birchwood School is a private, coeducational school in Cleveland, Ohio. Founded in 1984, Birchwood serves students in kindergarten through grade 8. Birchwood's mission is to provide an educational setting where challenging academics build solid work habits, an achievement culture nurtures healthy attitudes, and a caring environment forges social responsibility.

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