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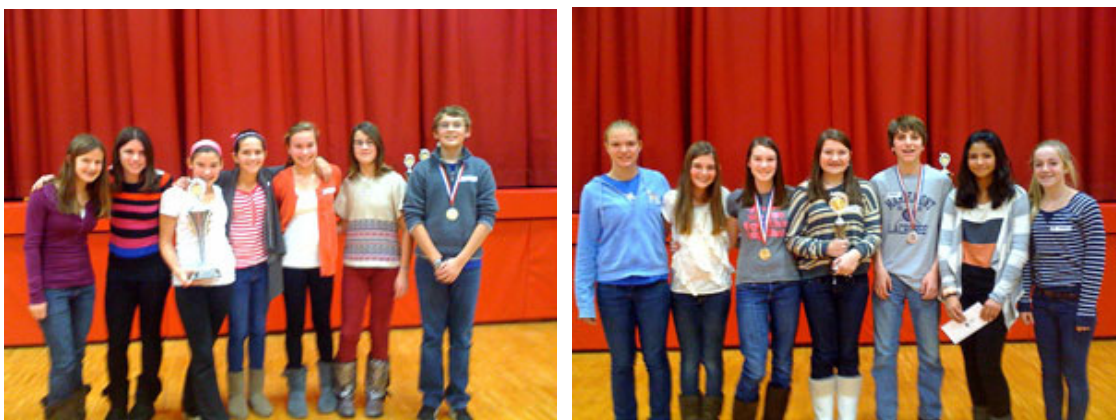
### **Mariemont Junior High Writers Excel at District Competition**

On December 3, student teams from Mariemont Junior High School (MJHS) competed in the Power of the Pen district writing competition at Goshen Middle School. The Mariemont 7<sup>th</sup> grade team earned first place honors and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team finished in third place, competing with sixteen school districts.

Individually, 7<sup>th</sup> graders Janie Bortz, Ellie Kapcar and Cohen Bailey took 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> places, respectively. In addition, 7<sup>th</sup> grader Grace Haffner earned a Best of Round. For 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Natalie Popowics finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place and Eli Koreman took 14<sup>th</sup> place.

Power of the Pen is an interscholastic competition for young writers with tournaments throughout the state of Ohio. Since its inception in 1986, Power of the Pen has grown from a single writing contest to a statewide educational enrichment program. Over 8000 students will participate in the district, regional and state tourneys this year alone.

The MJHS Power of the Pen teams are coached by teachers Leslie Jordan and Jillian Strall.



*Photos:*

*JH7POP1st: Members of the Mariemont Junior High 7<sup>th</sup> Grade District Champion Power of the Pen team are Lindsey Imhoff, Amanda Lewis, Janie Bortz, Grace Haffner, Ellie Kapcar, Nathalie Weiss and Cohen Bailey.*

*JH8POP3rd: The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Power of the Pen team from Mariemont Jr High took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at districts. The team members are Lizzy Geary, Mollie Coates, Natalie Popowics, Lauren Robinson, Eli Koreman, Ashley Murauskas and Lauren Getgey.*

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