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Birchwood School Students Win Top National Honors in Cricket Magazine Contest

CLEVELAND— Six young authors from Birchwood School in Cleveland have seen their work published in the Feb. 2010 issue of *Cricket* magazine, a national literary publication for grade school children. Budding writers were asked to develop a story of 350 words or fewer in which the main character had a special talent or power. Birchwood students took the top three places in the ten and under age group. Third grader, Bianca H, won first place honors with her story "A Very Special Mary." Her sister, fifth grader Alexis H, placed second with a humorous tale about a terrible chef. Vinayak K won third place, and three other fifth graders earned Honorable Mention: Marco B and Amir I and Ammar M. In this national contest, these Birchwood students were the only six winners in the state of Ohio.

Cricket Magazine Group began offering top-quality children's literature over 35 years ago and now publishes a line of beautifully illustrated literary magazines for children of all ages.

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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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