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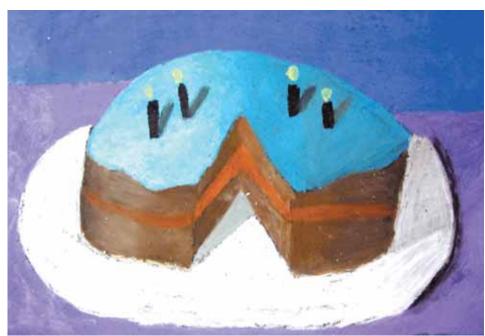
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Pop Art Dessert, by Nazanin Azimi of Springfield, 12, Springfield Estates Elementary.



By Bernard Grayson of Washington, D.C., 18, 12th grade, Accotink Learning Center in Springfield.

## Welcome

Dear Readers:

his week, the Springfield Connection turns over its pages to the youth and students. We asked principals and teachers from area schools to encourage students to contribute their words, pictures and photos for our annual Children's Issue.

The response, as always, was enormous. While we were unable to publish every piece we received, we did our best to put together a paper with a fair sampling of the submitted stories, poems, drawings, paintings, photographs and other works of art.

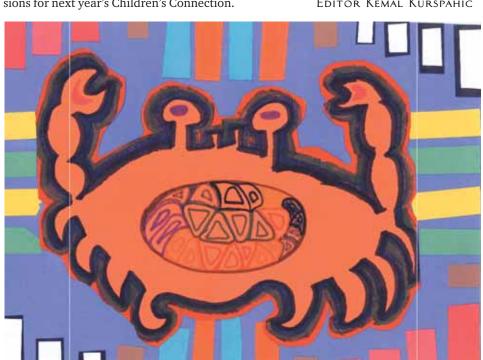
We appreciate the extra effort made by school staff to gather the materials during their busy time leading up to the holidays. We'd also like to encourage both schools and parents to mark their 2013 calendars for early December, the deadline for submissions for next year's Children's Connection.

Please keep us in mind as your children continue to create spectacular works of art and inspiring pieces of writing in the com-

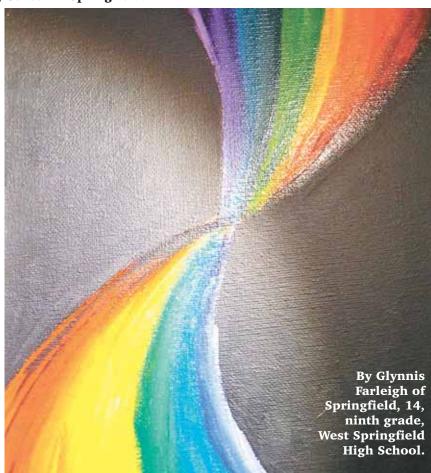
The children's issue is only a part of our year-round commitment to cover education and our local schools. As always, the Connection welcomes letters to the editor, story ideas, calendar listings and notices of local events from our readers. Photos and other submissions about special events at schools are especially welcome for our weekly schools pages.

Our preferred method for material is email, which should be sent to south@connectionnewspapers.com, but you can reach us by mail at 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 or call 703-778-9414 with any questions.

**EDITOR KEMAL KURSPAHIC** 



By Erika Orozco, 9, third grade, Garfield Elementary School.





## Essays From Franconia Elementary School

First grade teacher Katheryn Kennedy-Labat submitted work on behalf of students.

#### Shoes, Clothes and Accessories...

Green and blue stripes fuzzy sweater from Justice

Earrings from Claire's, size small

Clothes from Old Navy and the Childrens' Place and shoes from the Shoe Department. Toys/Things to play with...

American Girl doll Julie A., Ruthie S., Rebecca R. Purple dress for dolls/girls and random outfits from American Girl. Oh yeah, Kanani A.

(P.S. you know what outfits I'm talking about)

—By Cailee Halligan, 7, Mrs. Yortzidis' class, second grade

#### **Giving Thanks!**

I am thankful for my teacher because she teaches me how to read and write. And to be smart. And she taught me about patterns. And math.

—By Samantha Katz, 7, Kristen Stump's class, first grade

## The Day We Made Lunch for the School!

As my friends and I strutted into the cafeteria for breakfast, we noticed the place had been left a mess. I noticed a mysterious looking note on the table. I read the note out loud. "Got sick... Kitchen a mess... Clean up... Then Cook!" I told my friends Miguel and Jonathan to grab a hairnet and an apron. They asked me why. "We are going to make lunch for the school," I replied in a stern voice.

"Whaaat?" they said at the same time.

"We have to! We can't let the Mighty Mustangs go without lunch!" I said as we began walking toward the hairness and aprons.

"Okay, fine," Jonathan said with a sigh.
"I'm in too!" Miguel said. What should we cook? What about hamburgers with fries and for dessert, vanilla ice cream with hot fudge, nuts, cherries, and whipped cream?

We began getting our ingredients together. I grabbed the ice cream and toppings. Miguel was on burgers and Jonathan had the fries all covered. I could see both of them fidgeting with the hairnets as they flipped burgers and dunked fries in sizzling oil.

"I'm tired of wearing this hairnet!"

Jonathan shouted out with frustration.

"Me too!" Miguel yelled over the sizzling sound of fries. "Fine, you don't have to wear the hairnets, but keep the aprons on," I demanded. "Let's stay focused here."

"Yessss!" They shouted as they high-fived each other. Let's get back to work. We have over 500 orders of fries and burgers to make.

Minutes later, I noticed we were working

in perfect harmony until Miguel shouted, "We're out of burgers! To be honest I dropped a few patties as I was trying to get the hang of things," Miguel admitted. We have to come up with an idea quickly. Fifth grade lunch is in less than 45 minutes!

"We should make chicken tenders. Kids love chicken tenders and fries. Besides, we already have fries," Jonathan suggested. We all ran to the basement where we knew the meats were kept. We ran over to the huge freezer in the corner only to find packages of chicken frozen solid. We don't have time for the chicken tenders to thaw out. With panic in our hearts and sweaty palms, we decided to scan the refrigerator. When we opened the refrigerator, it was like time had stopped. We all looked at each other in shock. There it was... packages and packages of the fifth grade favorite!

Ribs! Ribs! Ribs, we shouted while doing the happy dance. We ran back to the cafeteria, turned on the stove and dumped all the ribs in a huge pot. We could hear classes filing in the cafeteria right as we began to drop ribs and fries on the red Styrofoam trays. We served the ribs, fries and ice cream to hundreds of kids that day. It was a homerun! We even had some left over for us to try.

Yummy! We murmured while wiping rib sauce off our mouths.

I can say for sure that the next time I see a mysterious note in the cafeteria, I'll leave it alone!

—By India Bagsby, 11, Mrs. Piña's Class, fifth grade.

## Gifts for Our Parents, What We Would Give Them...

A flower —Sameer Rafaie
Peace and quiet —Autumn Avery
Do the laundry —Xavier Main
Homework! —Philip Luong
Wash the car for them —Ryan Iqbal
Color them a picture —Nadya Sandoval
Listen to them! —Roger Rodriguez
Make a card from paper —Kiara Frey
Wrap up something from my parents'
room —Jaina Shah

Origami and a card —Laya Karunakaran Make a 3D something from paper — Sydney Brown

A hug! —Ashley Tibebe Breakfast in bed —Georgia Lynch

A picture of me —Aayan Ahmad Give them money
A picture of my whole entire family — Mouhamadou Sow
Henry Blake

Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and birthday cards —Jamal Adams Make a picture of me, Mom and Dad —

## Cardinal Forest Elementary School

Art Specialist Mrs. Rebecca Miller had her class draw pieces entitled "Super You Drawing: Exaggerated Positive Personality Drawings."



Samantha Cynn, sixth grade.



Trinity Henderson

Make a paper airplane —Tammy Do A hug and kiss —Sahar Aziz

A massage! —Angelina Somchanmavong Sing a song —Joshua Baskin

Get a paper and draw a tree —Frazer Tamange

Give them money for the tooth fairy —

—By Room 122, Katheryn Kennedy-Labat's first grade class, ages 6 and 7, Franconia Elementary School

## All I Want for Christmas!

I like Christmas. I –like-I-like I like it because Santa gives me presents. I want the Mario 2. And I want a bicycle. I like Christmas.

—By Samuel Ramirez, 5, Mrs.
Tiffany Haffner's and Mrs. Carol
Daniels' Class, Kindergarten

## Springfield Estates Elementary

Ms. Wolford and Ms. Kendall, art teachers at Springfield Estates Elementary, submitted some of their students' work.



Myself and a Friend, by Aaron Amin of Springfield, 7.



**Myself as Family** Helper, Amna Imran of Springfield, 6.



Pop Art Dessert, by **Travis Slade of** Springfield, 12.



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Samuel Meyer, sixth grade.



Lulu Gloninger, fifth grade.

## Orange Hunt Elementary School

Art Specialist Janet Micari sent in some of her students' artwork.



Jessica Kirby, sixth grade.



Matthew Brooks, fourth grade.



Julia Perschbacker, sixth grade.



Alex Hazard, sixth grade.



Reed Dexter, fourth grade.



Allison Ton, sixth grade.



Carolin Vorona, fourth grade.



Clara Jury, first grade.



Madison Jaminet, second grade.

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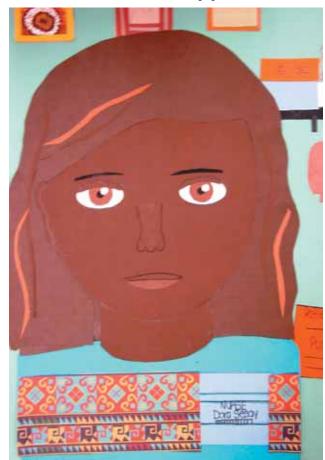


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Janice C. McCormack's art students construct their dreams with colored paper.



Dora Sesay, eighth grade.



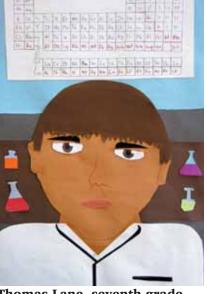
Sawyer Stockard, seventh grade.



Nick Cho, seventh grade.



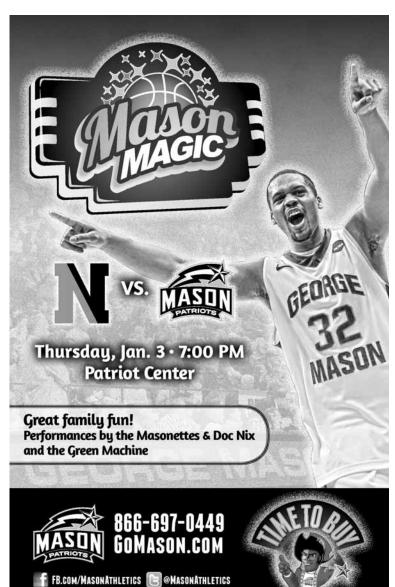
Chamber Lucas, seventh grade.



Thomas Lane, seventh grade.

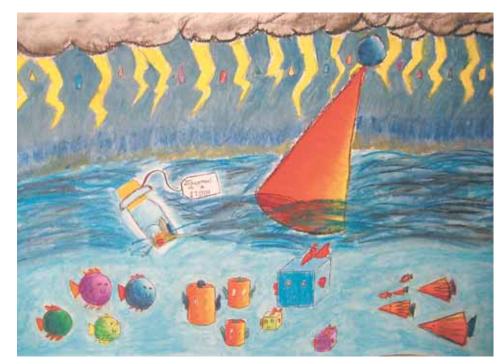


JoAnn Grimes, seventh grade.

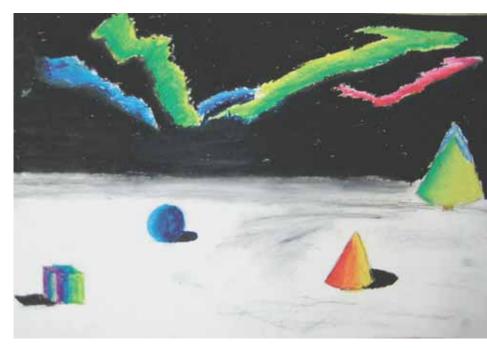




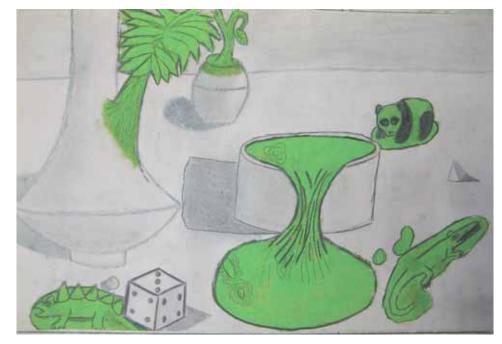
## Twain Middle School



Trapped in a Storm, by Aisyah Setiawan, drawing.



Alaskan Northern Lights, by Maribel Nogales, drawing.



Another World, by Gabriel Hill, drawing.

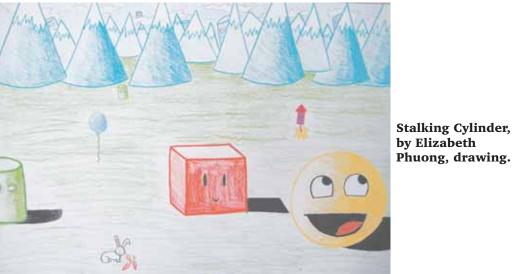


Furniture Falling, by Theodore Wetzler, drawing.





Trapped in Time, by Kevin Dang, drawing.





Another Trip to the Moon, by Mackenzie Nolan, drawing.



Two Seasons, by Melak Alenu, drawing.



Color Bubblemania, by Mae Shearer, drawing.

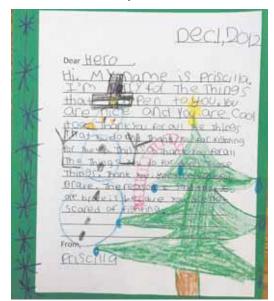


My Head is in the Clouds, by Taylor Huynh, drawing.



Kings Park Elementary School
Ms. Tanya Siwik's class made "Holiday Letters to Veterans."

Priscilla Augment, third grade



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ARTWORK FROM ACCOTINK LEARNING CENTER

Art Teacher Jordana Eisen submitted some of her students' work.



Will Ashton of Alexandria, 16, 11th grade.



Nadia Bergeson of Vienna, 15, 10th grade.



Betsey Gallier of Burke, 16, 11th grade.



Brandy Pelka of Fort Belvoir, 16, 10th grade.



James McKnight of Fairfax, 19, 12th grade.



Danielle Bailey of Washington, D.C, 16, 11th grade.

## Children's Connection 2012



My Dog Pepper, by Teresa Steenman of Springfield, 15, ninth grade, Ms. Martin's class.

## West Springfield High School

Dr. Jennifer Beach, Ph.D. and English Department chairperson, submitted art from West Springfield High School students.

### Photo Essay: My Dog Pepper

My labradoodle loves to put her cold nose on my exposed hand or foot first thing in the morning as if to say "Get up! Your dog requires your attention! Get up!" She puts her butt high in the air with her front paws stretched way out in front and wags her tail when inviting you to play. Pepper loves to chase all things that scurry into HER backyard . . . squirrels, birds, chipmunks and the occasional cat or fox. She LOVES to play in leaf piles and flops down in them with glee . . . occasionally hiding a very important stick. She turns into a ball of fluff, lying on her back, bent like a pretzel, when she thinks you rubbing her belly is a great idea. You can almost hear her say, "Rub my belly. You know you want to." And I do.

West Springfield Elementary School



Sophia Fekade, fourth grade.



Cindy Dong, fourth grade.



Brennan Heitmann, sixth grade.



Joleena Dedrick, second grade. Cara Hilburn, third grade.





Sydney Lowe, kindergarten.

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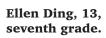
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Kiah Ford, 14, eighth grade.



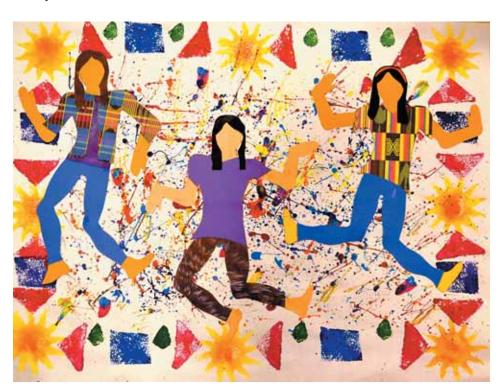


Anny Pham, 13, seventh grade.



Key Middle School

Mary Anne Sherwood submitted some of her students' artwork.



Taylor Hiep, 13, seventh grade.



Erika Le, 12, seventh grade.



Thomas Bhai-Kamara, 13, eighth grade.



William De La O, 12, seventh grade.



Anna Ho, 13, eighth grade.

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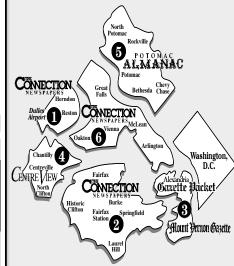
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