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# CHILDREN'S CONNECTION



**Winter Fun, by Allyson Nguyen, Grade 8, Lake Braddock SS,  
Teacher: Victoria McGrath**

## Welcome

Dear Readers:

This week, the 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 2018 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 schools pages.

Our preferred method for material is e-mail, which should be sent to [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto: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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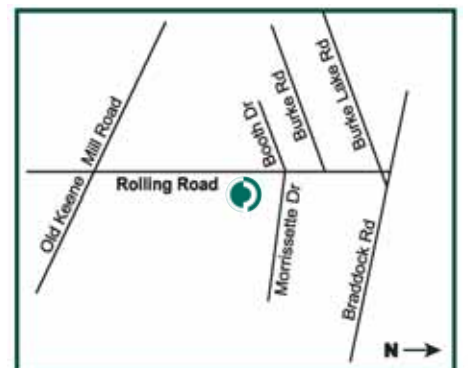
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# CHERRY RUN

Fourth Graders' Opinions  
in Mary Zavaleta's class.

## Favorite animal?

A human- because I'm a human and we can find a way to live peacefully (or not.)

—EVAN JONES

Cheetahs- it must feel good to run that fast! I wish I could. Do you?

—VICTORIA SHEA

Elephant- When I was younger, I thought an elephant could give me a shower. When I was 2 or 3, I wanted to be an elephant when I grew up. Even now, I still like elephants because they are very cool.

—FIONA MULCAHY

A Galapagos tortoise- I want to ride it! They were almost instinct.

—KESHAV PARIKH

A dog- It's a very interesting story about how dogs came to be real. They have super puppy cuteness that can make a heart melt. They are friendly-well, most of them. You can teach them tricks.

—SAMUEL GRIFFITH

## Favorite game?

I like soccer because it's a sport that can burn your energy. If you're feeling squirrely, you should play this sport. It requires a lot of stamina, endurance and brainpower and skill. Can you kick a ball?

—SAMUEL GRIFFITH

Roblox is a game I love to play. You

can play tons of different games on it. You can create an avatar. You can have friends. You can enjoy relaxation time.

—SAMUEL GRIFFITH

My favorite game is Rocket League. It's a game where you have cars and you can play hockey, soccer or basketball. You hit the ball or puck with the car and try to make a goal. I play it with my neighbor all the time.

—NICOLAS MORENO

I think Minecraft is a very convenient game because you can play it on almost any device, from your X-box to your iphone! Minecraft is good to build things and has two main game modes: Creative and Survival. In Creative, you are free to do and build whatever you want, but in Survival you have limited resources.

—FIONA MULCAHY

## Something you remember doing for the first time?

I remember the first time I rode my bike. It was on a soccer field. Then when I got the hang of it I rode on a tennis court. When I mastered that, I went on the sidewalk and road.

—NICOLAS MORENO

I remember going to a farm. The farm had roasting marshmallows, a mountain you could look up to see its beautiful land, and apple trees that had not-ready apples, rotten apples and good apples

SEE CHERRY RUN, PAGE 7

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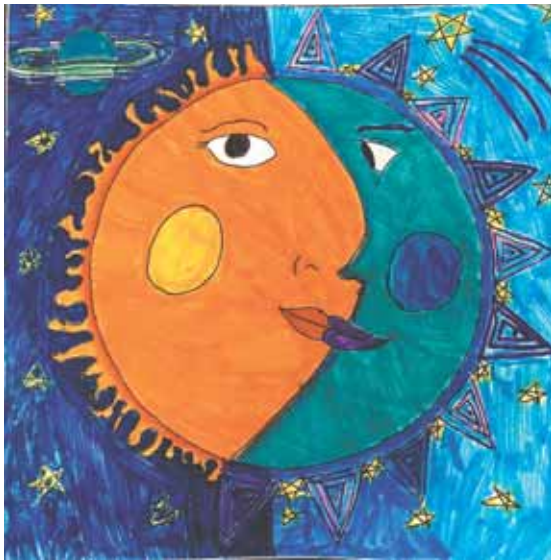


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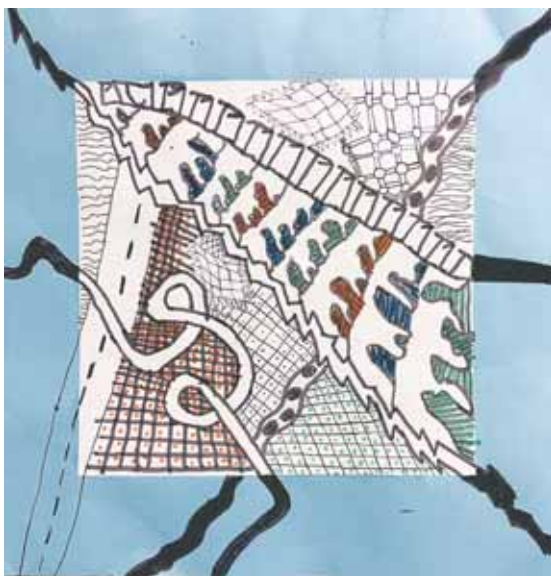


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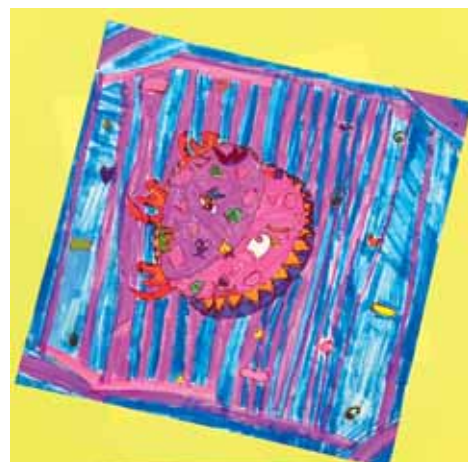
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# CHILDREN

## Cherry Run Elementary

FROM PAGE 5  
on the ground.

—BRIELLE CROWELL

The best thing that ever happened to me was when I caught a grass carp. It weighed 24 pounds and was three feet long. It was the biggest fish my family ever caught. It was the size of my little brother!

—DALTON CHILDRESS

## Favorite restaurant?

I went to Cava. It had a handwash-o-matic! You would roll up your sleeves then stick your hands in it. It would spin and spray water.

—KESHAV PARIKH

## What would you like to do for your first paid job (as a teenager)?

I would like to work at the Nike store. I like Nike clothes and shoes. Nike and Adidas are my favorite brands.

—NICOLAS MORENO

When I'm a teenager, I want to be a nature guide. The thought of spending all day in the forest makes me happy. I love watching animals, playing in the woods, and building shelters made from natural resources, so that's the job for me. I am good at talking to people about nature and I can memorize trails. I would like the job as a nature guide very much.

—FIONA MULCAHY

I want to be a lacrosse player because playing lacrosse makes me feel so happy when I'm with a team.

—KIERA CROWELL

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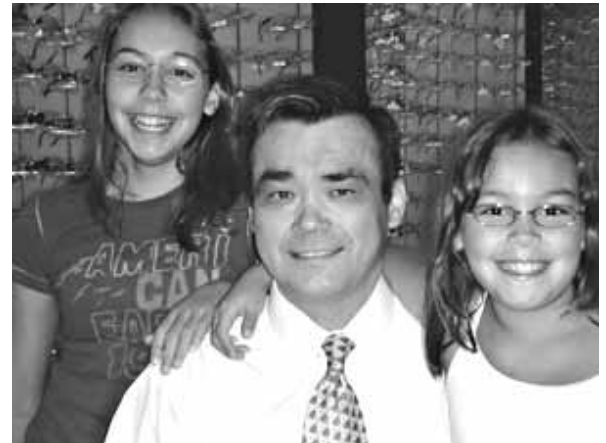
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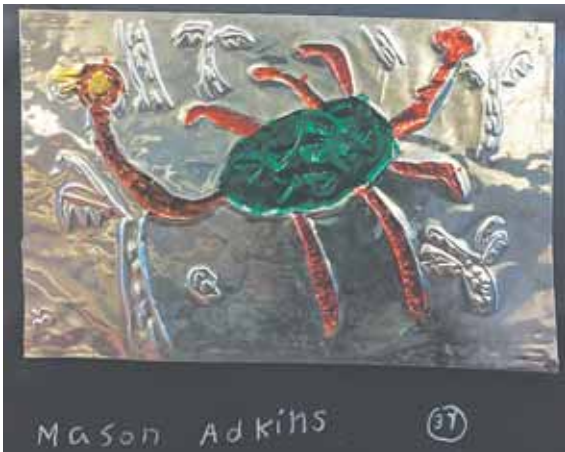
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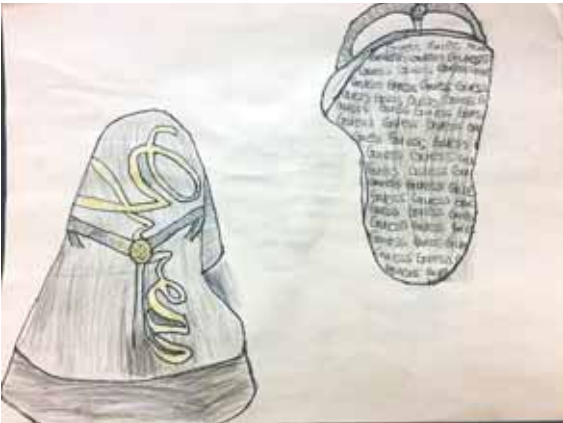
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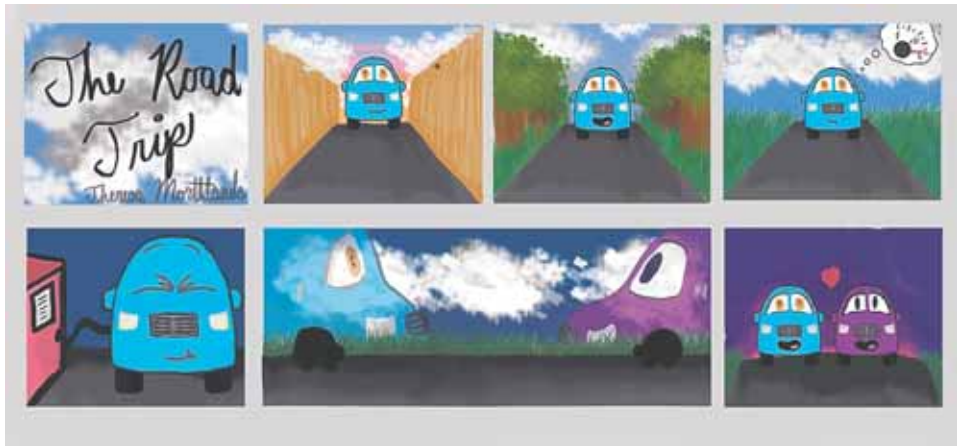


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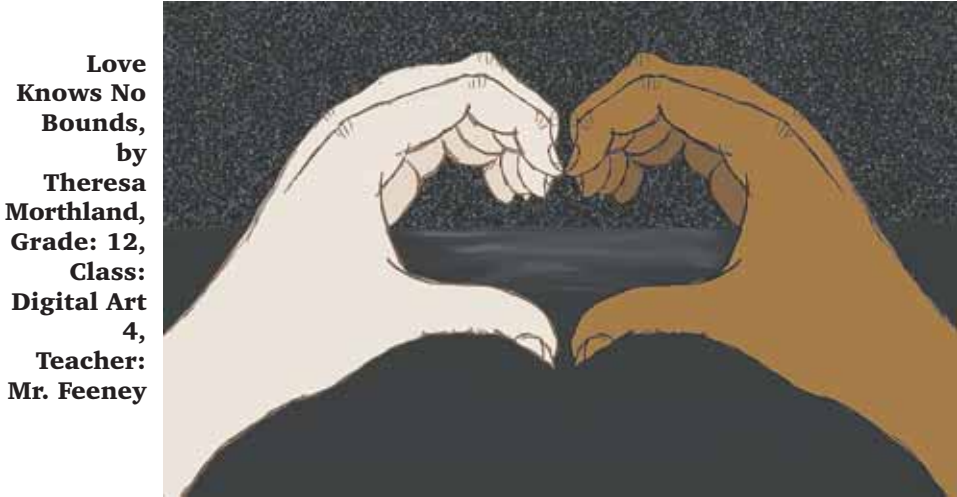
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## More Than Money

If I could give my parents anything that didn't cost money, I would give them all the love I could. I would give them love out of anything that doesn't cost money because I think that is more meaningful than anything- even things that cost money. Also, love will never wear out. You could ALWAYS keep the love that is given.

—SAMANTHA LEE, AGE 9

## Priceless

There is not only one gift that can be priceless to parents. Although, I'm not a parent, I think this is how they feel. They're ecstatic when their child succeeds, but I think their gladdest moment is when their child succeeds as a person. This is the gift I will so give to my parents. Not only kindness and love to my parents, but to all around me, so that they can be proud of me. Pride can also bring happiness. I want my parents to be happy. I cannot do much for my parents, but I will not neglect what I can do.

—GRACE IM, FIFTH GRADE - AGE 11

## Thanks

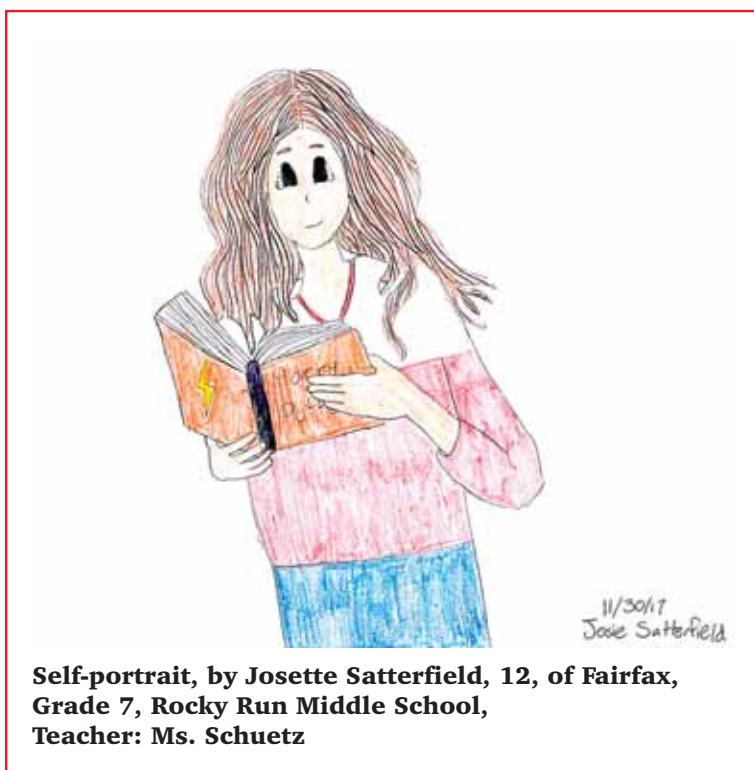
If I had the ability to give my parents, friends and family a gift that wouldn't cost a penny, I would give them the love and thanks from all of my heart. My parents have given me a home, food, water, attention and everything I need to be successful and happy. Without them, I can't imagine how hard life would be. My friends have given me hope when times were dark. They have always been there when I needed a helpful hand. If I didn't have my friends, my happiness and ability to do about everything would disappear. I really do appreciate everything my parents and friends have done for me.

—BY ELENA PAULSON, AGE 10

## The Art of Giving

If I could give anyone in my vicinity a gift that didn't cost money, I would give them the gift of nature. It is beautiful and anyone who sees it will realize that it should never be bought. You should let it sprout and grow until you know this. Then keep it and let it grow and sprout inside of you. Nature is a blessing.

—DOMINIC STOCKARD, GRADE 4 - AGE 10



**Self-portrait, by Josette Satterfield, 12, of Fairfax, Grade 7, Rocky Run Middle School, Teacher: Ms. Schuetz**

## The Gift from the Heart

A true gift is a gift from the heart. If I had a gift to give to mom, it would be love. Love, because love is priceless. Love, because it is always needed. Love, love, love! It's the best thing you could possibly need. Love, love, love! It's more precious than gold or silver. It's the most wonderful thing in the world!

—HENRY STOCKARD, GRADE 4- AGE 10

## The Gift Greater than Gold

I never know what to give my parents as a gift because nothing can show them how appreciative I am of them. If I had to give them one gift, I would give them the ability to know how much I love them and look up to them. I feel as if even when I try to show my love and appreciation, they never know the amount. There is no word that can show my thoughts. If my parents had the ability to know my gratitude, they would be able to know they would be able to know they have been the best they can get. I feel like my parents think they have to work harder for us, but they don't. They are mine and my sister's role models. My gift for my parents would be for them to know my appreciation for

them so they can take a break and know they ARE loved to the fullest extent!

— DAHLIA HASHISH, AGE 11

## The Gift of Me

If I was to give someone a gift that was priceless, I would choose me. I am the best. Everything I say and do is loved by those around me. Of course, I wouldn't give this gift to my parents for two reasons: First of all, I did cost money and second of all, they live in the same house as me so my gift would mean nothing. Now that I think about it, I shouldn't give this gift to anyone in my family for the same reason I can't give this to my parents. I could give this to anyone who is within 5 feet of me. I could make them my friend and that would be my gift.

—HENRY COUNTS, AGE 11

## The Gift

If I could give a gift to my family, I would give them a memory. Then they could see things in my view and maybe they could understand me better. I wouldn't hear, "Oh, don't you give me excuses" as much because they would see my point of view. I could give my family further understanding. They could live young again through my experiences. I could give them knowledge they never could have gained. It would benefit both the receiver and the giver

of the gift. Peace could be achieved.

—XAVIER PARMENTIER, GRADE 4 - AGE 10

## The One Thing

If I were to give my parents one thing, I would give them nothing because they already have everything they could possibly want- love, laughter, and family. And all of this is a pretty good present. They always tell me that they don't want a present, but that's pretty hard to believe. I think that everyone, no matter how old you are, deserves at least one present. It doesn't really matter what it is.

—KIRA CHOJNACKI, GRADE 4 - AGE 9

## The One Thing

If I could give a gift to someone that didn't cost money, I would give my best friend my friendship. A gift of friendship is one of the best gifts because it's the one thing they will probably cherish for a long time. If you give them something like a necklace, they might not wear it after a while. A string of friendship is hard to break even if your best friend moves. Friendship is amazing!

— ABIGAIL FRYAR, GRADE 4- AGE 10

## The One Thing

I would give my parents love or happiness because that is very peaceful and beautiful. Love and happiness is equal to a bar of gold. Love is very kind for everyone. Happiness gives you a big smile on your face and a calm and nice heart. If somebody has this, that person is very lucky. Love and happiness is something that makes you feel very excited. Imagine that you are a bird and you are trapped in the cage of stress and sadness. When you find the key of kindness, you can unlock yourself to the freedom of happiness and love.

—NICHOLE BILLONES, GRADE 4

## There's No Gift BETTER

Personally, I think either love, kindness or some music by Handel. Bach, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky or Dvorak. I think I would pick love, but my family is very musical, but kindness is also a possibility. They are really kind-well, as much as I've seen. So I think I'm down to love, or music. I really love them and they really love me. I also think they are really musical. My brother

owns at least 16 instruments! My sister is 26, my brother is 24 and my other brother is 21.

— DANIEL FOOTE, GRADE 4

## Three Things

Most people stress about how much money a gift will cost or how good it is. But really, three things that don't cost a cent can be really, truly meaningful. These things are: Love, Happiness and (this will probably be in your parents top 10 best things) No fighting. The gift of love grows like vines. It spreads like a plague, but a good one - making everyone feel happy and appreciated. Happiness is like love, but it can be broken. This is why people should pick very special, caring people to give it to, or in other words, your parents. Most siblings fight as most parents know and it doesn't please them. "Why do they do it?" some people may ask. Well, it's in your nature, but try pushing that piece of your nature away. I would give these things to my parents because these items aren't even items- making them priceless.

— KATE NAGLER, AGE 10

## What They Deserve

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—RILEY KURTZ, GRADE 4 - AGE 9

## A Gift Greater than Money

I would give my parents happiness. I feel like they deserve happiness more than I need it. They have given me their happiness and it is time for me to give it back to them. Happiness is very special. Everyone should have happiness in their life. It is more special and rarer than money. I would love to see my parents walk around with happiness in their hearts. I would give up all my money to see them with happiness. It is truly a blessing to see them so happy. That would give my heart happiness. Happiness is special and so are they!

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I saw my joy fade  
The sun's light fading  
Foggy mist  
I couldn't see  
My steps led me to snow  
Like being buried  
Beneath it all  
My heart stung  
The wolves hungry for my soul  
I started forward  
I didn't look back  
Mind swirling  
Tears a blizzard  
White scattered my path  
Icicles dripped like how I faded  
I Wish you could know  
I'm sorry  
But I knew I must keep going  
The fog then lifted  
Bringing the sun to my heart  
It reached out its hand  
I opened my eyes  
The frozen dew sparkled  
The snow endless mountains of white  
I cried for it  
I didn't know why  
As the wind shifted my coat  
My heart as well  
I found myself on a cliff  
I slipped on pure ice  
And started to fall  
The ice was so pure  
It's cold, the sparkling crystals swept me off my feet  
It wasn't just my feet  
I hung paralyzed  
Lost  
Afraid  
Alone  
My joy ran away  
It leaped so fast a blur  
Swallowed by shadow  
My heart of ice  
But it came back to me  
Back to me as wonder  
With wonder came joy  
As I hung with shadows growling  
The jagged peaks begged for gloom  
I only held on tighter  
I then knew I must not fall...  
Delicate snowflakes stroked my skin  
I knew those who need me

I hung  
My eyes glistening with glaze  
If you were to throw an arrow at my heart  
It wouldn't pierce my heart of ice  
I'm so sorry  
I let go  
My heart was glowing  
Brighter than that below  
Fell to the cliffs...  
Fell to the peak of my life...  
The shadow...  
The snow that scarred me...  
Landed on a cloud  
I lived  
I yelled  
I yelled because of it that haunted me  
For the snow that had me survive  
No, I'm going back  
I started to run  
The frozen pond singing  
Tears dripping  
Heart knowing not  
But to keep going  
Not today...  
Not today...  
I will run till I die  
Death's scythe will not touch me...  
It's not my time...  
I grasped onto my life  
I knew  
And I ran home  
That it wasn't I  
But my wonder  
Than the light  
It came through the clouds  
Not a seep  
But the entire sky  
I hugged my life  
Only I will touch  
You will not haunt me  
I had run away  
I had fallen  
But had gotten up again  
The birds of past screeched  
The present birds cried  
The future eagle looked with its eyes  
So that it pierced so much  
My heart of ice melted  
I do not know why  
The ice wrapped around me  
And then I flew

BY HANNAH BANG, 12, 6TH GRADE  
GRADE 6, FAIRHILL ELEMENTARY

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## "Cansir"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Though I want to treat the disease – and my having been diagnosed with the disease, with respect, I don't want to treat it with the utmost reverence. I mean, it's not the Pope. It's an affliction, not an affection. Certainly not one worth embracing anyway. But definitely one which needs engaging.

Treating and living with lung cancer shouldn't be a vertical-type, up or down, either-or set of options. There should be more integration with non-Western, holistic and alternative approaches rather than, as has been my experience: you're on your own; and your oncologist, generally speaking – or potentially legally-labile from speaking, knows/say less about it than you the patient.

I've tried to straddle this line going on nearly nine years now. Adhering to the conventional wisdom/treatment didn't seem like enough. Perhaps hearing the extremely grim prognosis that I received on Feb. 27, 2009 : "13 months to two years," affected my thinking. Perhaps hearing the equally grim likelihood – statistically referencing, of living beyond five years (low single digit percentage); heck, even living beyond two years, might have given me pause as to what course of treatment: chemotherapy, I was starting and why. But what did I know? I had just been blindsided and then bewildered as to why and how I was going to live the rest of my life.

Yet here I sit, nine-years old, so to speak. Some days I believe my amazing good fortune has to do with the treatment and care I've received from my oncologist and staff at the Infusion Center. Other days, I think it has to do with some of the alternatives I've assimilated into my life. Though I can't honestly include exercise in that life, I have modified my diet somewhat and most definitely can mention vitamins, supplements, alkaline water and apple cider vinegar, among a few others; along with a positive attitude with mostly good humor, as important elements. It hasn't been easy, but it has been me. Meaning, I am proud of how I've managed a bad situation and so far, not made it worse.

Though I am somewhat unique, statistically measuring, in how long I've survived (however, I'm not exactly 108-year old Paul Edgecomb/Tom Hanks from the movie "The Green Mile"), I don't know that the varied steps I've taken and the humor and attitude with which I've put one foot in front of the other are likewise unique.

Of the many patients/survivors I've met along this way, many, if not all, have exhibited similar good humor and more of a can-do attitude quite frankly, than I. I've always been happy to make their acquaintance and eager to hear their stories, as they have been interested in hearing mine. Although cancer is not exactly catchy, I've found that, in speaking/sharing with fellow cancer survivors, what goes around comes around. And what 'that' is that is going around is, to invoke The Beach Boys: "Good Vibrations," and that is catchy and healthy too!

When I was first diagnosed – and caught up in my own circumstances, I was not interested – too much, in interacting with other lung cancer patients/survivors. I was more concerned with my own fragile emotional state and was afraid that exposing myself to more bad news: other "terminal" lung cancer patients' stories would weaken my resolve.

I don't recall how many months or years it was before I realized how wrong I had been. Weaken? My involvement with fellow lung cancer patient/survivors has only strengthened my resolve. Has that openness and appreciation for my fellow lung cancer patient extended my life? I'd like to think it has.

But if it hasn't, I guess the jokes on cancer. And that's a laugh with which we can all live.

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**BRAKE SPECIAL****\$79<sup>95</sup>**

INCLUDES: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front &amp; rear rotors &amp; drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. Pads only.

MACHINE ROTORS ADDITIONAL

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**SIGHT LINE  
WIPER BLADES****\$10 OFF**

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**FREE****BATTERY CHECK-UP**

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**VARIABLE DISCOUNT****\$15.00 OFF** when you spend \$100.00 - \$199.99**\$30.00 OFF** when you spend \$200.00 - \$299.99**\$45.00 OFF** when you spend \$300.00 - \$399.99**\$50.00 OFF** when you spend \$400.00 or more

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**TRUESTART BATTERY****\$99<sup>95</sup>**

INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION

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Check your windshield. Does your sticker say **11/17, 12/17,** or **1/18**? If so, your VA Safety Inspection is now due**VIRGINIA STATE INSPECTION****FREE**

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