

Alexandria Gazette Market



Children's Gazette Packet 2016

Chloe Achieng, 1st grade, James K.
Polk Elementary — Spider Web.

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Old Town \$949,000

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Washington, DC \$539,000

Huge 1-bedroom condo in the heart of Logan Circle with almost 900 square feet of living space. The open floor plan and floor-to-ceiling windows bring in loads of light and the extra large bedroom is a wonderful escape at the end of the day.

Michael Makris 703.402.0629
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Alexandria-Pommander Walk \$1,295,000

Stunning townhouse set back in a courtyard facing Lee St Park near the waterfront. The interior is like flipping through the pages of Architectural Digest with top-of-the-line updates. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, bonus room/den. 2 fireplaces. Private lovely garden.

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Alexandria \$1,225,000

All-brick, custom, 1950s, 5-bedroom, 4-bath, 2-car garage home with reduced price. Hardwood floors, skylit kitchen opening to family room and decks overlooking the private and beautifully landscaped 1-acre property. Easy commute to DC.

Ann Michael
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Alexandria \$1,200,000

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www.thegoodhartgroup.com/listings/714-wolfe/

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Old Town \$2,150,000

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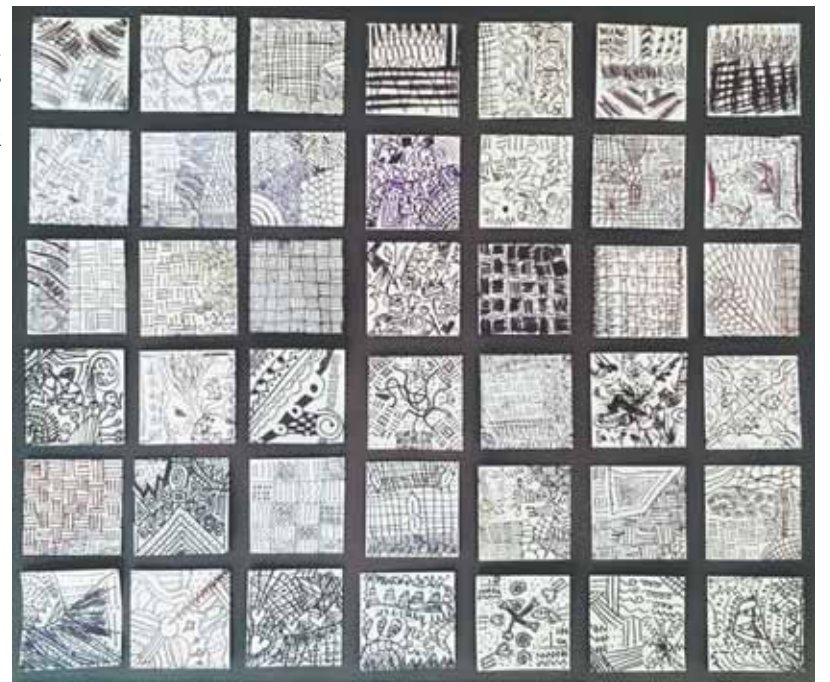


JAMES K. POLK ELEMENTARY

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE EDITOR STEVEN MAUREN
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**Mrs. Och's
Class, 4th
grade —
design quilt,
pen and ink**



**Mrs. Weller's
1st grade
class — Georgia O'Keefe
Poppy Flowers**



**Zainab, grade 4 — Pumpkin still
life drawing**



Jabarie Dixon, 3rd grade — Cityscape



**Tadd Ambrose, grade
2 — White Flower
pencil drawing**



**Noor Hijazi, Kindergarten — Apples Still Life in
pastels**



Tanween Syed, 5th grade — Nike Dinosaurs



**Ziyad Sankoh, 5th grade — Nike Shoes by
Lockers**

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 2017 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@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

The Alexandria Children's Gazette Packet

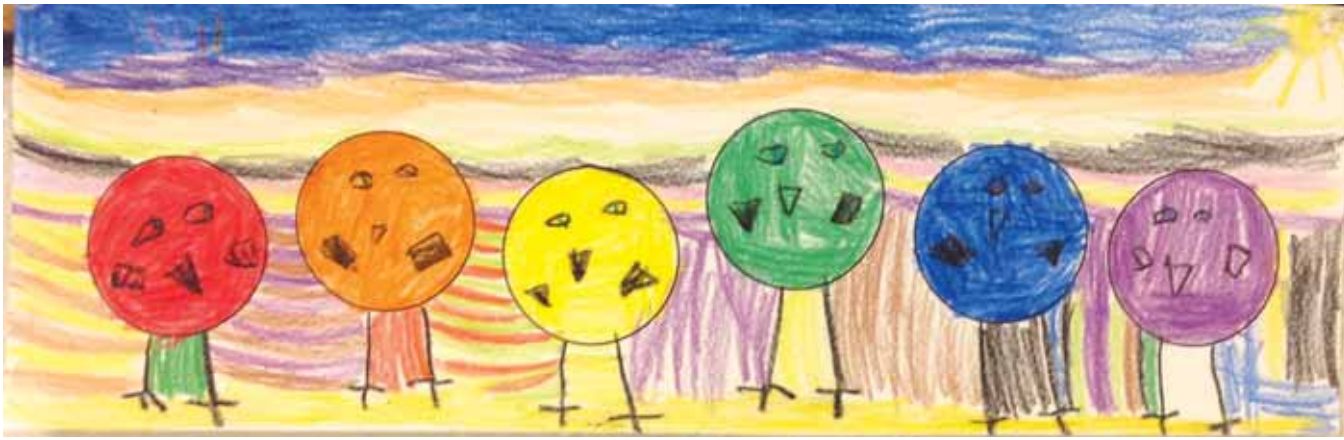
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Ethan Posey, Kindergarten



Kyla Outlaw-Hinton, grade 2



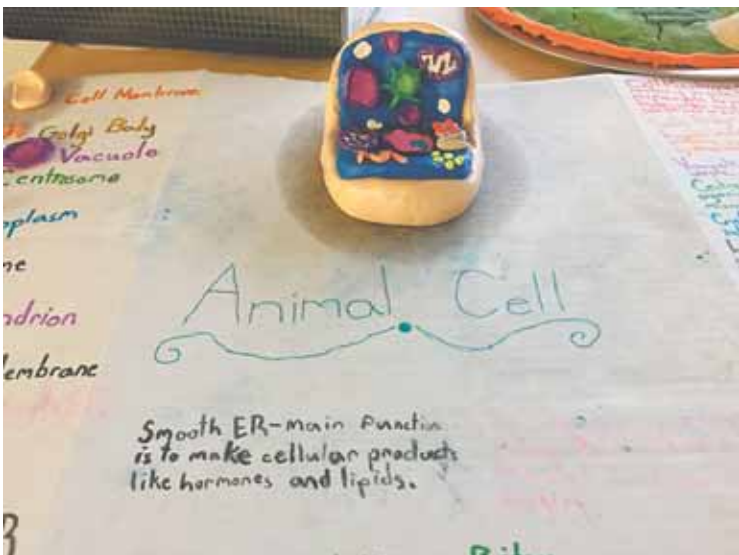
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Veronica Holguin, grade 5



Eleanor Bright, grade 3



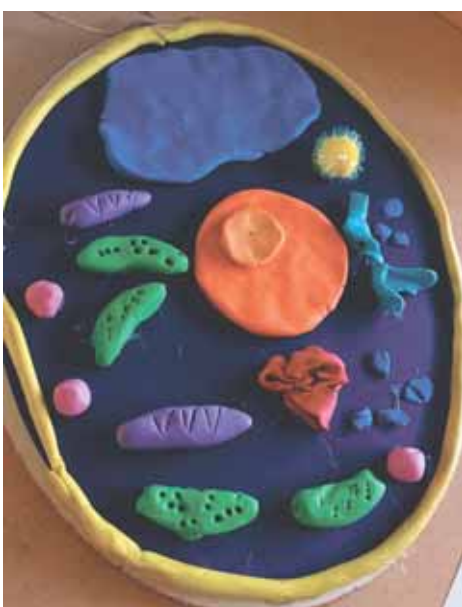
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Gabriel Sowa, grade 3



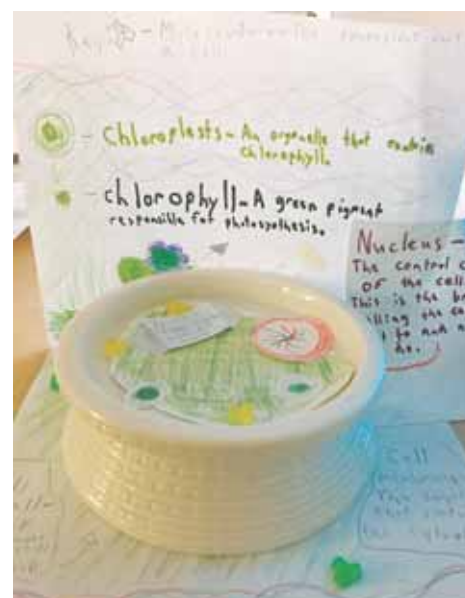
Sarah Boglione, grade 5



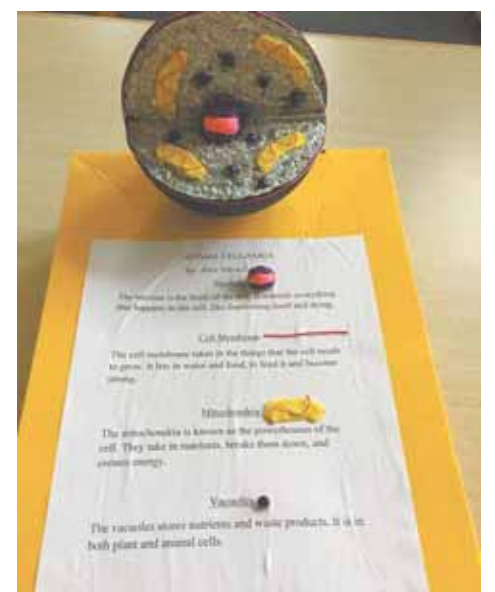
Aiden McKelligan, grade 5



Jaylyn Lovelace, Kindergarten



Iris Crouch, grade 5



Alex Silva-Camillo, grade 5

LYLES-CROUCH TRADITIONAL ACADEMY



Kaitlin Chittick, grade 4



Meagan Reis, grade 2



Mercedes Garcia, grade 5



Anna-Sophia Coulombe, grade 1



Hayat Abdurahman, grade 5



Nora Mudd, Kindergarten

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Elodie Anderson, 4th grade



Ariana Escobar, 3rd grade



Marc Lopez-Lopez, 1st grade



Lara Colon, 1st grade



Olivia Anderson, 2nd grade



Abigail Shewchuk, 2nd grade



Grace Redican, 3rd grade



Elena Wear, 3rd grade

Ellie Hodge, 5th grade



Elizabeth Kotuby, 4th grade



Madeleine Sleeter, 4th grade



Hayden Faulkner, 4th grade

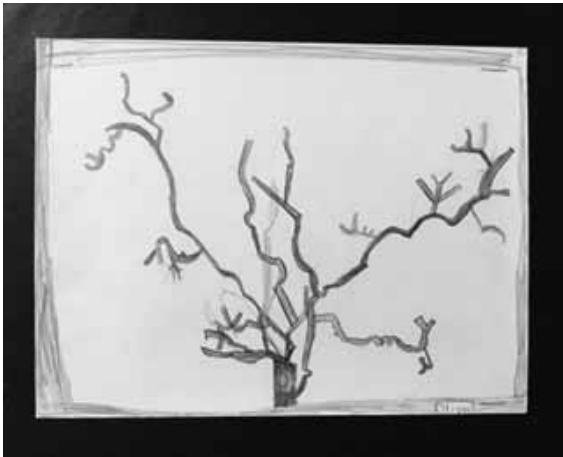


Sofia Ring, 5th grade



Karina DeJesus, 4th grade

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR ELEMENTARY



Oliver Bentz, grade 1



Sabrina Black, grade 1



Aiden Clary, grade 1



Samantha Adams, grade 4



Evan Khanna, grade 4



Zoe Williams, grade 4

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Bernice Wong, 9, 4th grade



Marcy Kunes, 6, 1st grade



Diya Daadaa, 6, 1st grade



Mashal Fahim, 7, 1st grade



Samar Hammad, 6, 1st grade



Amro AlObaidi, 7, 1st grade



Rosemary Gamel, 6, 1st grade



Madison Grey Duckett, 10



Rodney Jones, 11, 5th grade



Irma Laratta, 10



Layal Alsabbagh, 9, 4th grade



Jackie Garcia, 7, 2nd grade



Megan Hagan, 8, 2nd grade



Ava Tompkins-Myers, 7, 2nd grade



Wilmer Munoz, 10, 5th grade



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9221 Patton Blvd

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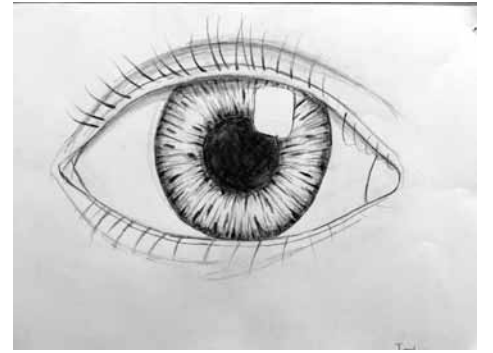
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kindergarten



Carolina Jane Sramek, 1st grade



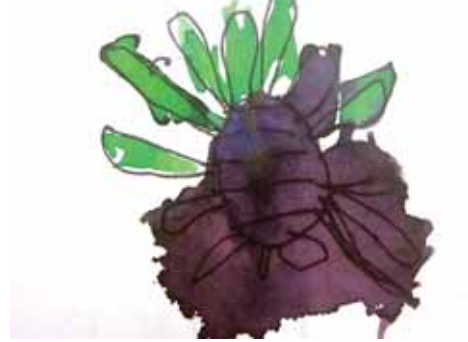
Maggie Collier, kindergarten



Teaghan Dunbar, 8th grade



Maggie Hole, kindergarten



Kyria Baskin, kindergarten



Nevie Erickson, kindergarten



Joshua Miller, kindergarten



Robbie Groshon,
kindergarten



Spencer Dinwiddie, 1st grade



Mike Mahar, kindergarten



Teaghan Dunbar, 8th grade



Alex Curry, kindergarten



Henson Lopez,
kindergarten



Bea Smith, kindergarten



Rosemary
Periera-Kyle,
kindergarten



Mira Joshi, kindergarten



Finlay Nunan, kindergarten



Lola Ilic, kindergarten



Sava Djokovic,
kindergarten



Henry Ashton, kindergarten

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I Am Thankful for..

I am thankful for my family. One person in my family that I'm thankful for is my mom. She is always nice to me and I'm glad she spends a lot of time with me. I'm also thankful for my dad. He's nice and fun to play with. I love both my dogs and I am thankful for them. Sometimes they jump on me but not that much. They play a lot, they lick me a ton, and they're fun to play with. I'm thankful for my grandparents too. They're very nice and fun to play with. I am also thankful for my cousins. They're nice and I really like playing with them. I am extremely thankful for my family.

— DILLON DREIBELBIS,
3RD GRADE

I'm thankful for my family. My sister taught me how to be a nerd, she gives me candy, and she lets me snuggle her. My dad teaches me about life, watches The Simpsons with me, gets me stuff and snuggles me. My mom snuggles with me, she comforts me when she accidentally hurts me, and she makes my food. My dogs let me snuggle then, are cute and fuzzy, and comes to me when I'm sad. My brother protects me, pushes me on the swing, and finally, teachers me how to lick people (to annoy). My family loves me (and snuggles me) and that's why I'm thankful for my family.

— KATE McNICHOLAS,
3RD GRADE

I'm thankful for my family. Mom tells me that I can do anything and loves me to the moon and back. She tells me if anything is wrong. Dad tells me I can do anything too and he's kind and caring. I am thankful for my mom and dad because they love me so much. Stephanie is my cousin and she thinks I'm funny. I like spending time with her. My dog Coco loves me. She is like my own alarm. She wakes me up each morning by snuggling with me. She cheers me up on a bad day. I love my family into a million pieces and I'm so thankful that they are my family.

— ALESSANDRA GONZALEZ-
ACEVEDO, 3RD GRADE

I am thankful for lots of things, but one of them is my family. I'm thankful for my dad because he's smart and funny and he likes a lot of different types of food. He is loving and of course weird (in a good way!)

I am thankful for my dog Brady, and I love that he snuggles me and kisses me. He loves to eat treats and have human food.

I am also thankful for my sister because she cares for me and we love playing on electronics together! She also likes trying new foods!

I'm thankful for my mom too, because she cares for me and she kind and caring and loves to read! My mom and I love to snuggle!

I love my family and I always will!

— SOPHIE DOUGHERTY,
3RD GRADE



Evelyn Carpenter Holmes,
kindergarten



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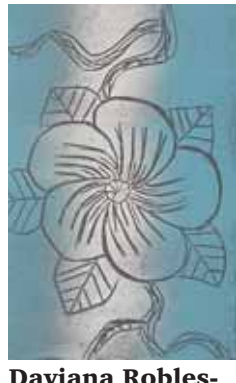
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Brock O'Hearn, 6th grade



Charlie Martin, 8th grade



Daviana Robles-Monge, 7th grade



Pedro Sanchez Ayala, 7th grade



Caroline Mitchell, 8th grade



Jacqueline Aguirre Ardon, 8th grade



Carolines Miles, 8th grade



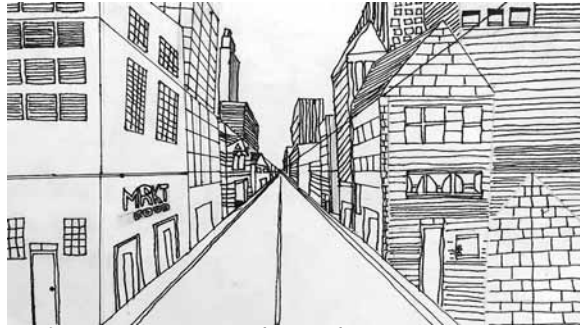
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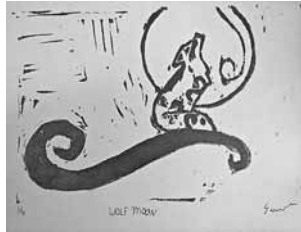
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Kirin Mackey, 8th grade



Robert Holubar, 7th grade



Mara Boggess, 7th grade



Maren Rice, 6th grade



Madeline Anderson, 7th grade



Mark Warren, 7th grade



Josiah Dalmida, 7th grade



Kimberli Fuentes, 7th grade



Lily van Goethem, 6th grade



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Shevlin Jaffe, 7th grade



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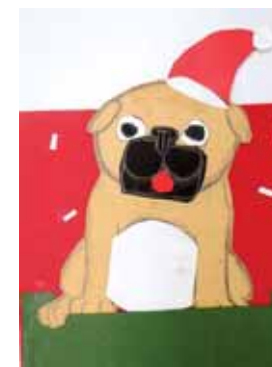
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This collaborative art puzzle was created by students at James L. & Juliette McNeil Preschool Academy/Hopkins House. The students involved in this collaborative were in infants, toddlers, preschool and our Kindergarten Prep classroom. Each of the six classrooms were given five pieces of the puzzle and materials and asked to paint the puzzle pieces and then use materials to decorate the puzzle. This puzzle shows the unity of our classrooms.

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Owls Class (4- and 5-year-old class) — Stars

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Morgan Tracy, 12, grade 7 —
Purple Flowers



Frogs Class (4-year-old class) — Ginger-
bread People

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Cafeteria

Laughter echoes through the cafeteria. A room full of energy and life with kids running and mingling. Their voices thundering around the room. Two people, different in their own ways, putting boundaries aside and finding similarities rather than pointing out differences. Handmade food from all cultures served on vibrant red plates and friendly faces giving everyone their share. The whole room is one big chaotic mess and your point of view all depends on if you are willing to find the magic.

— SKYE SCHOFIELD-SABA, 8TH GRADE

The Book of Life

A giant crane almost touching the sky — towering living spaces looking over the small worn down motel. A small forest in the middle of the city with children running around. A path through the houses that places you in an overgrown forest. People running free through the trees, laughing and having fun. A cute little building filled with wonderful books that others have enjoyed. You can either live life or read about life.

— EMMA HUGHES, 8TH GRADE

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GALLERY



Jane Reynolds, 4, pre-Kindergartner,
Agudas Achim Preschool — Self-Portrait



Alice Reynolds, 7, 2nd grade, Mt. Vernon
Community School — Self-Portrait



Patricia Rue, 11, grade 6, St Rita's School — In September 2016, the Athenaeum in Alexandria held an afternoon of calligraphy and music.

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2017 Chairman's Voyage

To Boldly Go...

For the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, 2017 will be a year where no one has gone before. Please ENGAGE with us for a very special evening about the future of the City of Alexandria as we welcome our new Board Chair, Dak Hardwick, and celebrate the possibilities to come.

Please join us for the Chairman's Voyage: *To Boldly Go...*

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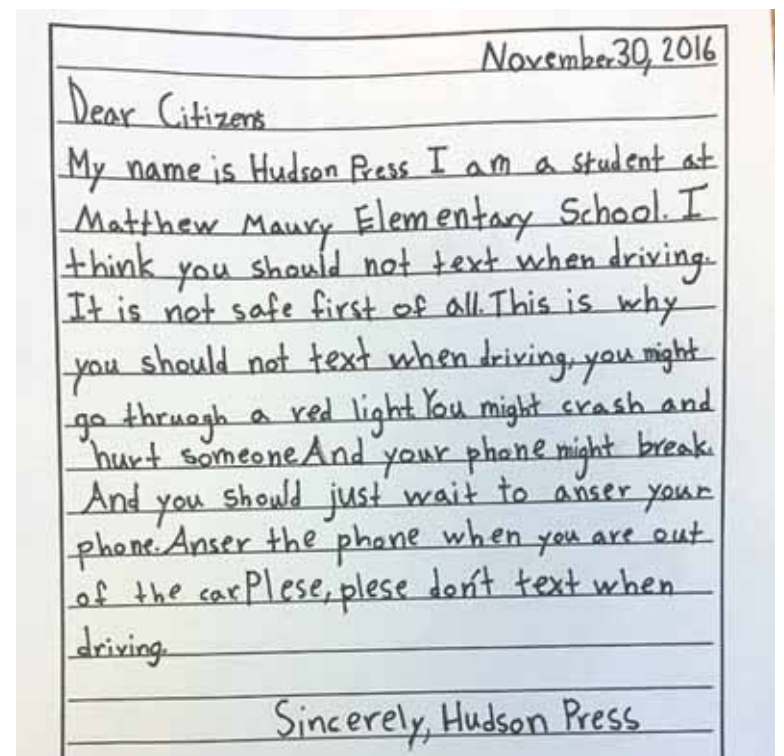
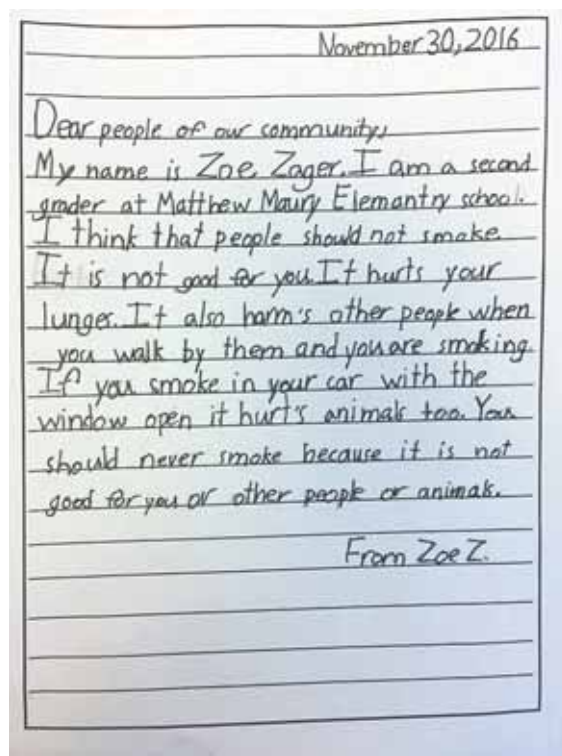
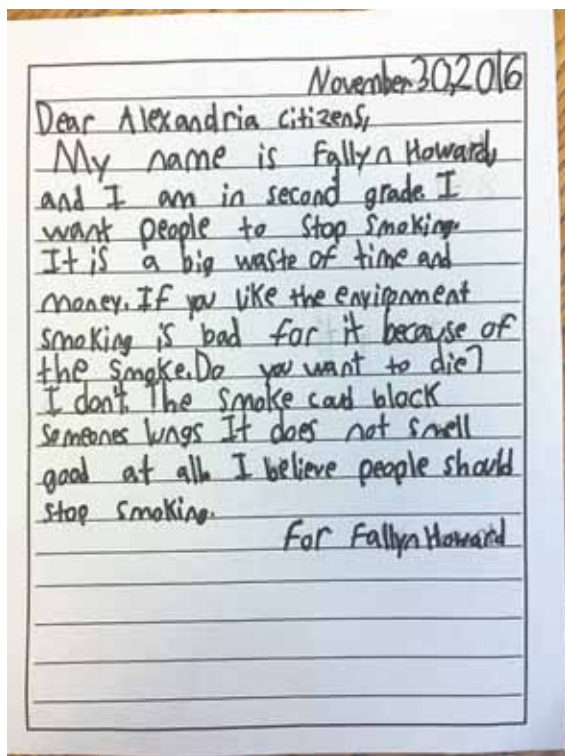
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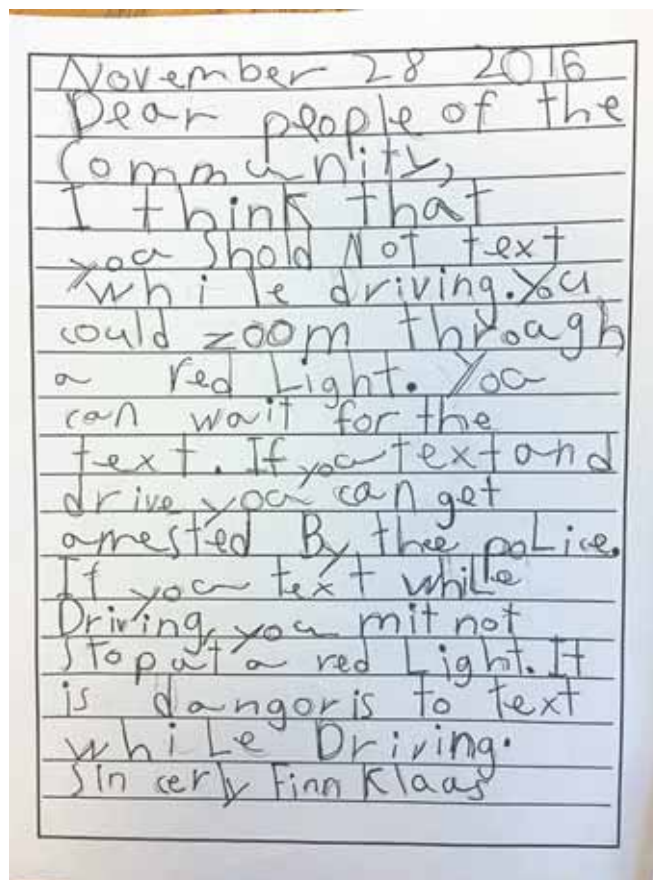
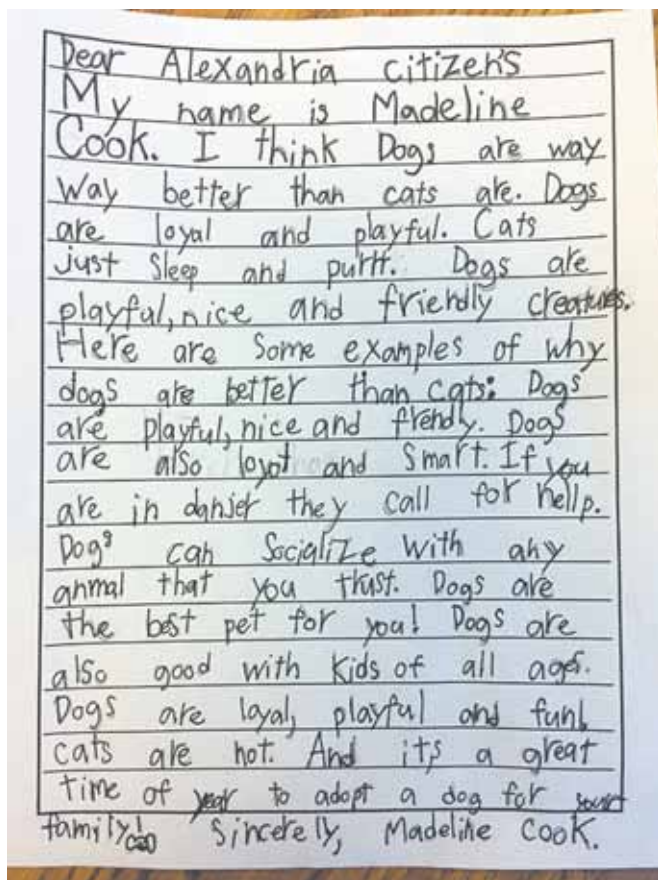
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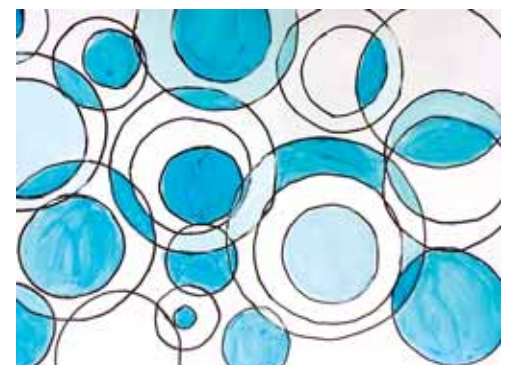
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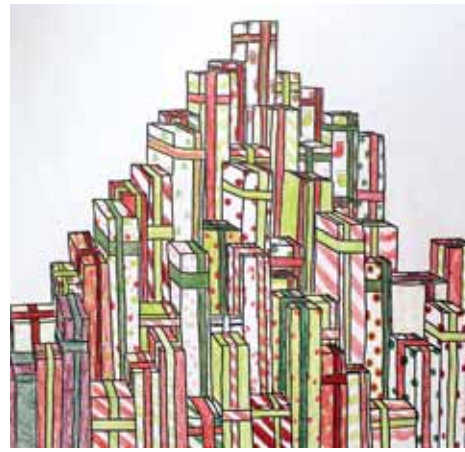
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All Alone

"What do you wanna do?" Anna asked, flopping down onto a beanbag. Benjamin and I shrugged. Just then, Grandma walked in. "Go play outside! It's a beautiful California day."

We obeyed, going to the backyard. "Let's go on the swing," I suggested.

"Nah, let's go in the forest instead ... Alone." Anna said. "I know the way."

"What?" I asked.

At the same time, Benjamin said, "I don't think that's a good idea."

"You heard me. Alone. Unaccompanied. Without an adult."

I got the chills as I thought about being in the forest alone.

The forest was actually just palm trees, but there were fallen logs, a creek, and even occasionally pomegranates, not to mention the strange glow of the sun peeking through the palm leaves.

I frowned. "But Grandpa can't take us, he's busy." I pointed out.

"That's okay, I know the way," Anna answered. "I live here, you know."

Don't get me wrong, I loved the forest. Climbing, running, jumping, all of it. But without an adult?

"Well," I started to talk but I was cut off by Anna.

"Meet you by the forest rock!" she said, as she started running.

Benjamin and I glanced at each other. "This isn't a good idea, but let's go," he said with a frown.

I grabbed a sweatshirt, then ran outside with Benjamin on my heels.

Anna was sitting at the forest rock, picking her nails. "What took you so long?" she asked.

We started walking along, Anna in front. We kept on walking, stopping to climb trees and such. We came across a pile of junk. There was a wheelbarrow, tricycle, a lamp, a shovel, and a mop. Grabbing the wheelbarrow, Anna said, "Here, someone hop in!"

Benjamin started to, but I said, "Wait! That might be dangerous!"

Anna rolled her eyes. "This is mine. It's safe."

We kept going instead, then a minute later stopped to climb a rock. Once we were all on top, I peeled off my sweatshirt and looked at my watch. It was 4:45. I looked out at the forest.

I couldn't see our house. Oh no. Are we lost? Do any of us know the way back? My thoughts raced. "We need to go back, it's getting late."

"Fine. Let's go," Anna replied. Why was she always so sure of herself? I wondered. Still, I didn't know where to go, so I followed her back down the rock. As she led us through the forest, I started to relax.

Then, she turned left, even though the wheelbarrow was on the right.

"The way we came is ..." My voice trailed off, as Anna didn't seem to hear.

She kept on walking, so I followed. She was always sure of herself at the forks, turning right, left, left again, straight at the fork of three paths. I lost track.

Then, at 5:00 exactly according to my watch, she stopped.

I immediately asked, "What happened? Are we home?" Anna was quiet, but Benjamin decided to speak up.

"She led us the wrong way. We're lost," he announced.

We're lost. Only two words, but with a great meaning. We're lost, I thought, as I took it in. Lost.

I bit my lip, tasting the blood.

Why had I let Anna drag us into this? We are going to be in so much trouble if our parents find out.

Benjamin started talking. "Don't worry, it's going to be okay." I could smell the lie in his words. He was just comforting himself.

The part of my brain that I only used at school turned on. I started walking in circles, going further out each time. I looked around for something to redirect us.

Meanwhile, Benjamin was arguing with Anna, who crossed her arms and pursed her lips. "I'm not a GPS! Everyone makes mistakes!" I heard her say. Suddenly, I caught a glimpse of something orange.

It was up high, but I realized it was my sweatshirt. I must have accidentally left it on the rock! I realized.

"I know the way back," I announced. I felt as if a war was over and my sweatshirt was a victory flag.

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All Alone

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We all ran toward the rock, then climbed up, sat down, and relaxed. It was already 5:30. "We really need to get going," I said.

At the fork, we turned right, then paused at the wheelbarrow so we could all catch our breath. "Whew! That was exhausting," I panted, as I considered the whole ordeal.

Benjamin and I both immediately looked at Anna, waiting for a smart alec comment, but for once, she was quiet.

I felt like I had been struck by lightning. She had nothing to say?

"Well ... Let's get going," I said.

"Wait, Laura," Anna said, grabbing my arm. I nodded at Benjamin to keep on going. I turned back toward to Anna.

"I know it was my fault we got lost. You and Benjamin tried to warn me, but I was too stuck up to listen," she confessed. The anger I had been feeling since we got lost finally melted away.

"That's okay, I should have been bolder in pointing out the danger. Now we both know to not take dangerous risks. Also, it doesn't hurt to forgive and forget," I smiled.

"Let's go play on the swing," Anna offered, and we walked side by side to join the laughing, playing children already there.

— LAURA DUFFIELD, 5TH GRADE

Scooter Falls

Today was the day. Today, I would go down my biggest hill yet. Yes, the biggest hill in the neighborhood.

"Are you sure you want to do this?" My dad asked. I felt a chill run down my spine. I started to sweat. "Lauren are you okay?" I didn't say anything, he asked again. "Lauren are you okay?"

"Uhh ... Oh, yeah, I'm fine," I answered. I felt an

energy run from my arms down to my hands. I squeezed the handle bar.

With my face and chest up tall, I walked out of my old dusty garage. On the inside, I had butterflies in my stomach and my heart was thumping. Thump, thump, THUMP! The only reason that I'm doing this is to show that I'm not a sissy, I thought.

"Here ... I ... goooo!" I pushed off, going much faster than I intended. Everything was a blur. All of the sudden, I heard a voice.

"Lauren, look out for that branch!"

I looked behind me to see who had yelled. I don't know how to use the brakes! I panicked. Suddenly, I remembered the time I had played basketball against my dad.

"You'll never be able to make a basket on me. You're too much of a sissy, Lauren," he had taunted. Although it was typical trash-talk, it stuck with me.

Dad's wrong, I thought. I'm not a sissy. I can be brave. Then I remember I'm still on my razor.

Almost like it happened in slow motion, I slammed my foot down on to the concrete driveway. I flew off my razor. For a brief moment, I felt like I was a little bird learning how to fly. Then, I hit the ground with a loud THUNK.

I could not breathe. I was crying like a baby without a blanket. My tears rolled down the street. Tears of joy and hurt. I started to laugh. I'm not a sissy! I thought, as I lay on the ground. I did it!

My dad rushed to my side and picked me up. I felt like I was being wrapped up in a blanket. He walked me up the street. I saw my mom run outside, "What happened sweetie?" She yelled. Still crying, I managed to answer.

"I was going too fast on my razor and fell."

That night my dad came up to my bedroom to kiss me goodnight.

"Do you still think I'm a sissy?" I asked.

"Of course not," he said immediately. "You are the bravest kid I know. Just try not to hurt yourself next time!"

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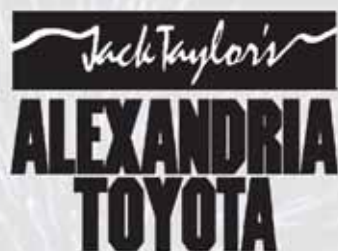
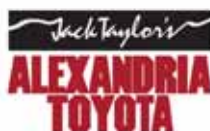
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