



Editor [Chris R. Vaccaro](mailto:chris@patch.com): Heard some news you want us to check out? Let me know: chris@patch.com

Patch wants to give the Sachem Central School District \$100,000. But we need your help!

Patch.com is launching a nationwide contest we call "Deck the House." Our goal is to find the "best dressed" holiday home in our Patch communities, and the winner's school district will receive \$100,000. No strings attached.

Here's how the contest works: Beginning on Dec. 8 and continuing through Dec. 26, Patch users can nominate their home by uploading a photo to the contest entry form we'll post on the site. During that same time period all residents will be able to vote for their favorite festive home by going to: deckthehouse.patch.com/contest/sachem.patch.com<<http://deckthehouse.patch.com/contest/sachem.patch.com>>

The winning entry will be forwarded to a national Patch judge who will select 24 finalists. Each finalist will receive \$500 that they can apply to their December electric bill. From Dec. 30 through Jan. 8 our users will be able to vote for the Best Decked House in all of Patch. The grand prize winner's school district will receive a \$100,000 check from Patch.

Just think what our schools could do with \$100,000.

I want Sachem to win. And that's where you come in. We'd like you to help get out the word among teachers, students and families that their creative ingenuity and their votes can help Sachem schools get that prize money.

Click here for a link to an article on the site with details about the contest.<<http://sachem.patch.com/articles/deck-your-house-and-win-100-000-for-sachem-public-schools>>

At the very least, the Sachem community will be decked out like it never has been before. And if we win, what better gift could we give to Sachem kids?

Please don't hesitate to be in touch with any questions you might have.

Happy holidays,
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