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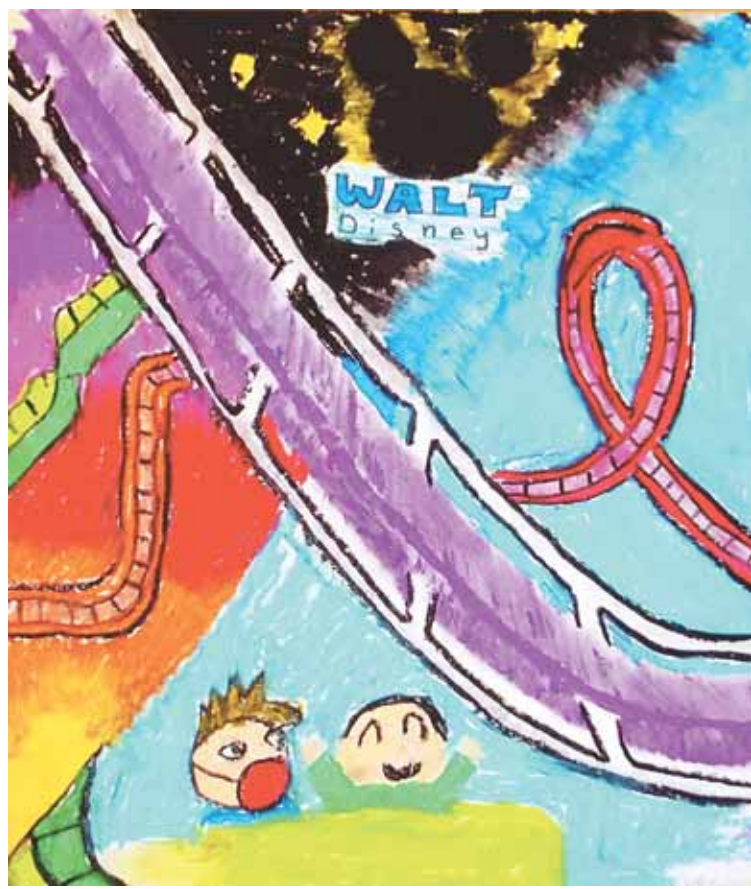
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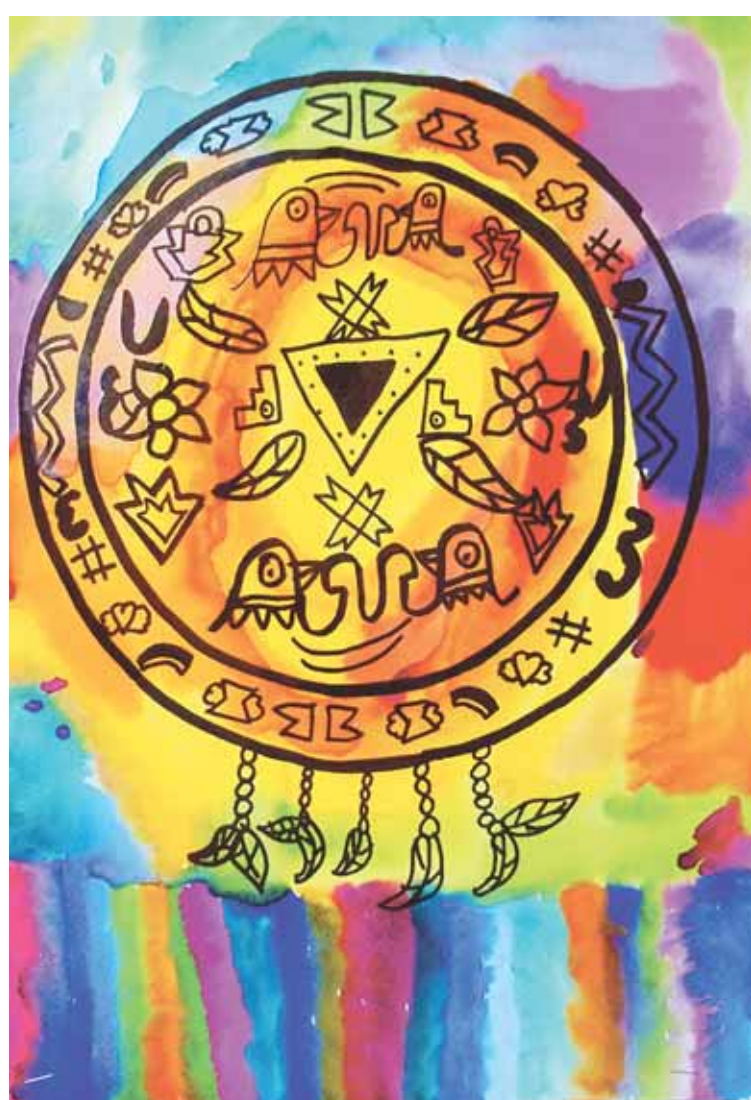


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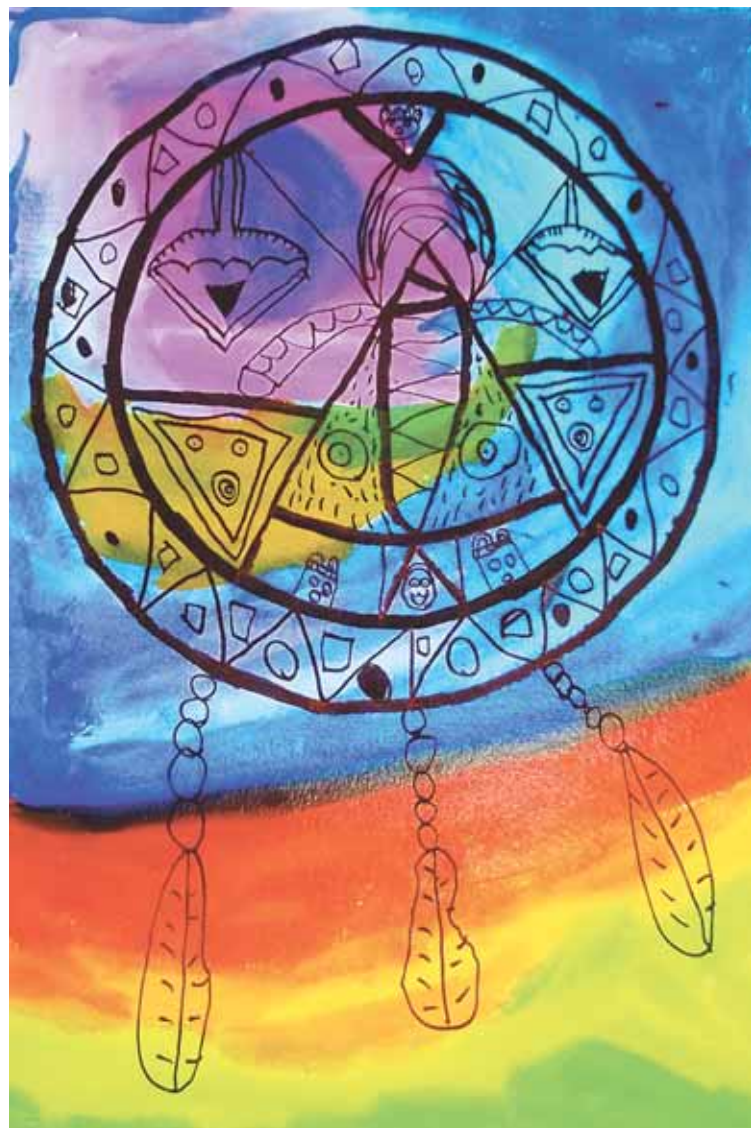
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## Welcome

**D**ear Readers:  
This week, the Burke 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 2015 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 coming year.

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 school pages.

Our preferred method for material is e-mail, 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.

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By Ryan Arnold of Burke



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By Zani Xu, of Fairfax, grade 3, Nysmith School



By Eileen Weisiger, grade 4, Wakefield Forest Elementary School



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# I Am From

I am from the smell of chocolate chip cookies wafting up the stairs,  
From the artsy odor of paint, splattered on the craft table  
I am from the sweet, manly fragrance of Dad's cologne for date night with Mom  
And the woodsy, welcoming smell of my home  
I am from the big green house on RyanLynn Drive,  
And the old shaky swing set in the enormous backyard.  
I am from splashing through the creek in the woods behind the neighborhood,  
And standing on the log, telling stories at our "Super-Secret Sitting Spot"  
I am from racing across the beach with my 15 cousins as the waves crash into our legs  
From games of Sharks and Minnows as we swim in the summer rain  
I am from decorating the little tree with candy..... just for the kids  
And skipping through the house chanting about trees and hyper pigs  
I am from the memory box, labeled with my name, hidden on Shailey's closet shelf,  
And the dozens of photos in the scrap-books in "Mere- Mere's Kitchen"  
I am from "Never do your homework in the kitchen!" and  
"Leave your brother alone!"  
I am from hiking up mountains to the top of the water falls  
And eating gooey brownies, sitting on a fallen tree, legs dangling over the gurgling river  
I am from rolling around on the carpet in the rumble room, braided with a thousand different colors,  
From Great- Grandpa's fancy rocking chair. The one that has gleaming wood and golden threads,  
The one I'm not supposed to touch  
I am from spending Wednesday afternoons at church,  
Singing and playing and praising the Lord  
From eating sloppy barbeque sandwiches in the room with the tall cross,  
Suspended in the air by invisible cords  
I am from Italy and Ireland  
From hot gnocchi's drenched in tomato sauce on Thanksgiving,  
And tender corned beef, on each St. Patrick's Day  
I am from tree climbing and fort building,  
And playing soccer in the grass that sparkles with dew, at the early morning games  
I am from siblings and parents and cousins and family  
I am from the things I love  
And the memories that swirl in my heart

— TAEGAN PRATT,  
GRADE 7, ROBINSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

## Where are you from?

*Teacher Adrienne Forte's creative writing class at Robinson Secondary School wrote poems about family: where they came from, their roots, what makes them and completes them. These poems will warm up your heart.*

I am from the forests and grass fields of Clifton,  
I am from the vast extended family that comes with the Eyob name,  
A bloodline that stretches from the Eritrean nobility to Amharan Generals,  
Born to a doctor and a businessman  
I am from the enticing scents of a hardy Ethiopian breakfast,  
From the powerful smell of fresh pasta for lunch,  
I am from the gooey gold and wonderful fragrance of lasagna for dinner  
I am from the electronic mice and the slick black keyboards,  
I am from the computer games of the 21<sup>st</sup> century,  
Steam games, DotA2, League of Legends galore!  
Surfing the internet, not the cold blue ocean waves  
I am from a brave grandfather, who walked 564.3 miles for a small glimmer of hope,  
Uncertain of his destiny, he worked and worked and worked,  
A peasant farmer to a general and I couldn't be any prouder  
I am from a brave grandmother, who thwarted off sexism and racism,  
A young black African banker working in America,  
Oh what a stir she caused,  
I am from her determination; I am from her thick skin  
I am from the hard work of my bloodline,  
I am from the ideas of the 21<sup>st</sup> century,  
I am from the games of the internet,  
I am from both everything and nothing  
— YAPHET EYOB,  
GRADE 8, ROBINSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

I am from a red shuttered house and pink vibrant bushes  
From the colorful, rusty playground and refreshing lemonade stands  
I'm from the house with grass growing as tall as a tree  
The neighborhood kids playing till it gets dark  
From the early morning church services  
To matching Jamaican dresses with my sister  
I am from the loud weird cousins and funny grandparents  
From the home where music is always playing  
I am from "wakey, wakeys" in the morning  
And "night nights," just as the sun goes down  
I am from the Disney sippy cups  
And scents of fresh warm chicken  
From the long bike rides in the spring  
And hot chocolate in the winter



By Eunsoo Gang, grade 4, Mosby Woods Elementary

The fashion shows every Friday  
To the family stories every Sunday  
I am from the "yellos"  
To the "shut your clappers"  
From the strawberry syrup  
And the Barbie doll skits  
I am from my Webkins collection  
A Winnie the Pooh themed room  
From Mrs. Dianna's daycare  
I am from the exotic paintings on the wall  
The wooden piano downstairs  
I am from the dad who never is without a camera  
Snapping pictures of anything insight  
I am from, "love your neighbor as yourself"  
From the mom who is always smiling  
The sister who loves books  
To apple juice  
And bologna sandwiches  
Underneath my bed  
And in the cabinet above the sink  
Are piles on piles of past days  
Spilling out pictures from "the olden times"  
Each one with a specific memory  
— ZAHRA EDWARDS,  
GRADE 8, ROBINSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

I am from the pine trees that sway day and night  
From a short, curly haired, Peruvian lady  
To the tall El Salvadorian man  
I am from the fresh, bright green grass, with heavy dew  
From the window with barking all day long  
I am from the balcony where BBQ has been a tradition  
From the houses in Trujillo and Lima, Peru.  
To the little white house in Burke  
I am from the rusty, old purple bicycle

in the garage  
From the Beyoncé playing in my brother's room to the pitter patter of three legs.  
From the squawking of a green bird  
To the Cardinal singing its song.  
I am from the boiling pot on the stove to the cake baking in the oven.  
I am from the "Go clean your room!"  
I am from "Angyounghaseyo" to "Como estas?" to "I love you"  
I am from branches that can't be broken,  
An important family tree.  
— ANNIE JIMENEZ,  
GRADE 7, ROBINSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

I come from pine trees and firewood,  
From the West Coast to the East.  
I come from the California orange tree in my grandmother's yard,  
To the beautiful wildflowers of Tennessee.  
"Never throw the first punch, but always throw the last",  
And "Stand up for yourself and others"- says my mother every day,  
She survived breast cancer; pink ribbons surround her,  
As do purple flames of independence.  
From my father, I am an artist.  
Creativity runs through my veins,  
From pencils to paints,  
From music to words.  
I come from "YOLO!"  
And "Never be afraid!"  
To always have courage,  
To always be brave.  
I grew up with "You Are My Sunshine",  
And "My Darling Clementine",  
Then on to "Hey There Delilah",  
All music, that's what I come from,  
Music, Art, and Love.  
— ABBY DEATON,  
GRADE 7, ROBINSON SECONDARY SCHOOL



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By Katie Child, grade 4, Mantua Elementary.

## Define ‘Snow’

BY MEGAN SULLIVAN  
GRADE 8, ROBINSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

They say  
Precipitation  
In the form of  
Ice crystals  
I say  
Pure magic  
I say  
Fresh white blankets  
Waiting for snow angels  
Footprints  
Igloos  
Snowmen  
To dot the blank canvas  
I say  
A child's savior  
School bells ring early  
School bells chime late  
School bells fall silent  
Cheers erupt everywhere

I say  
Barricades and fortresses  
Stockpiles of ammunition  
A wet, cold, laughing face  
Revenge  
In the form of  
Snowballs  
I say  
Bright purple toboggans  
Madly tugging yellow strings  
Shouting- Wait! How do you steer?  
Unexpected icy ramps  
A glorious airborne second  
Crashing back to earth  
Screams of victory  
Trudging back up the hill  
They say  
Precipitation  
In the form of  
Ice crystals  
I say  
They need  
New dictionary writers.



By Sarayu Soma, grade 6

EAGLE VIEW  
ART GALLERY



By Daniella Contreras, grade 6



By Justin Yi, grade 1



By Catherine Gordon,  
grade 4



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# Giving 'Thanks'

*Mrs. Zavaleta's fourth graders at Cherry Run Elementary write about things that make them think "Thanks!" or times when they were "Giving."*

I give hugs to everyone. I hug my friends Jason and Jack. I hug my teacher Mrs. Manikas. I hug Ms. Adams the Assistant Principal. People like my hugs so much that they give me a hug back. I give hugs.  
— MICHAEL GRUNDY

In August my friend Leah had a birthday. Her mom gave me some tokens. There was another friend of mine called Jade. Every game she lost so I gave a prize that I won at the prize box. She was so happy and I was happy too.  
— ANGELIA DEJESUS

Whenever I'm with my cousin Allie, my aunt leans over to me and whispers in my ear, "you're a great cousin."  
— SHELBY GILLILAND

Mr. Squeaks is my guinea pig. I feed him, squeakersize him (exercise him). I am also responsible for cleaning his cage. That's a big and messy job. He runs around when I'm trying to clean it. My dad says, "thank you for cleaning his cage."  
— BRADY McDONALD

My cat loves when I always wash her flowery purple and white fuzzy blanket before she goes to sleep. She likes it because when she sleeps, her blanket is warm and she does not have to breathe in her own fur. I know she likes it cause when she lays down, she meows then rubs her head on my leg.  
— JOSEY WHITAKER

I am thankful for my family because I know when I am scared, they are there with me. When they are not, I just imagine they are there with me.  
— LUKE PETER

When I go to Mr. Herz' and ride and groom his horses, I always have fun while he watches me. He is always kind and he never says no. He has 20 horses and I get to play with every single one! It makes me really happy. The best part is when I get to braid their manes.  
— JULIA HUGHES

I used to live in an all downstairs house in Florida. When I heard that we were moving to a newer house, I was excited. So many possibilities. So many features. I was so thankful at that time. When I got to the new house, it was just how I expected. We finally had two floors and even a pool. I thanked my parents so much and said, "good things are about to happen."  
— MATTHEW NEWTON



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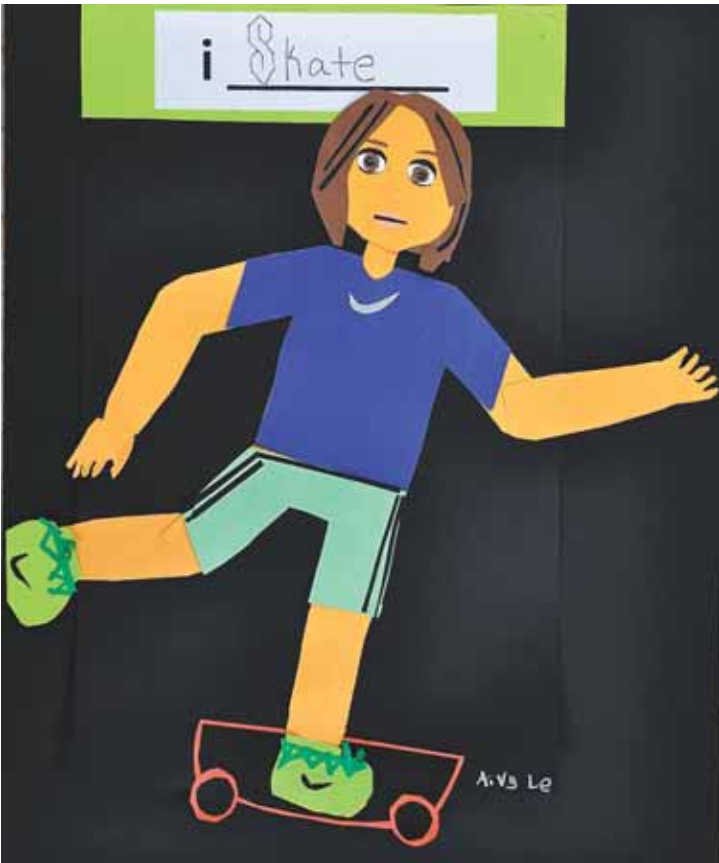
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By Aditi Venkataraman, grade 1



By Aniya  
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Morrow,  
grade 6,  
Eagle View  
Elementary



By Ai Vy Le, grade 6



By Ava Dunn, grade 4



By Trinity So, grade 3



By Celeste Lucado, grade 1



By Elizabeth Jo, grade 6



By Dillon Brody, grade 5

LAUREL RIDGE ART GALLERY



By Benny  
Glassman,  
grade 6



By Megan Smith, grade 6



By Fiona Murphy, grade 5



By Tommy Rustia, grade 6

## Truth About Alarm Clocks

By JESSICA HONG  
GRADE 9/FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL

All of us despise alarm clocks,  
It's just not fair,  
Why do they sound like goose flocks  
Being the first to greet us in the morn-  
ing air?  
Why do alarm clocks even exist?  
There is only one useful function:  
The snooze button we all smash with  
our fist,

Then, we can go back to our sweet  
imagination.  
All alarm clocks do is annoy.  
Waking up has become a chore,  
No one will wake up with joy,  
For it is alarm clocks we have chosen  
to ignore.

## Promise to Ourselves

By JESSICA HONG  
GRADE 9/FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL

Are we ready to act while...  
The Seasons change?  
The rain drops fall and the flowers  
sprout,  
The temperature goes up without a  
doubt?  
While the leaves flutter to the ground,  
And the snow piles up a mound?  
Yes, we are,  
To enjoy and cherish nature.  
Are we ready to act while...  
The Times go by?  
The years rush fast,  
And our hearts forget the past?  
While new memories are made,  
And old ones start to fade?  
Yes, we are,  
To remember memories of our life.

Are we ready to act while...  
The Opportunities are available?  
Even when decisions are hard to make,  
And one ponders all night, awake.  
Trying to select the option of competi-  
tion,  
But hesitating because friends are on  
the same mission?  
Yes, we are.  
To step up and seize the opportunity.  
Are we ready to act while...  
The World suffers?  
Saving the environment,  
Remembering that we are coexistent.  
Cleaning up after ourselves,  
Energetically recycling everything on  
shelves.  
Yes, we are,  
To save and conserve the world we love.



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MOSBY WOODS ELEMENTARY



By Kiana Johnson, grade 6

## REFLECTIONS

### A Good Friend

What makes you a good friend: a helper, a listener, a person who has things in common with you, and someone to share with. A friend will be there for you when you have a bad day. He or she will cheer you up. If something was wrong, a friend would listen. If you're going to the clinic, a friend would take you to the clinic and back. If a person hurt your friend's feelings you would take your friend to play games that means you are a true friend. All of the above makes you a good friend.

— ANTHONY AMAYA,  
GRADE 4

### Winter

A snowflake hits the ground, without a single sound  
Another floats through the air, without a single care  
Yet another flies from the skies and lands on the ground  
I roll around, on the fluffy white ground  
One drifts in midair, then neither here nor there  
I'm aware that winter is in the air.

— PAUL DUGGAR,  
GRADE 4



By Jenna Do, grade 5



By Namkhang Dao, grade 6

### When I Grow Up...

Mosby Woods Elementary School's third graders write about what they want to be when they grow up.

When I grow up I want to be a surgeon. My first reason why I want to be a surgeon is I want to learn more about surgery. Secondly is I want to get cool gear and a cool mask. My third reason is that I want to save so many peoples lives. My fourth reason is that I want to study hard to become a great surgeon. Lastly is I want to help people and make them feel better. I can't wait to grow up and become a great surgeon.

— JULIANA MENDOZA

Since my first Robotics class in second grade, I have wanted to be a scientist. It is always so cool to discover things and invent new gadgets. And I thought that having a lab would be so awesome! Working with gears, axles and programming is one of my most favorite things to do. I'm into all of it! I have kits that help me learn the use of gears and programming. Many times when there is a problem, I think of inventing something new that can solve the problem.

— ANIKA SARAF

When I grow up, I want to be a third grade teacher like Mrs. Hockenbury because I want to pass down what I have learned to other children. I also want to be a third grade teacher because it is nice to have children around and children bring joy. As a teacher, I would give them as much time as they need to work and I would be really nice to them. I would make learning fun!

— HAMSINI RANGARAJAN

When I grow up I have a number of things I want to do. I would like to go to Virginia Tech and become an engineer. During the summer I want to be a zookeeper and take care of the giraffes. When I'm like 30 I will quit engineering and become a submariner. I want a huge submarine and I want to see lots of seahorses. Finally when I'm old I will be a Breyer's ice cream taste tester.

— SERENE SALHAB



By Aidan Harbison, grade 6



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By Minn Jun, grade 1, Greenbriar East Elementary



By Erin Nolasco, grade 5, Greenbriar East Elementary



By Megan Molloy, grade 6, Greenbriar East El

### My Favorite Toy

My favorite toy is a bear. I got him for Christmas from my dad. My dog sometimes bites my bear. My bear is humongous. My bear is white. I love my teddy bear because my dad and mom gave me it. My bear's name is Beary. My big sisters have a bear too. I sleep with him every night.

My bear wears a shirt. I made his shirt. My bear never wears another shirt. My bear's favorite food is pretzels. I got my bear when I was 4 years old. My bear does not have teeth.

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By Kevin, kindergarten, Providence Elementary



By Kinsley H., grade 2, Providence Elementary



By Ibrahim E., grade 6, Providence Elementary

## Trash

Trash  
Getting tossed out  
Into an empty bin  
Like a black hole  
There is no turning back  
Like an outcast  
Shunned by many  
There is no greeting  
It suffers  
Alone  
Rain  
A touch of blessing  
For all the flowers  
A source of life  
From the gracious sky

BY HANSAE KWON  
GRADE 11, WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL

The pouring ceases  
Droplets on the leaves  
In one warm,  
Breezy morning  
Calendar  
Oh how I wish  
You were never there  
To count the days  
To remind me  
Of all the test days  
I look at you  
With hope  
Wishing this year would end  
A little sooner

## How Frosty Saved Iceville

### Christmas Eve:

It was a beautiful sight as dusk fell over the village of Iceville. All the snowpeople were up and about, unaware that the sun was watching them closely. As they all went to sleep, the snowchildren wondering what Santa got them, the sun slowly drifted ever so closer to the village. The rustling he made was so conspicuous that it had awoken all the little snowchildren. Now the whole village had awoken, and was wondering, “who could that be?” As they got out of their snowbeds and went out their doors, the carrots on their faces nearly fell off. Everyone was so very frightened, they all went back inside. But one very brave snowchild had not gone inside. He heard shouts of “come in!” and “take cover kid!” but he did not back down. “Go in kid” growled the sun. “Get lost!”  
“Never!” yelled the snowchild as he tried to climb his house. His plan was pathetic, to try to jump onto the sun from his roof to freeze him. But it might just

work. As he jumped off his roof, he yelled “Geronimo!” and the sun just laughed. As he made contact with the sun though, he saw a small snowflake form on the sun, expanding to the word “Frosty”, and that expanded into a sheet of ice covering the sun, as the sun retreated back to the sky.

### Christmas:

The next day, there was a parade for the snowchild on the streets of Iceville. His new nickname was “Frosty”, so they all yelled “Three cheers for Frosty!”  
“Hip Hip Hooray!”  
“Hip Hip Hooray!”  
“Hip Hip Hooray!”  
And the village of Iceville lived happily ever after.

### THE END

— SEAN KASTANTIN,  
GRADE 4, OAK VIEW ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL



By Ejun Kim, Grade 8,  
Westminster School



By Ejun Kim, Grade 8,  
Westminster School



# CHILDREN'S CONNECTION

## REFLECTIONS

### Surprise

When Illie and Carlo went trick-or-treating a man popped out from a tree. Illie's teeth started to clatter. Carlo started to cry and wail. Illie's parents shouted at the man. Then everyone laughed because Grandpa had surprised them. It was grandpa who was behind the tree. "Rattle" went the kids' bags as they were laughing.

— EMILY MONAHAN,  
GRADE 3, CHERRY RUN ELEMENTARY

### What Makes a Good Friend

If you are new to a school the first thing you need is a good friend. I have had a best friend since second grade. It all started in PE. We were jogging and I asked him who his friends were. He said I was and another boy. I said okay and jogged off. We are still good friends.

— KALEB BLAYLOCK,  
GRADE 3, CHERRY RUN ELEMENTARY

If you get hurt a good friend asks you if you're okay. If you ask to play he says yes. He lets you go first in a game and he is always nice.

— NOAH GIDEON,  
GRADE 3, CHERRY RUN ELEMENTARY

### The Best Thing

The best thing that has happened to me is earning State Ambassador. I represent the state of Virginia. When I first knew I was chosen I was so happy. I got a sash and a crown. I'll treasure it forever.

— ARIEL RUSSELL,  
GRADE 3, CHERRY RUN ELEMENTARY

### How Would I Change School?

The one thing I would change about school is to make specials longer. We all would get better at PE, Music, FLES, and Art. We could get better jobs like gym teacher, art teacher, translator, and music teacher.

— CLAIRE COPES,  
GRADE 3, CHERRY RUN ELEMENTARY

### When I Grow Up

When I get older I want to be a catcher for the



By Amaya Campbell, Grade 2, Mantua Elementary.

Nationals. After Little League I plan to play for Lake Braddock High School. I hope to get to play for a college team, maybe get a scholarship to a really big name school. Then if I am a good enough college player, I want to try out for the P-Nats, the farm team for the Nationals. The nice thing about being a catcher is there are fewer people that want to be a catcher; most want to be pitchers. I hope my dream can come true!

— TYLER KIMBLE,  
GRADE 4, CHERRY RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

When I grow up I want to be a marine biologist. I want to be a marine biologist because I want to take care of turtles at the aquarium. Turtles are my favorite animal of all. I have been fascinated by turtles since I was a little boy. I really like the turtle in Finding Nemo. His name is Squirt. Being a marine biologist is an awesome job.

— GRAYSON TAYLOR,  
GRADE 4, CHERRY RUN ELEMENTARY

### The Worst Thing That Ever Happened to Me

The worst thing that ever happened to me was when I broke my finger. I was at the gym with my friend, and my hand hit the ground. I couldn't feel anything, so my mom took me to the doctor. She said to rest my hand, but the next day my hand was still hurting, so I got a couple of x-rays and found out my finger was fractured! I was scared to get a cast, but I got to choose a RED, WHITE, and BLUE one. I couldn't do sports for two weeks or even go outside! It was awful.

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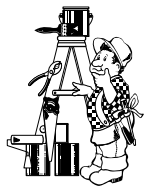
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c Fleger. He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years Mary  
K. Fleger and children, Kathleen Mary Tracy and her  
husband Patrick of Pittsburgh, PA, Dwayne Edward Fleger  
and his wife Marti of Reston, VA and Stephen Anthony  
Fleger and his wife Melanie of Herndon, VA. There are nine  
grandchildren, Patrick Tracy, Christopher Tracy, Timothy  
Tracy, Cassie Jackson, Kirstie Fleger, Kalla Fleger,  
Katherine Fleger, Andrew Fleger, Jordan Fleger, and four  
great-grandchildren, Madison Fleger, Lilliane Fleger, Andrew  
Fleger, Jr., and Evelyn Fleger.

His family moved to Washington, DC in 1940 when his father  
was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. During  
that tenure, Don attended Capital Page School where he  
served two years as a Page in the US House.. He attended  
University of VA and was a 1955 graduate of the George-  
town University School of Dentistry. He then served as a  
dentist in the US Army for two years as a Captain while  
stationed at Fort Meade, MD. Following his discharge, he  
moved his family to Virginia and opened a dental practice.  
After 30 years he retired to Ocean Pines in 1988. There he  
served as an active member of the Environmental Control  
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Donald was an affectionate husband and caring father who  
adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren. In his  
spare time he enjoyed boating, wood working, model building  
and watching the Washington Redskins. Above all, he will be  
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### OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



By Dave, grade 3

## Desire

BY EMILY S.,  
GRADE 7

The aching desires of the few,  
include the necessities for me and you,  
but the vast majority want the new,  
they want the luxury and they lust,  
because they must,  
they need the future in the past,  
they need products that must last,  
for as long as they want them to.

What happened to this world, what must  
we do?

release the greed,  
make a creed,  
and find the greatness in giving and not  
wanting,  
loving not taunting,  
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By Luke, grade 7



By Trudy, grade 8

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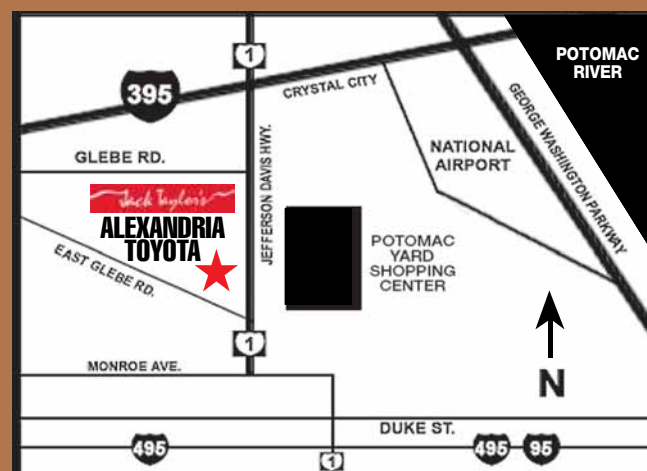


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**BUY 3 TIRES AND GET 4TH FOR**



**\$1.00**



**& GET A 4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT FOR \$39.95**

GOT TIRES? NO CHARGE ROAD HAZARD PROTECTION, TIRE WARRANTY, AND FREE COURTESY  
MULTI-POINT INSPECTION. SEE SERVICE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS.  
NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 1/31/15. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP.  
VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

**PRICE  
MATCH  
GUARANTEE**  
ON ANY  
OEM TIRES

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE  
**4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT**



**\$89.95**

Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.

**INCLUDES:** Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.

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**TRUE START  
BATTERY SPECIAL**



**\$139.95**

**INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION**

**Includes:** 84 month warranty, 24 month FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside assistance, 60 month prorated, PLUS we'll check all battery cables & connections.

Does not apply to hybrid batteries.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE  
**WINTER DETAIL SPECIAL**

**\$119.95**

Prepare your car's paint for the harsh winter road conditions. A full exterior buffing, paint sealant and wax, along with a vacuuming of the interior. Vans & SUVs add \$20.00.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE  
**5K, 10K, 20K, 25K, 35K  
MILE MINOR FACTORY  
RECOMMENDED  
MAINTENANCE SERVICE**

**\$54.95**

SYNTHETIC OIL ADDITIONAL \$10.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE  
**BRAKE SPECIAL**

**\$79.95**

**PADS**

**Includes:** Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. TCMC pads only.

**MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.**

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**DETAIL SPECIALS**

**\$39.95**

**Wash & Vacuum**

**\$139.95**

**Hand wash, wax & interior cleaning**

**\$295.95**

**Full premium detail**

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GENUINE TOYOTA  
**15% OFF**

**WIPER INSERTS  
& WIPER BLADES**

SOME MODELS HIGHER.  
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GOOD THRU 1/31/15. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF PURCHASE. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA PARTS CENTER ONLY.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE  
**WINTERIZATION SPECIAL**

**\$59.95**

**Includes:** Drain and fill radiator with genuine Toyota anti-freeze inspect belts hoses and water pump. Lifetime anti-freeze \$10 more.

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**WE WILL  
MEET OR BEAT  
ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S  
CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE  
SPECIALS**

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE  
**NITROFILL SPECIAL**

**\$39.95**

**We will purge the tires of air and refill them with nitrogen.**

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE  
**EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR VEHICLE!  
BG FLUID EXCHANGE SPECIAL**

**TRANSMISSION FLUSH**

**\$189.95**

**POWER STEERING FLUSH**

**\$139.95**

**BRAKE FLUSH**

**\$139.95**

**FUEL INDUCTION FLUSH**

**\$139.95**

**FOR TRANSMISSION FLUSH, TYPE T OR WS FLUID ADD \$50.00**

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