

## Anchorage 2nd Grader Wins National Art Contest



Carter Schroeder, a 2nd grader at Rilke Schule German School of Arts and Sciences in Anchorage, was recently awarded the Grand Prize in the national Endangered Species Day art contest. Carter's painting showed a polar bear and a beluga whale in their sea-ice habitats. Carter and his Dad, Mark Schroeder, enjoy learning about polar bears by reading books and articles, and hope to see polar bears in the wild some day.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species Coalition, Association of Zoos and Aquariums and Ogden Museum of Southern Art/University of New Orleans sponsored this contest, which was intended to help kids learn about and promote the conservation of endangered species through art. The winners were chosen by a prestigious panel of artists, photographers, actors, scientists and conservationists including Jeff Corwin, host of Animal Planet's *Jeff Corwin Experience*; and Jack Hanna, host of *Jack Hanna's Into the Wild*. Artwork of the 40 semifinalists will be displayed at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, in a special exhibition from May 13 to July 4, 2010.

Each first place winner for each age category received an award and will have a screening of the movie "Furry Vengeance" at their school. As the national Grand Prize winner, Carter received a trip to Washington, D.C., where he was honored at the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Congressional Reception on May, 4, 2010, and had his name engraved on a special trophy. Carter said one of the best parts of the trip was seeing the live animals, including a python, at the ceremony.

[National Endangered Species Day](#) honors the national commitment to recovering endangered species and their habitats and provides an opportunity to learn about what efforts are being made to conserve them.