

## elementary news

### This "Big Top" Bigger & Better than Ever

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**H**as your school made arrangements to attend the "Big Top" Arts Festival on March 5th and 6th? This crowd-pleasing event honors the top two students in either the visual or performing arts from each elementary school in the state. The menu includes all kinds of circus food . . . yes, cotton candy and popcorn included! There will be a real center ring, a circus bandwagon, clowns, Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey circus acts, stilt walkers, jugglers, face painters and balloon sculptors. There will also be a characaturist, a true carnival barker and ringmaster host and comedy magician - all joining together to give the evening the atmosphere of a true "Big Top"! The Carnival Midway will include six carnival games and prizes for the winners.

What kind of evening will it be for your two honorees? Well, this

quote from a young awardee from last year will give you an idea. She looked up at her teacher and said, "Oh, Mrs. Murphy, I just wish tonight would never end."

If you have not already done so, send in your registration forms, as seating is limited. No more than 100 schools can register each evening. Register early and we'll see you at the circus!

