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### **2023-2024 Minecraft Challenge Winners Announced**

**Comox Valley, B.C.** – Students from Queneesh, Aspen Park and Lake Trail were first-place winners of the 2023-2024 Minecraft Challenge: Comox Valley Adventurescape: Theme Park Edition. This year, students were tasked with designing a theme park that encapsulates the essence and magic of the Comox Valley while showcasing environmental responsibility.

Participants demonstrated remarkable creativity, with projects ranging from Silas' "Salmonland" near Lewis Park to the Huband Park students' solar- and rain-powered "Amoosement Park." Lake Trail students amazed with roller coasters on Mt Washington, and Cumberland students impressed with a Cumberland Coal Mine Theme Park.

The competition was fierce, and our talented students rose to the challenge.

The winners are as follows:

#### **Primary Level:**

- **1st Place:** Chloe Guan, Mila Guan, and Kamsi Ofong - Queneesh Elementary
- **2nd Place:** Daxon Quin, Morley Marks, Connor Guest, Jack Scott, and Jesse Rennison - Miracle Beach Elementary
- **3rd Place:** Ryah Helander and Aubrey Ghory - Aspen Park Elementary
- **Class Pizza Party:** Rebecca McCubbin's class - Aspen Park Elementary

#### **Intermediate Level:**

- **1st Place:** Silas Wurts - Aspen Park Elementary
- **2nd Place:** Nico Gibson, Silas Mathieson, and Kingston Joly - Cumberland Elementary
- **3rd Place:** Colin Armstrong, Alfred Darlow, Cash Cunningham, Ethan Lee, Ossian Arthur, and Kai Bulman-Fleming - Huband Park Elementary
- **Class Pizza Party:** Jennifer Yager's class - Lake Trail Middle School

#### **High School Level:**

- **1st Place:** Landon Woods, Rytten Johnson, Artem Halinskyi, and Cypress Dixon - Lake Trail Middle School (Teacher: Tyler Merritt)

- **2nd Place:** Hudson Jaynes, Gracen Lewis, Liam Maguire, Colby Woolgar, and Xavier Rendell - Lake Trail Middle School
- **3rd Place:** Jacob Rosner, Lucas Price, Jethro Ed Lining, and Bowen Shaw - Lake Trail Middle School
- **Class Pizza Party:** Tyler Merritt's class - Lake Trail Middle School

Congratulations to all the winners and participants for their outstanding contributions and creativity in this year's Minecraft Challenge. Your hard work and innovative ideas have brought the Comox Valley to life in the digital world and have set a shining example of environmental stewardship for all.

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