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Welcome

Dear Readers:

This week, the Gazette Packet 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 Gazette Packet. 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 Gazette Packet 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 gazette@connectionnews.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

MAURY ELEMENTARY



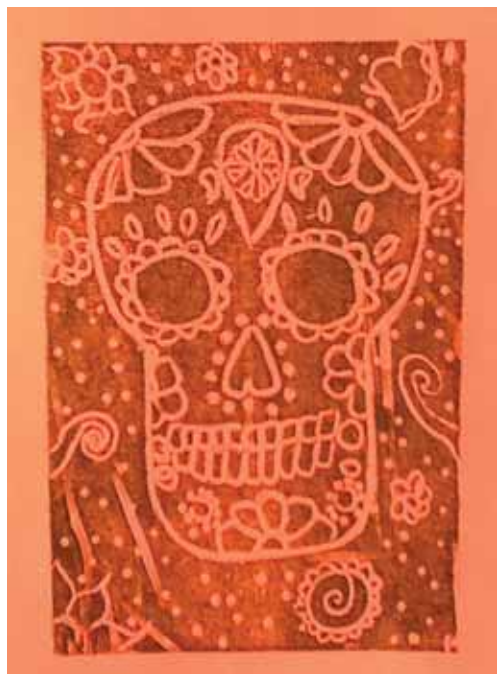
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Emma Crane, Mia Medearis, and Tori Medearis, grade 5



Zachary Harris, grade 4



Kalina Kaufmann, grade 4



Seamus White, grade 3



Cam McBride, grade 1



Dane Blackwood, grade 4



Matthew Smallman, grade 3



Isabella Velez, grade 2



Vivian Scott, grade 1



Sally Cox, grade 3



Jackson Carroll, kindergarten

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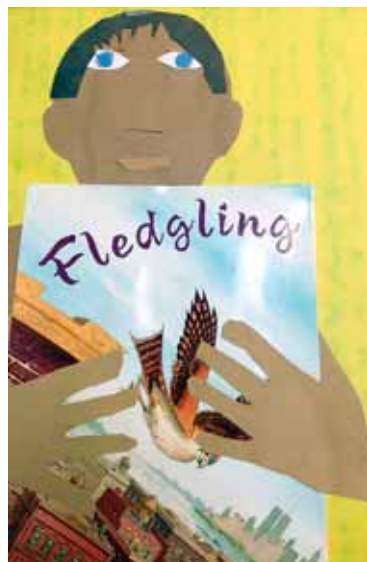
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Meyla Ruffin, kindergarten



Addison Doxey,
kindergarten



Cale Chimera, grade 2



Allegra James,
grade 3



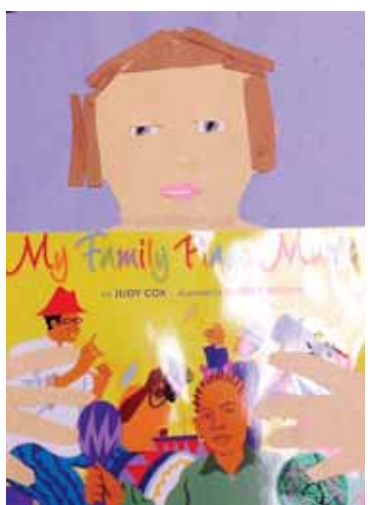
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Anais Joubert, grade 4



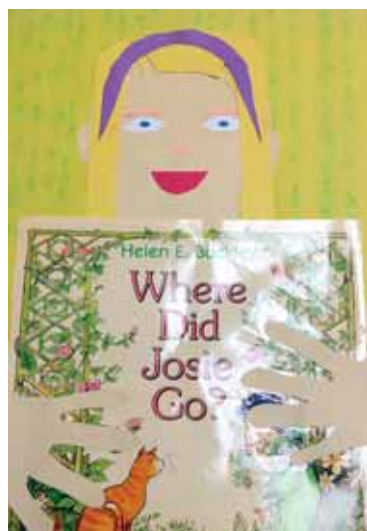
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Gracie Bobotek, grade 2



Isabella Stone, grade 4



Hollis Brown, grade 2



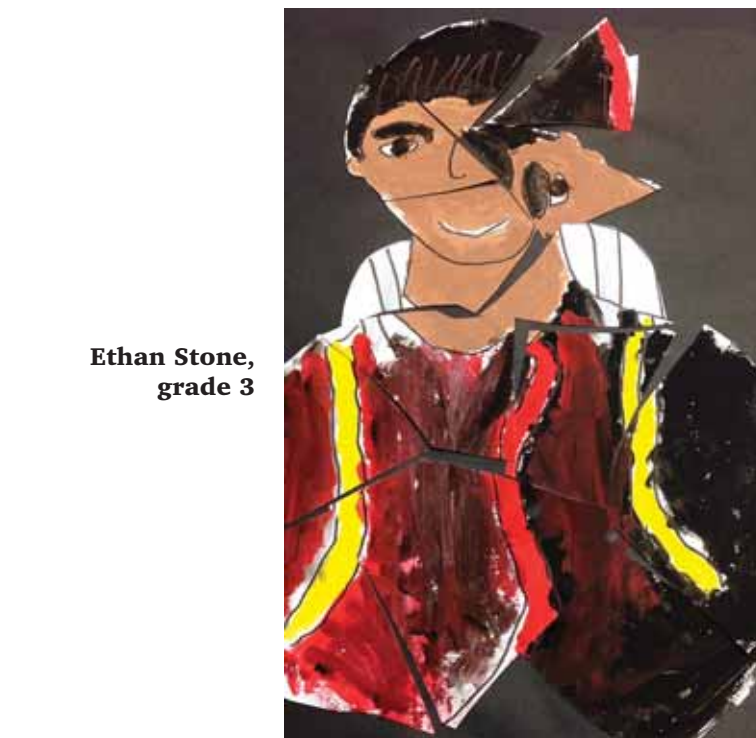
Victor Amari, grade 1



Colette Townes, grade 1



Catalina Ibanez Mora,
kindergarten



Ethan Stone,
grade 3



Cooper
Southworth,
grade 3

FRANCIS C. HAMMOND MIDDLE

A Japanese Noh Play written by Catherine Sosa for Ms. Ragland's 6th Grade Theater Class.

Japanese Noh Play

Messy: No moon will reveal
the black pearls ascension.
Leslie: The water of life receding as the black orb rises.
A new filth on the old mound will not freshly show
under the moonless weeds, dark,
the wound lies hidden.
A gaping mouth of green pain screams silently.
Messy: Where you see a mound of earth-
-once stood a house.
Leslie: Swamp soup of mosquito eggs-
larvae floating dead.
Possums, rats scurry from a swollen shack
A shack of tar paper and pine and infinite hunger.
Black tar of forgotten men
rotting in the moonless swamp
Hatred stewing in the heat and boiling in the cold-
Where bodies are collected and hell keeps count.
The devil's son toys viciously
with all who wander here.
A wretched need craving, shrouded in a vicious play.
Haunted tales tell and retell his deadly mischief.
Messy: If you see a light in the distance.
Leslie: If you see a light in the distance, do not follow it
He will lead you to your death
in the blackened and swamp
Twelve graves shine with fresh darkness,
the old house trembles
Counting one & two children with no shoes
And three, four are hanging on the door
Counting thick- come lay upon sticks.
Counting more (and more to come) 'til none left.
To dig and delve and the last one, the last one is gone.
Messy: The demon born in the swamp mutilates his prey.
Leslie: Thrown away by his mother's hand, he laughs at your fear.
Now hiding his shame, feeding his terrible hunger.
The youngest child given to the devil.
Too many mouths to feed, too many children.
Screaming at the hungry night, forsaken by God
Leslie: Little lost boy, your words are two bereft of hope
No one is truly forsaken of God's guiding light.
Messy: You could guide me home again-
just you follow this light
Leslie: We cannot leave our circle,
how will you find your home?
Messy: Come closer to me if you wish to see
hell's hopeless land.
Leslie: Fearful words for one so young,
your face as cold as death.
Messy: Do not look at me but follow,
Follow my darkness home.
Leslie: So cold and bitter!
Have you never known a mother's love?
Messy: Barren was another's love- my master is death
Leslie: Does no human part remain? why appear to us?
Messy: You are but bodies to count.
I hate your questions.
Leslie: Child hidden in the darkness, his lanterns grow dim
Now the lamp no longer shines-
now he disappears
The air heavy with moisture,
still hold his presence
The witches tremble,
a chilling with the whispers past.
Messy: Where has he gone? Has he vanished into the night?
Leslie: Come back to the circle. Stay calm, we are protected here. Let us make
our evening devotion. We begin our search tomorrow.
Messy: See us safe to sleep, dear goodness of protection.
— CATHERINA SOSA, GRADE 6



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Khachnaoui,
8, grade 3

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grade 3



DOUGLAS MACARTHUR ELEMENTARY

Photo of dog Waffles
taken by Mia Halsey, 6,
kindergarten

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Camilla Varsalona, 4



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Chema,
12,
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Najem Johnson, grade 10



Grayson Schmidt, grade 6



Maggie Bell, grade 11

Hidden Beauty

I pity the bee
The harmless insect
That nourishes our world
And yet
We are afraid of it.

No empathy for its useful ways,
No keen eye for the brightness it provides.

And when it (seldom) stings
It is only an act of
Defense
Towards those who don't know its
Worth

— FLORENCE KANE, GRADE 8

Sisters

They sit on the porch laughing
I look at their fun
They play games and act silly
And I think to myself
Those two girls

They pounce and play in the grass
Forgetting the troubles of the world
I wish I could do that
And I think to myself
Those two girls

They share my interests
And watch over me
As if I am interesting
And I think to myself
Those two girls

When I am sad they comfort me
When I feel triumphant
They raise me up
And I think to myself
Those two girls

They love me with all their heart
A love so vast
So hard to explain
I smile and think to myself
Those two wonderful girls

— CONRAD MCINTOSH, GRADE 7

Planes

Mechanical birds
Ascending, soaring, cruising
Slicing through the sky
Transporters

— JUSTIN ALEXANDRE, GRADE 12

Pets

Shedding fur on clothes
The priceless love in return
Forever in debt

— CHASE GOREE, GRADE 12

Summer

Warm sand on my feet
The beaming sun on my face
Eternal happiness

— KATHERINE KIKLIS, GRADE 12

Pens

Thoughts alive
Translating, altering, listening
Ideas unfold into stories
Imagination

— TAYLOR MORAN, GRADE 12

Birthday

I wake up happy
Dancing around my bedroom
All day a good mood

— MADISON GARRETT, GRADE 12

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Haley Lehman, grade 3



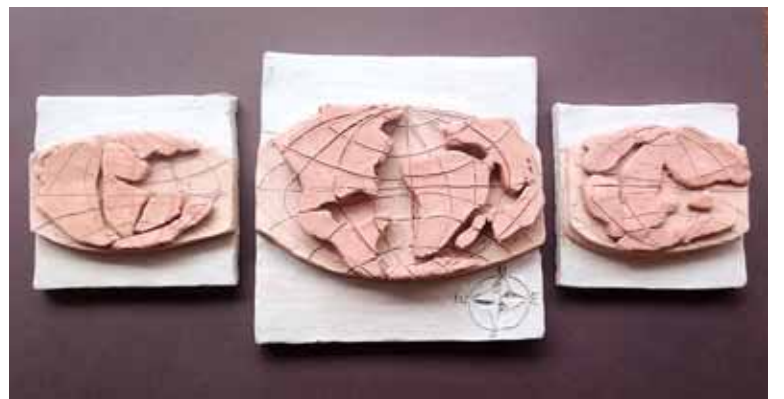
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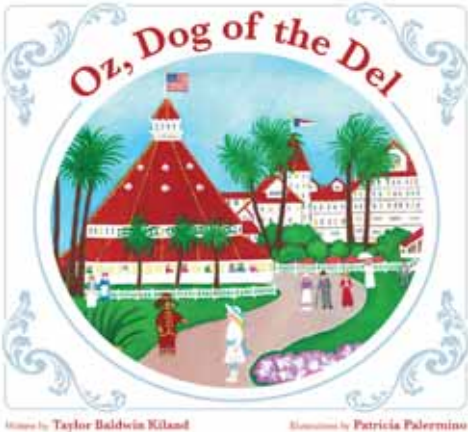
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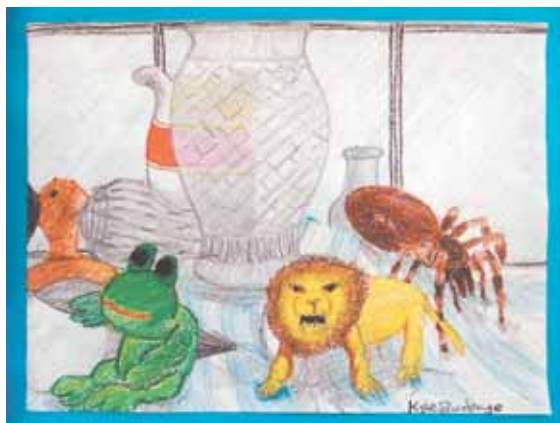
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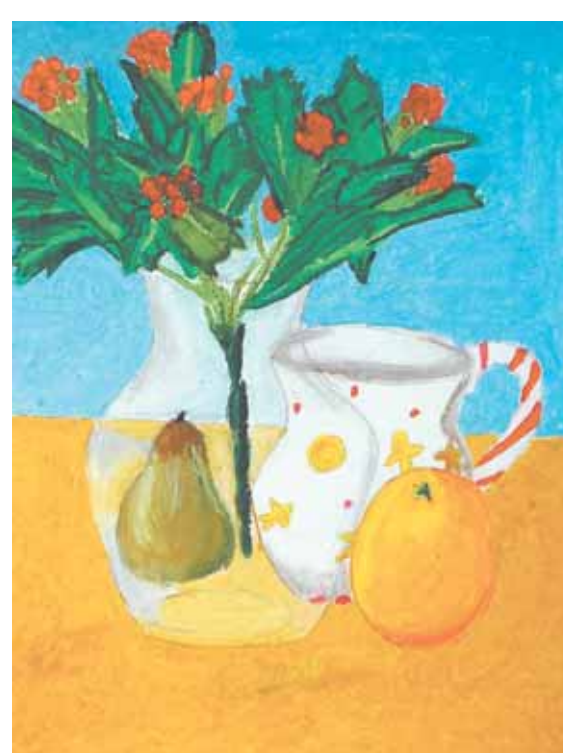
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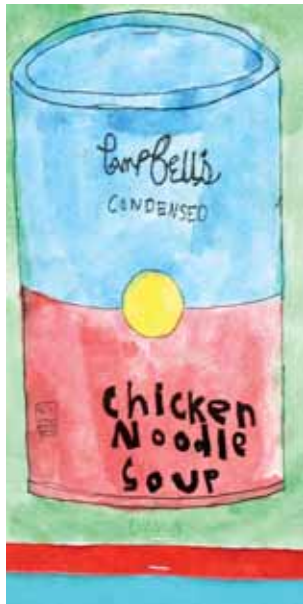
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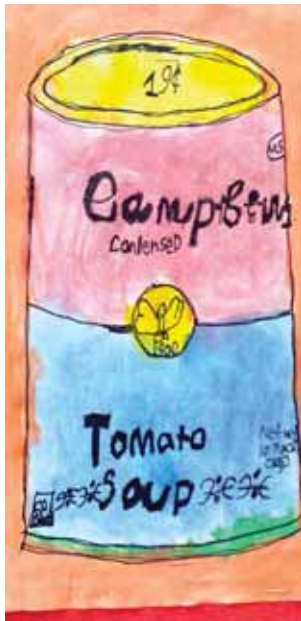
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Farah, 7, grade 2



David, 7, grade 2



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Nicholas Kimball, grade 4 — Mirror Tessellation Playing Cards



Ashley, grade 1 — My Bed Room inspired Vincent Van Gogh



Lily Garrison, grade 1 — My Bedroom, inspired by Vincent Van Gogh



Christian Garcia, grade 1 — My Bedroom, inspired by Vincent Van Gogh



Talya Samake, grade 1 — My Bedroom, inspired by Vincent Van Gogh



Erika Figuera, grade 5 — Tessellations inspired by M.C. Escher



Zuri Akiti, grade 1 — Fall Trees



Christopher Flores, grade 1 — Fall Trees



Derick Hernandez, grade 1 — Fall Trees



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grade 3



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grade 2



Miles Dewey, 7, grade 2



Georgia Neaderland,
8, grade 2



Connor Halsted, 8,
grade 2



Hugh Sullivan, 9,
grade 3



Jacob Slattery, 10,
grade 5



Tarun Chava, 7, grade
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Cece Huff, 7, grade 2



Baynes Cheron, 7,
grade 2

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I am built
I tick
I tock
Nothing can stop me
I cannot stop myself
In people's eyes I see
Wistfulness
Impatience
Nervousness
Boredom
One sweep of my hands
sends people scurrying off
to the things that they must do
And that is the long and short of
it

- EVE SCOTT, 9,
GRADE 4



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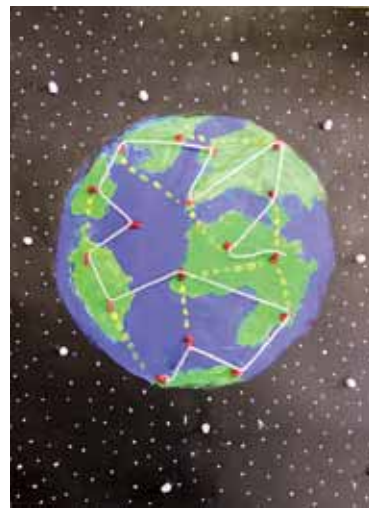
Jake Clark, grade 3



Thomas Carpenter, grade 1



Sarah Friedrichs, grade 5



Ana Bach, grade 7



Elijah Therway, grade 2



George Woodford, grade 1



Madeleine Campbell, grade 1



Purple

Purple is my favorite color.
Purple is me drinking a cold glass of grape juice
Purple is a pretty, lacy dress.
Purple is my backpack perfect and striped.
Purple tastes like a perfect grape just picked off its vine.
Purple smells like lavender- very fresh.
Purple sounds like a pretty bird flying in the wind.
Purple feels like you're anxious and something big is about to happen.
Purple looks like a bright, colorful butterfly.
Purple makes me feel wonderful.
Purple is the best color to me.
PURPLE

- REEVES VERSAGGI, 9, GRADE 4



Baden Reynolds, grade 6



Gabby Ros, grade 6



Evelyn Tucker, grade 5



Mia Katsos, grade 2

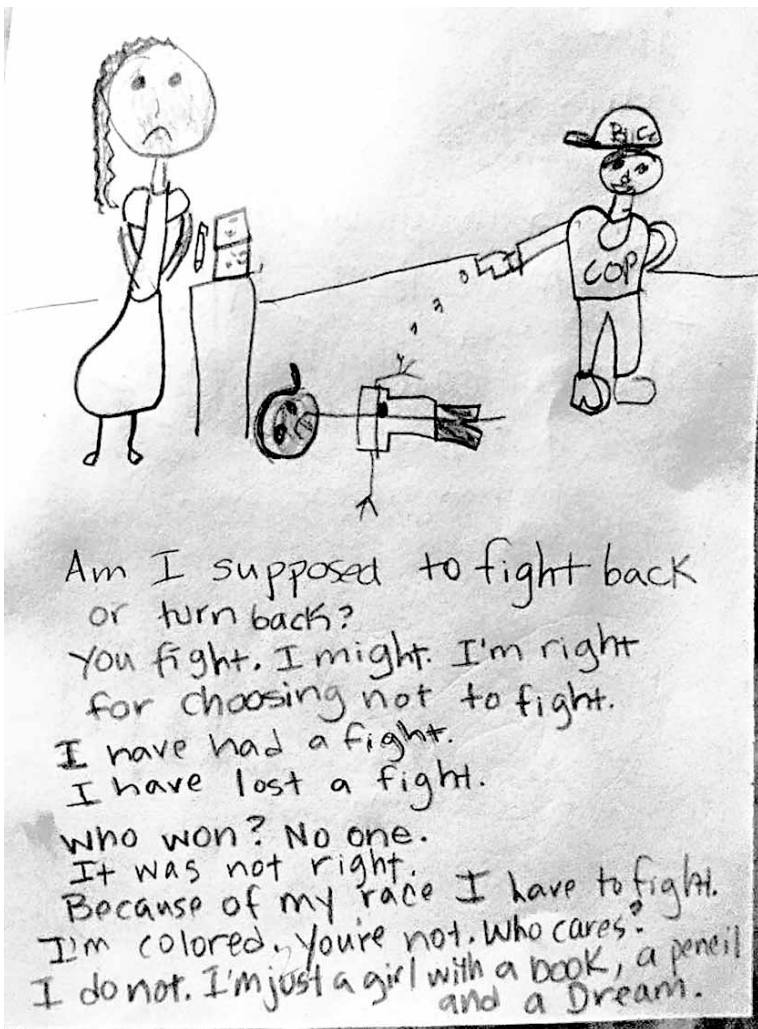


Max Daleiden-Guilen, grade 2



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A poem from Cora Kelly Elementary 4th grader Imena Samson-Bryant, 10.



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FAMILY LEGENDS OF ALEXANDRIA

Family Legends of Alexandria is a program of Living Legends of Alexandria designed to help children connect to the past and their future. The program was launched in 2011 by teaching artist Sushmita Mazumdar and Living Legends founder Nina Tisara. Family Legends collaborates with schools, museums, and community institutions to sponsor Storybook-making Workshops, where children interview and document stories of family members and then create their own books with original text, photographs and art.

In 2015, in addition to a Halloween Workshop at the Alexandria Black History Museum, the Family Legends Storybook-making program was included in the Alexandria

City Public Schools Summer Enrichment Program held at Lyles Crouch Academy and Patrick Henry Elementary School. Students at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School met and talked with Legends as part of the “Legends as Speakers” program in support of the PTA Reflections contest. Family Legends played a part in the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at Cora Kelly Recreation Center following a six-week “Book Club.” Some of those students read their stories aloud at Market Square on the morning of the Scottish Walk and later carried the Family Legends banner in the Walk.

Here are their stories.



“Cora Kelly Book Club” students celebrate their work with Teaching Artist Sushmita Mazumdar. Children participating in the six-part class, “Sharing Stories of Heritage through Bookmaking” display their works of art as they prepare to read at the Hispanic Heritage Festival in October. Angeli, Ceajah, Fatima, Josue, Luis, Odalys, and Trinity interviewed family members, took notes, wrote the stories into books, illustrated them with their drawings, and photographed one another for the Author’s Bio page in their books. The project took place in collaboration with Family Legends of Alexandria, an initiative of Living Legends of Alexandria, in September and October 2015.

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Eggs with Srubel

This book is dedicated to my sister Jennifer. She is pretty.

My Mom’s name is Marina. My Mom is 34 years old. She loves to eat fish with lemon. Her favorite colors are blue, white, and black. She loves squirrels. She is beautiful.

One day, my mom was cooking breakfast. She needs 15 eggs for the family. She was going to the market. There were no more. She went to Target and she found some. “Yay I found it,” and we were eating m.m.m yum. The End.

— ODALYS, AGE 8

Pancakes

This book is dedicated to my dad Henry because he makes me happy.

My dad’s name is Henry. My dad sometimes takes me to his work. The people at his work were nice to me. When my dad goes to work early he orders food for me and they deliver it home. One morning, when I was in first grade, my dad made pancakes. I ate 3 pancakes with maple syrup. They tasted good. My dad ate with me. He was proud of me. He mixed flour and eggs and milk all together and put it on a pan. He turned on the stove and there was fire. He cooked it. It was the first time he had made pancakes. I was very proud of him.

— ANGELY, AGE 7

Forgetful Dad

This book is dedicated to my dad Bene because he makes me smile.

My dad’s name is Bene. He is 52 years old. He likes red. He likes to color. My dad has black hair. My dad likes to run. I live with my mom and dad. My aunt has a daughter and her name is Samantha, my aunt’s name is Blanca and her favorite color is blue.

I was with my aunt when my dad came to get me. But he forgot his car keys So he went to get them and he left me at a party. The party was at my aunt’s friend’s house. We ate rice and we played tag. A boy named Brian was there. He is my cousin. It was fun.

I was sleepy and I was going to my aunt’s house so my parents came to pick me up. So when I was at home I was sleepy, so I did not watch TV, I did not get to play on my iPad or my phone. I was so tired, so I went to bed. They turn the light off and I dreamed about what happened at the party.

— FATIMA, AGE 8

Cheerleader

This book is dedicated to my friend, because if they were not my friend, I would not be who I am now.

Karen has worked as an accountant for many years. While she worked as an accountant, she was also a Redskins cheerleader. She has a daughter named Brooke. Karen remembers everyone’s birthday. She loves to throw parties. She has a husband. They have a dog name Bronco. Brooke loves to go on rides.

She loved to be a Redskins cheerleader. Then, she had a kid which made her not be able to cheer so then she had to leave. Then she gave birth to Brooke. She did not want to do it anymore, she got married.

— CECE, AGE 10

The Tree Thief

This book is dedicated to my dad and my mom Mariana because this story is about the day they met.

In the past my dad went to school. When school was over, my dad went to cut a tree with my mom. He was 12 and she was 11. Her name is Mariana. Then someone came to take the tree and my dad was super mad because a robber took the tree. Then my grandpa, Juan, listened to my dad. Then my mom went to my dad’s house. Mom said, “I know who took the tree. A man named John Jean.” My dad’s name is Endlox. He lives in Honduras.

— JOSUE, AGE 9

Stolen Bike

This book is dedicated to Wendy. She came from El Salvador three months ago and she taught me how to ride my bike.

My sister’s name is Wendy. She is 12 years old. She was born in El Salvador and came to Alexandria recently. She has black eyes and black hair. Her bike was stolen.

One day, my family were going to get Wendy. We got her and we headed home. We got there and Wendy said happily, “I always called you and I loved you.” She was very kind.

One day, a robber came and stole her bike. The next day we wanted to use our bikes to go to the park. But we noticed something. It was gone. So I only got to use my bike. She said, “I am sad. I wish that I still had my bike,” she said sadly.

My mom was sad and she thought for a while. She had an idea. She got my scooter and she said to me “Give this to Wendy and she might feel better.” “It might work,” I said. I gave it to her and she felt better. But she needed help.

— LUIS, AGE 8

Trip to the Pool!

This book is dedicated to my, 2 almost 3-year-old, sister Lily who is learning how to read books.

My mom’s is named Ashly. Her favorite color is purple. She likes to drive. She likes going to the pool. She likes the summertime. She is 30 years old.

One day, me and my family, which includes my mom, stepdad Jerrod, little sister Lily, baby brother Tristan, and brother Brayden, went to the pool in the neighborhood. When we got there we went swimming. After a little bit, Lily and Tristan started crying. They wanted to go to the water park. The water park is right next to the pool. Jerrod is their dad. He took them to the water park. Me and my brother Brayden stayed at the pool with my mom. After that, we started to go home.

When we were putting the babies in the truck. My mom set her car keys in the truck to put the babies in. Then my mom went to the car and did not tell us she was coming back. Then, me and Jerrod were leaving to go home. My mom had both phones and me and Jerrod had both cars keys so we could not call them. When me and Jerrod and the babies got home we put the babies to bed. Jerrod and I tried to find some mysteries. Then when we went to the truck I tried looking in the back. Jerrod was looking in the front and all of a sudden I heard Jerrod say “uh-oo.” Jerrod found my mom’s keys.

So then, we had to wake Lily and Tristan up from their nap and put them in the truck. After that, me, Jerrod, and the babies went back to the pool to pick my mom and Brayden up. So when we got there we looked for my mom and Brayden to try to find them. A couple minutes later we went back to the house. When we walk in the house there they are sitting on the couch watching T.V. and then mom started getting mad for no reason. After that, we made dinner and got ready to go to bed.

— TRINITY, AGE 10

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Samuel Orellana,
grade 7



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grade 4



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grade 7



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grade 6



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grade 5



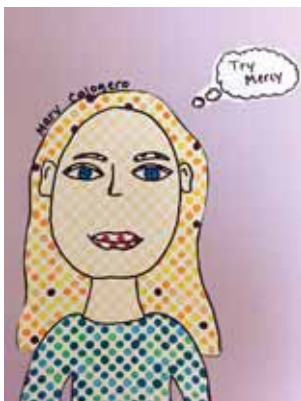
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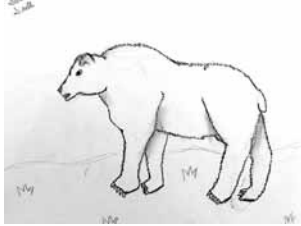
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Nell Elizabeth Hammond of Fries, Virginia went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at the age of 87. Nell was born on September 25, 1928 at home in Fries to Ernest and Nancy Shupe.

She attended Fries High School, Class of 1946. She then attended National Business College in Roanoke. While there she met and married Joseph M. Hammond of Troutville, VA. Eventually they moved to the Northern Virginia area where they lived for about 40 years. While there they raised a family, two daughters: Sheila and Joan. Nell was a homemaker, worked for Fairfax County School Food Services and Montgomery Wards. In 1987, Nell and Joe moved back to Fries. "Mama always said Fries was heaven and she would not want to live anywhere else."

Nell was crafty, enjoyed working outside, motivated working with others. She loved and supported her family. Her faith in the Lord was instilled in her at an early age by her parents and it stayed with her all her life. The ole hymns brought her pleasure and comfort. The Lord's foundation was her rock and now she is in His trusting hands.

Nell is survived by her brother Curtis Shupe of Fries, VA. Two daughters Sheila Jones and husband Dan of Springfield, VA and Joan Hammond of Fries, VA. Also surviving are grandchildren Angela and Joseph Campanella of Fries, VA; and Jeremiah and Nathanael Jones of Springfield, VA; great grandchildren: Nicole Campanella and Matthew Bourne of Fries, VA. Also many more family and friends.

The funeral service will be held Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 3:00 in the Liberty Hill United Methodist Church, Fries, VA with Rev. Donald White officiating. Burial will follow in the Liberty Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until service time at the church.

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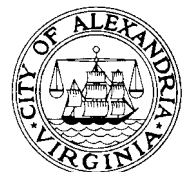
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The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Architectural and Engineering Design Services for Parker-Gray Stadium Improvements.

Sealed Proposals with the notation "Parker Gary Stadium Design Improvements", RFP# 15-07-05, will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, **January 21, 2016**. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8343, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at www.acps.k12.va.us, Administration, Financial Services, Procurement and General Services - Current Bids and Request for Proposals.

All questions should be submitted before 4:30 p.m., January 14, 2016. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site. There is a non-mandatory pre-proposal conference for this RFP on January 7, 2016, at 10:00 AM, at the Alexandria City Public Schools Central Office, located at 1340 Braddock Place, in the sixth (6th) floor conference room 620, in Alexandria, VA 22314. All Offerors interested in providing the services in the RFP are encouraged to attend. No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP. ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

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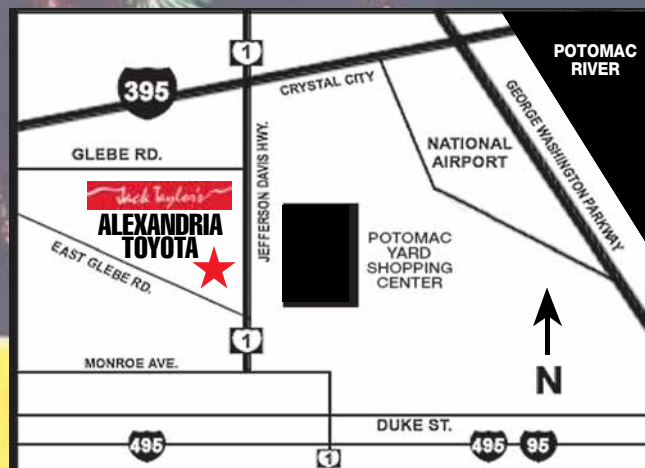
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