



Northwood Elementary Earns RIF Award
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PULASKI - Pulaski County has done it again. One of its schools, Northwood Elementary, is this year's Virginia Reading is Fundamental winner for small schools.

This is the second consecutive year a Pulaski County School has been named RIF winner in this category. Snowville Elementary was last year's winner. Last year, the county also had the state winner for larger schools, Dublin Elementary School.

Northwood celebrated its victory recently at a schoolwide assembly. Each participant in the RIF reading challenge received a medal during the event. The school received \$200 to buy books for its library.

The small school category includes schools with less than 350 students.

RIF is the nation's largest and oldest non-profit children's literacy organization, according to its sponsor, MetLife Foundation.

The Pulaski County Library joined the insurance foundation in sponsoring the "Read With Me: the 2003 RIF Community Reading Challenge" here. Several events were scheduled during that time and community members participated in special reading times. Actually holding the programs became a challenge itself given the difficult weather of the past winter and the number of school days missed because of the weather.