

Children's Centre View 2015



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CENTRE VIEW

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CHILDREN'S CENTRE VIEW

Welcome

Dear Readers:

This week, the Centre View 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. Because of the response, we will continue to publish more artwork and writings throughout January.

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 2016 calendars for early December, the deadline for submissions for next year's Children's Centre View. 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 Centre View 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 e-mail, which should be sent to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com, but you can reach us by mail at 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314 or call 703-778-9415 with any questions.

— EDITOR STEVEN MAUREN

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Mamadou Sylla, grade 3



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Younique Brown, grade 4



Claire Kang, grade 2



John Raymundo, grade 1

CENTRE RIDGE ELEMENTARY



Allison Zimmerman, grade 6



Sofia Akbary, grade 6

Homework

I am your worst nightmare
I take away your playtime
I take away your time with friends
I make you smart in a time-taking way
It is me
I have arrived...
HOMEWORK!!!

-DANIEL YOO, 7, GRADE 2



Lauren Kim, grade 4



Emma Monihan, grade 2



Hailey Kim, grade 5



Rahul Raheia, grade 2

DEER PARK ELEMENTARY



Arlett Vazquez, grade 5



Charlotte Fox, grade 5



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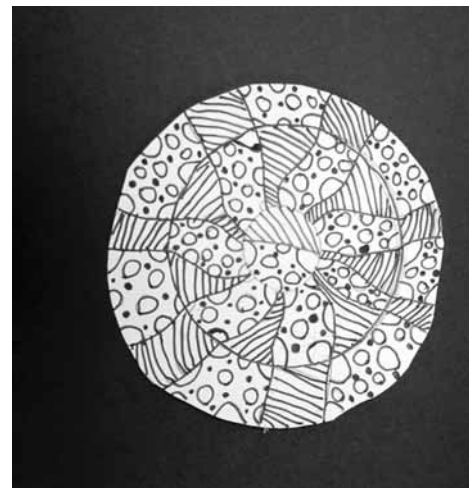
Irene Jeong, kindergarten



Jonathan Coffey, kindergarten



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Layla Lietzan, grade 5



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Sitwat Mian, grade 3



Bailey Jovanelly, grade 6



Logan Snyder, grade 6



Megan Berg, grade 6



Naomi Tekola, grade 6

DEER PARK ELEMENTARY

Video Game Class

I think that video game class should be added to school because we have Minecraft Club. So why not have some more video games? We can have learning games, too, like calculator games and we can make our own learning games. We can have an arcade, but we should have tickets to get in. To get the tickets you have to be good and quiet. In the arcade you can get toys with your tickets like Frisbees, prank toys, and lots of stuff like stuffed animals. The stuffed animals would be bees, fish, dolphins, penguins, frogs, flies, butterflies, horses, and mice. That's why I think that video game class should be in school.

— EMILY JOHNSON, GRADE 3

Shark Facts

Sharks help our ecosystem. People kill sharks every year. Sharks are scared of humans now. Sharks are going to be endangered if we keep killing them. Sharks have more than one layer of teeth if they fall out. Sharks are carnivores. Sharks have no bones. Sharks bodies are made of cartilage. Sharks kill 19 people every year in the United States. Sharks are interesting creatures.

— CHRIS GUZMAN, GRADE 3

One Thing I Would Change About School

One thing I would change about school is homework because it takes too long. School is for learning. Home is for playing. We already learn in school, not at home. We learn all the stuff and worksheets in school so why do it at home when we already know it? Instead, we could be playing with friends, but we are stuck inside doing worksheets. School is already boring enough. Homework will make it more boring.

— MATT SPAULDING, GRADE 3



Thomas
Brescia,
grade 3

What I Want To Be When I Grow Up

I want to be a Marine because I want to be a hero. My mom and my dad do not want me to leave. My dad says he does not want me to die. My mom says she will miss me. I think it will be cool.

— WAYLON ALLMAN, GRADE 3

When I Lost My Tooth

When I was seven, my tooth was wiggly and I tried my best to take it out, but it hurt. I wanted to take it out, but every time I pulled it, it made it worse. So I told my brother to take my tooth out, but he couldn't do it. So I had no choice but to tell my dad about my tooth. When he pulled it, it hurt, but he couldn't do it and I was happy because I thought it would hurt too much. Eventually, after a few days it fell out by itself.

— WELLED AHMED, GRADE 3

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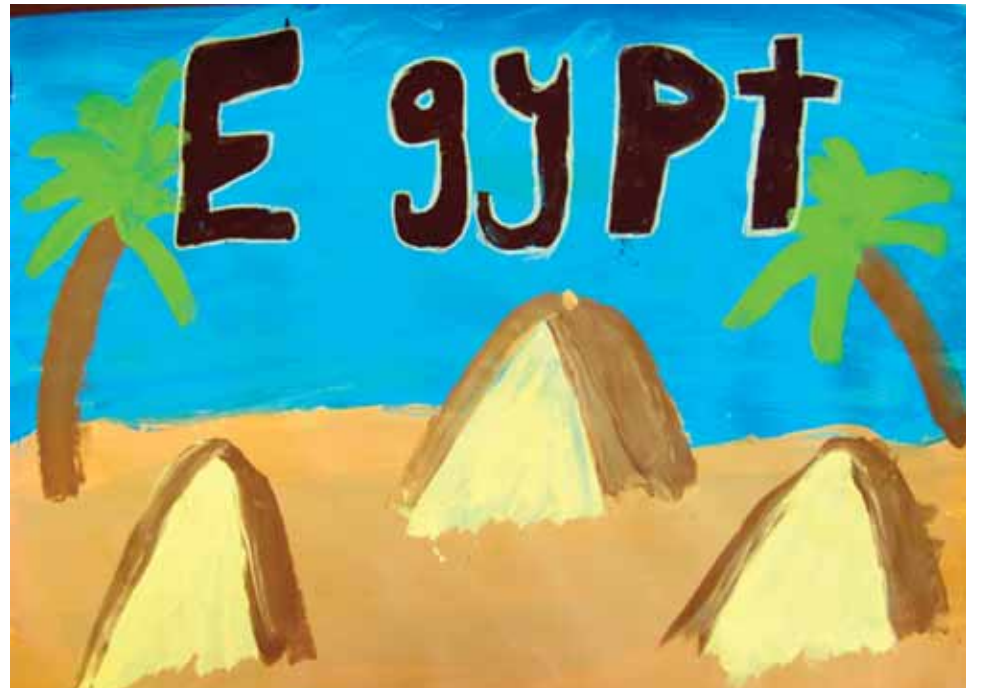
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Lucius Peterson, grade 2



Keira Johnson, kindergarten



Hudson Cook, kindergarten



Betzaira Castaneda-Cortes, grade 5



Tess Davenport, grade 5



Jordy Cortes-Salinas, grade 5

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Fall

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— SACHIN HOSMANE, 11, GRADE 6

Sachin Hosmane, 11, grade 6

You Are

You are selfless and you are kind
You are the warriors that give for your family
and the people of this country
You are the protectors of this country
You are strong and brave nothing can take away
your courage
You are the loyal people who stay true to their
country
You are a veteran

You are **V**ibrant
You are **E**ndearing
You are **T**ruthful
You are an **E**ndeavor
You are **R**ighteous
You are **A**mazing
You are **N**obel
You are a veteran.

— ELEANOR SAGER, GRADE 5

No Tests for Students

Question: What is one thing that you would change about school?

If I were to change a thing about the school, I would change a policy to say no tests for the students. I mean why TESTS! We children need a break. Most of the time, we get small amount of sleep and spend most of our time studying. We need a chance to have family time and to get some sleep! I think most of the students in Colin Powell would agree with me. Some parents get stressed out because their children are staying up ‘til midnight or longer studying. Our teachers shouldn’t have any right to stress the students by giving tests. How happy do you think we would be? We would be so happy that we would be jumping for joy if we don’t take tests ever.

— VICTORIA KIM, 11, GRADE 6

Worst Day Ever

I woke up. I overslept! I walk to the bathroom as slow as a snail. I was sluggish walking on the chilly ground. I decide to make some cereal. The sound of milk pouring and cereal bouncing around. I taste the delightful cereal. The sound of milk pouring and the cereal bouncing around. I taste the delightful cereal, but then spill all the cereal.

The freezing cold milk makes me shiver. I walk over to the kitchen to get paper towels. I trip and I feel the piercing pain on my body. I just give up and go sleep.

— TELUGEN SANSARGERELTEKH, 11, GRADE 6

My Opinion About Video Games

I think that all video games are fun and exciting! Video games are the most exciting to do for entertainment of any kind. I love video games because I get to do things that you could not do in real life, like driving a car into a shark tank or fly a helicopter into a building. I can do a lot of different things in video games. That is why I like to play video games.

— JAKE HYUNGKYU CHOI, 11, GRADE 6



Carolyn Chen, 9 grade 4



Tyler Wu, 10

Batman



Batman by Padmesh Elango, 9, grade 3

My Opinion On Sports!

Sports are a wonderful activity for everybody because they let you get exercise while still having fun. If you’re not having fun, what’s the point? While having fun is important, exercise is just as important. Many kids these days aren’t as physically fit as they used to be because they are playing on their devices instead of playing sports. It’s also great because it builds teamwork and teamwork shows kids not everything can be done alone, you have to incorporate everyone’s ideas. Instead of playing a videogame, go and play a sport!

— MADDIE FOWLER, 11, GRADE 6

What Makes A Good Friend?

When you make a new friend, it’s always exciting. But what makes the separation from a good friend and a bad friend?

First, you need to see what they do. If they are part of a naughty group you might want to leave them alone. Next, the actions. If they do stuff you don’t want to, that’s also a problem. Although you might think that every friend is nice, sometimes they aren’t. That doesn’t mean you can’t, though! If you want to find a friend, find someone who is nice and caring. It’s not hard!

— ZACHARY CHAE, 11, GRADE 6

What is the Greatest Gift I Have Ever Received?

The best gift I ever received was love. I have received many toys like video games, toys, and books but love is my favorite gift of all. Love is just as good as any toy in the world. You can give love and make a person’s day. I receive love every day from my family, teachers, and friends. The smallest thing you do can make a person’s day. Their happiness brings happiness to me. Without love, the world would be a different place. Love is the greatest gift I can give and receive.

— DREW KIM, 11, GRADE 6

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You are our protection, our shield, our undefeated defense,
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The people with experience and hardship untold.
the agile, the streetwise, the witty, the kind,
people like you are difficult to find.

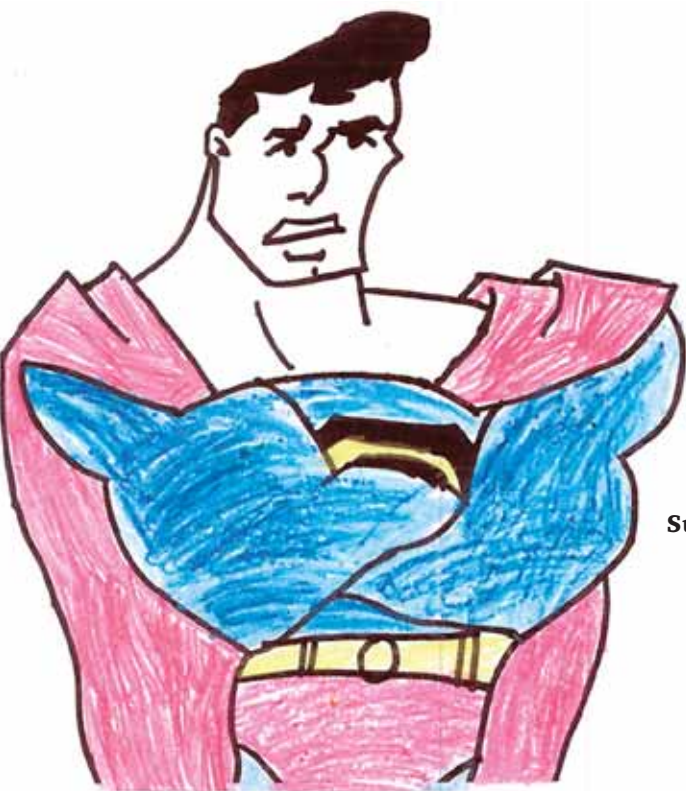
You are the invisible, the clever, the ambitious, the sly,
your skill on the battlefield is one of a kind,
The swift, the soaring, the skillful, the strong.
Your brilliance and wonder will last ever long.

You are the selfless, the hopeful, the friendly, the humble,
You speak loud your opinion, you don't want to mumble.
The thoughtful, the caring, the compassionate, the bonded,
You all are together, and never unwanted.

You are the smart, the practical, the creative, the civil,
you make a big impact with just a flick or a swivel.
the planners, the wondrous, the curious, the bright,
your trust and great kindness is a wondrous sight.

You are the fighters, the dreamers, the hopeful, the grievors,
The protectors, the unity, the bonded, the believers.
Your family, your friends, you protect them from harm,
you see a problem and you take it by storm.

— GRACE DE LA CRUZ, GRADE 5



Superman by Padmesh Elango, 9, grade 3



Ultron by Padmesh Elango, 9, grade 3



E.C.Lawrence Park by Alexander Yu, 7, grade 2



Subzero by Padmesh Elango, 9, grade 3



Superhero by Padmesh Elango, 9, grade 3



Three Little Pigs by Alexander Yu, 7, grade 2

The Best Day of My Life!

On June 6, 2015, my dad was dropping me off at school and he told me he might not pick me up. He told me my friend's mom would. I went to school. When the school was over, I hoped my dad would pick me up but it was the opposite. I asked my friend's mom why did you pick me up? She said my mom has got a baby! Me and my friend were so excited. We went to my friend's home. We played board games and we ate pizza to celebrate. Then they dropped me at the hospital to see the baby and my mom and dad. My bro did not have a name. He was really cute. My mom asked me if I want to go my aunt's house or my house. I went to our house. I was tardy to school the next day.

— RAGHAV KASI, 7, GRADE 2

Untitled

I would give my parents a handmade gift from my brother and I. I would give them this because there is nothing more special than something made from your heart and given to a loved one. I would also give them a picture of our family together smiling and laughing. The last thing I would give them is a book I wrote with my friends.

— QUYNH CHI NGUYEN, 12, GRADE 6



Scorpion by Padmesh Elango, 9, grade 3

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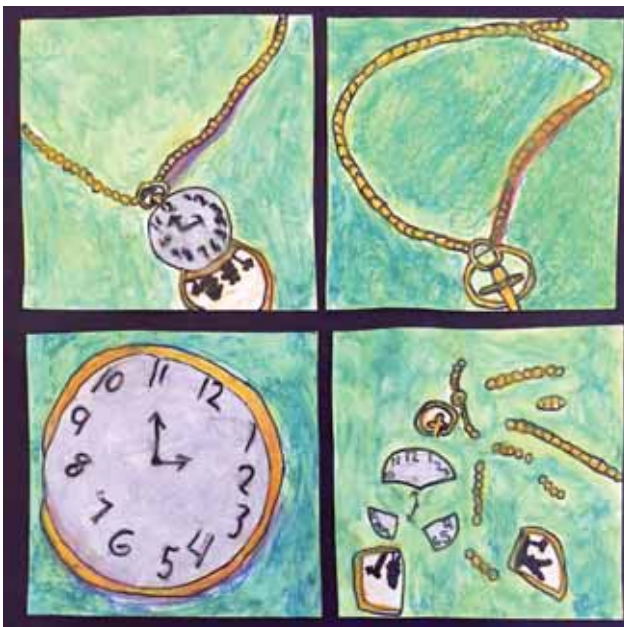
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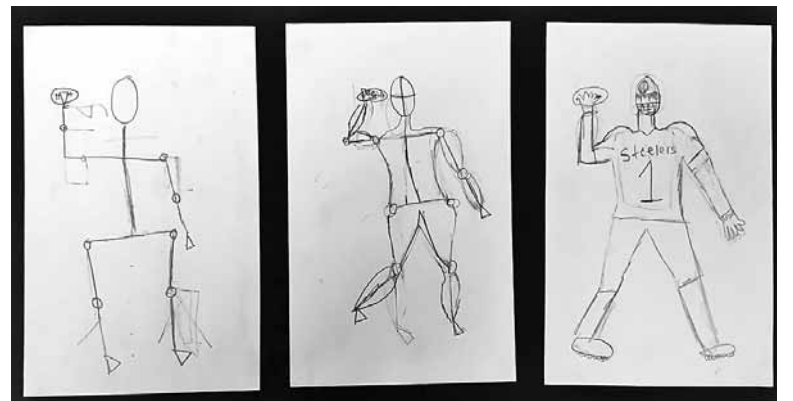
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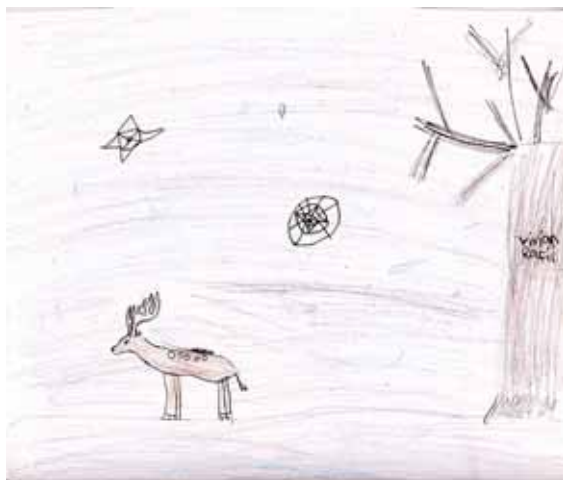
Lauren P., grade 5

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These members of Troop 2731 are Cub Run Elementary students in grade 4 and reside in Centreville.



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Flavio Silva, grade 4 — Virginia Region



Alisa Calabro, grade 4 — Virginia Region



Ynes Alvarez Rapp, grade 2 — A Field of Pumpkins



Kaysy Urbina-Flores, grade 2 — A Portrait of my Friends



Samantha Evans, grade 1 — My Family Pet



Jonah Dissinger, grade 1 — My Family Pet



SuhJin Yun, grade 6 — Lino-cut self-portrait



Alyssa Staton, kindergarten — Self-portrait



Carter Norris, kindergarten — Self-portrait



Jennifer Kwak, grade 2 — A Portrait of my Friends



Kayla Bonano, grade 6 — Lino-cut self-portrait



Aundrea Turner, grade 3



Claire Marshall, grade 6



Berian Avelar Ramos, grade 5



George Sosa-Hernandez, grade 6 — Lino-cut self-portrait

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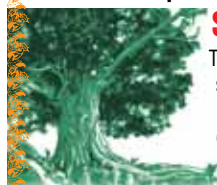
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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF CLIFTON
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL USE PERMIT
PUBLIC HEARING OF TOWN OF
CLIFTON TOWN COUNCIL**

JANUARY 5, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124 to consider the amendment of the special use permit of the Clifton Café, located at 7144 Main Street, to include an expansion of the use, including, but not limited to, the increase in number of seats, inside and outside; an increase in parking onsite; expansion of the hours of operation; increase in employees. The application for the proposed amendment to the Clifton Café's special use permit is available for review and downloading on the Town's website at www.clifton-va.com and a hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend and express their views with respect to the requested amendment to the Clifton Café's special use permit.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF CLIFTON
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWN CODE**

JANUARY 5, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Town Council and the Town of Clifton Planning Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at the Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124, directly after the special use permit hearing at 7:30 P.M. to review and implement proposed changes to the fee schedule for use permit applications and other items pertaining to the administration of use permit applications in the Town Code Section 9-10 c. The proposed changes are available for review and downloading on the Town's website at www.clifton-va.com and a hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend and express their views with respect to the proposed changes to Clifton's Town Code.

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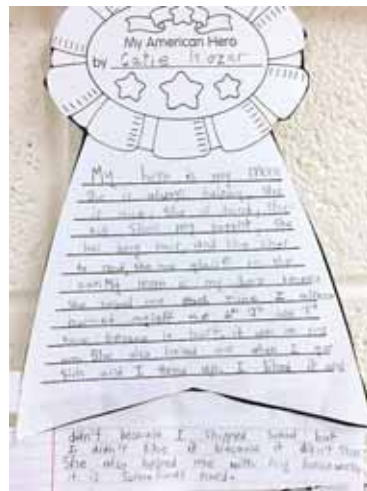
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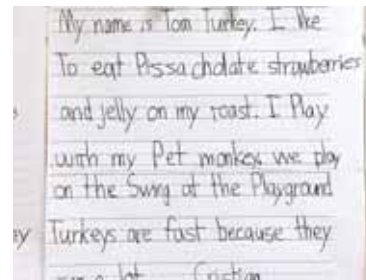
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Aisha Baccouche, grade 3



Catie Kozar, 8, grade 2



Christian Silva-Morales, 7, grade 2



Nicole Bailey, grade 5



Gavin Abernathy, 8, grade 2



Hassib Karmand, 7, grade 2



Helen Choe, grade 5



Rachel Choo, grade 6



Shanze Vasquez Rubini, grade 1



Isabella Paz, 6, Kindergarten



Isabelle Lee and Gloria Ren, grade 6



Jessica Verbeland, Parker Gonzaga and Justin Park, grade 6



Lola Suentes Crock, grade 6



Joyce Lee, grade 5



Nicholas Nguyen, 7, grade 2



Liam Carey, grade 6



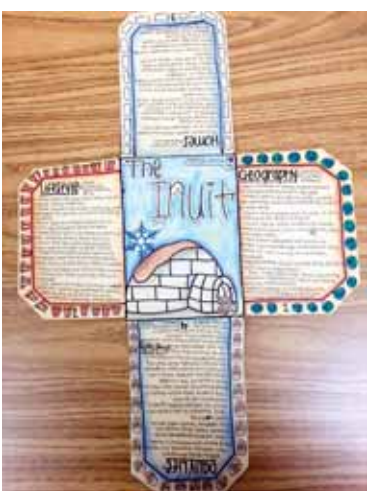
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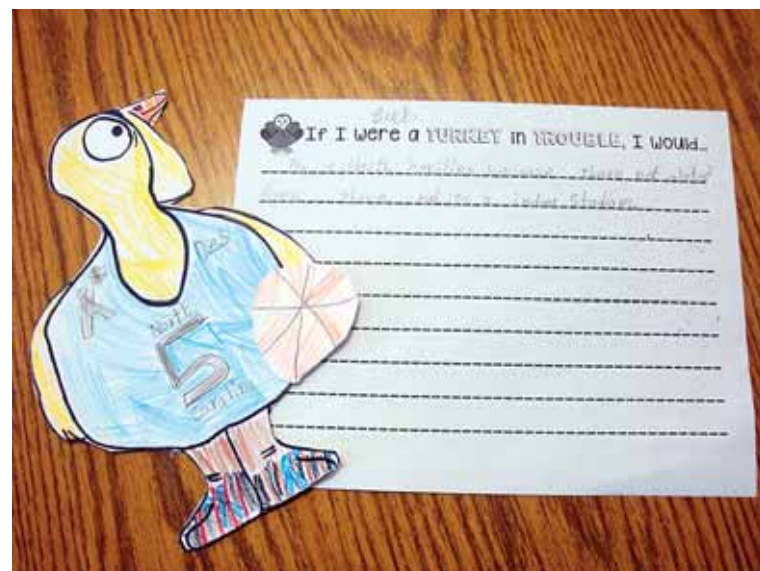
Lia McIlwain, 7, grade 2



Jaiden Nguyen-Tran, grade 5



Manal Imtiaz, 11, grade 6



Luke Scharkowski, grade 3



Lotus Detering, grade 6



Nicholas Solomon, 6, Kindergarten

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Sports: Are some worth the risk?

This is a debate that has gone for years. Are some sports worth the big paycheck? In the 150+ years baseball has been played, only one man has died from being hit by a pitched ball. Ray Chapman died when there were no helmets and several illegal pitches were being used, including the spitball, the pitch that killed Chapman. Now brain disease and paralysis are common side effects to a long career in football. In recent a study by Boston University, 87 of 91 former NFL players have brain disease. Should you risk it?

Sam Marco, grade 6

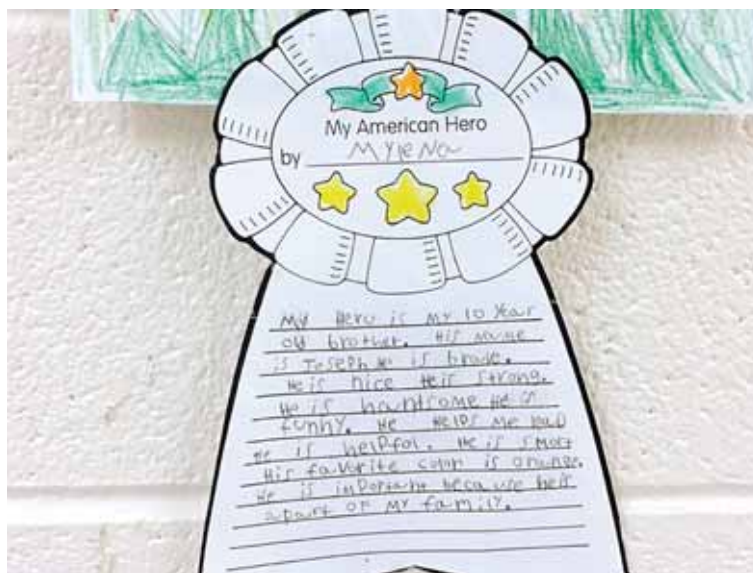
What makes a good friend?

By: Hiya Barai

"A true friend walks in when the rest of the world walks out" -Unknown

Friendship is hard to explain. It can be human nature. A true friend doesn't care what you're like. They don't care if you're rich or smart, or poor. A true friend should care about you. A true friend is with you even when the going gets tough. A true friend celebrates your success even if it means their defeat. A true friend stands by you and is honest with you no matter what. That is a true friend.

Hiya Barai, grade 6



Mylena Costa, 7, grade 2



Noah Katzen, 8, grade 2



Cyrus Lotz, 7, grade 2

Perfect Present

I would give a gift to Angelena. She is my best, best friend. I would take her to Burger King because I like going out of the house.

— OWEN YESUKAITIS, 6

I would give a gift to Michelle. She is a great friend. I would give her an American Girl doll because she really wants one and it costs a lot of money.

— SONYA KARA MURZA, 6

I would give a gift to Noah M. He is

my best friend ever. I would give him a Lego book because he said he wants one.

— JOSHUA KALIN, 7

I would give a gift to Brady. He is my BFF so much. I would give him a friend because people like that.

— ANGELENA COX, 6

I would give a gift to Sonya. She is my friend and she is nice. I would take her to a tea party because it special and nice.

— MAY NGUYEN, 6

I would give a gift to May. She plays

with me and eats lunch with me. I would give her a picture of us together because she always sits with me and plays with me.

— VALLERY

I would give a gift to my sister. She is kind to me. I would give her an American Girl doll gymnastics outfit because my sister likes gymnastics.

— YASMEEN

I would give a gift to Noah M. He is nice to me. I would give him a new bike because he plays with me and I could go

bike riding with him.

— CONNOR

I would give a gift to my brother. He loves me. I would give him a card because he likes to read.

— GRACE TYNER, 6

I would give a gift to my brother, Owen. I love him so much. I would give him a hug because he loves me and I love him.

— AIDEN BOND, 6

I would give a gift to my dad. I love him. I would give him a card because it

is a perfect gift.

— KINLEY

I would give a gift to Brady. He is a good friend to me. I would give him a football because he likes football.

— KADEN PARKER, 7

I would give a gift to Sonya. She lives next door. I would give her a "Zoomer Kitty" because she is my friend.

— MICHELLE

I would give a gift to Kinley. She is my friend. I would give her a dog because she would like it.

— SCOTT

I would give a gift to Sonya. She is one of my very best friends. I would give her a stuffed cat because she loves cats.

— GRACE HEINRICHS, 6

I would give a gift to Jacque. She is my sister. I would give her a teddy bear from Build-A-Bear Workshop.

— JOEY MILES, 6

I would give a gift to May. She is very nice to me. I would give her a toy baby because she likes babies.

— MILEY

I would give a gift to Kaden. He is my friend. I would give him tickets to see a Cowboys game because he likes them.

— BRADY

I would give a gift to Joshua. I play with him and he likes me. I would give him a gift of playtime with him. He always wants to play with me.

— NOAH M.

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How to Make The Grinch Grin

First, invite the Grinch to the movies. Next, go home and eat hot dogs. Then, we could play tag. Last, I would let him help me decorate the Christmas tree.

— GRACE TYNER, 6

First I would take him to my house. Next, I would have a sleepover. Then, we would watch a movie and have popcorn. Last, I would go to sleep.

— JOSHUA KALIN, 7

I think I could make the Grinch grin by going to a restaurant with him to eat cheese pizza. Next, we will go get ice cream. Last, we will go home.

— KADEN PARKER, 7

First, get a camera that can print pictures. Next, take a great picture of yourself. Then, decorate the top, bottom, and sides of a frame. Last, mail it to the Grinch!

— SONYA KARA MURZA, 6