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HAYFIELD SECONDARY

Drawings by Tony (Anthony) Diaz, a senior at Hayfield Secondary, submitted by Math Teacher Danette Short.



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By Caitlin Cugley, Grade 4, Orange Hunt Elementary

Welcome

Dear Readers:

This week, the Springfield 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 & Teens' 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 2019 calendars for early December, the deadline for submissions for next year's Children's & Teens'

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 email, which should be sent to springhill@connectionnewspapers.com, but you can reach us by mail at 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 or call 703-778-9414 with any questions.

— EDITOR KEMAL KURSPAHIC



By Jaylen Hansley, Grade 1, Newington Forest Elementary



By Dania Miller, Grade 6, Orange Hunt Elementary



My Thanksgiving by Josephine Bronson, Art Classes in Burke with Instructor Carol Zeitlin.

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By Raquel Chacon Pena, Grade 1, Annandale Terrace Elementary

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ORANGE HUNT ELEMENTARY

Submissions from Mrs.
Kieffer and Mrs. Rozycki's
students

By Molly
Thorne,
Grade 2



By Elia Mazerolle, Grade 2



By Athena Giannetti, Grade 3



By Sorami Nguyen, Grade 3



By Audrey Smith, Grade 1



By Alexandra MacDonald, Grade 6



By Andrea Dinh, Grade 3



By Ruby
Laden,
Grade 5



By So phia
Orozco,
Grade 5

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POETRY CORNER

Short poems by Maya Tirado of Springfield.

A Tree

I love different colors
my hair changes each season.
It changes each time
when the sun is high
and wind is breezin'.

Earth

The earth is green, the earth is blue.
The land, sea and everything around you.
The tides, the waves come from the moon!
The grass, the green comes from the clouds.
The rain, the sun, everything on earth,
helps each other for you!

Thanksgiving

Delicious food
brings gratitude.
For family and friends
they bring love to the heart and
gratefulness to the mind.
Enjoy and relax
for your heart
to say HOORAY.

Clouds of Wonder

Clouds are mysteries
What do they do?
Where do they come from?
They help the environment
and I hope you do too!

NEWINGTON FOREST ELEMENTARY



By Stanley Liang, Grade 1

Wind

The wind is magical
the wind is cool
the wind dances with the big blue sea,
it dances with the little happy you.

Storm

A storm is mean,
a storm is powerful.
A storm is as stable as a house,
as mean as a fire-breathing dragon
and a slithering snake, and
as powerful as a viper bite sting.

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By (Andrea) Audrey Battaglia, Grade 1



By Elly Williams, Grade 1



By Khoi Ho, Grade 3



By Lillian Hezel, Grade 1



By Alison Cashman,
Grade 3



By Erin Gardiner,
Grade 3



By (Jai) Christopher Harris,
Grade 3

*Self-portraits,
submitted by Denise
Corcoran, Art Teacher.*

By Emma
Makedonska,
Grade 2



By Gavin
Keith,
Grade 1

By Lydia
Samson,
Grade 1



ORANGE HUNT ES

Submissions from Mrs. Suetterlein's
Grade 6 students

My Favorite Stuffed Toy

My favorite toy is my stuffed cat, Water. Before I got a cat, Water was my cat. We would go on adventures and I would dress her up. When I played family, she was the Nanny and best friend. Water was always with me when I was scared, and she still is. I sleep with her every night and bring her with me on every trip. Six years ago, I got Water at a friend's birthday party. Water has a calico coat and is a bit flattened. I have received other stuffed animals, but Water is my favorite.

— TAYA WELLS, 11

My Best Thing

"Meg don't you know that you're the best thing that ever happened in a long time?" That is a quote by Calvin O'Keefe. And to me, my best thing was when I became friends with my friends. No, my friends' names are not Meg.

I had moved from Colorado to Virginia and I had no friends. I had walked down to the bus stop and had shouted, well: "Is this the bus stop?!" That was when I became friend with my friend. And my other friend. And my friend's older sister. Two years later, another.

That was my essay on my best thing.
—HANNAH ROSENBERRY, 11

If I could give my parent one gift

If I could give my parents one gift that didn't cost money, I would give them my love. I would do that because they are the ones who give me everything I have. Plus, they brought me into the world. If I give them my love then I would do extra little things that help them out like emptying the dishwasher, cleaning the bathroom, doing laundry and, sweeping and cleaning the rest of the house. Sometimes it's the little things that matter.

—HANNAH WARSCHAW, 11

What I Want to Be When I Grow Up

What do I want to be when I grow up? I want to be three things. First, I want to be a pilot in the Air Force. Then I will retire and become an airline pilot. Then finally I retire and become a car designer for a lot of car companies.

—GREGORY WORLEY, 12

What would you change about school

If I was ever asked, "What would you change about school?"

I would scratch my chin as if they're was a beard and say with a shrug, "I really don't know."

But they would probably say, "But you have to choose!"

Then I would groan so loud that even people on the International Space Station would hear me.

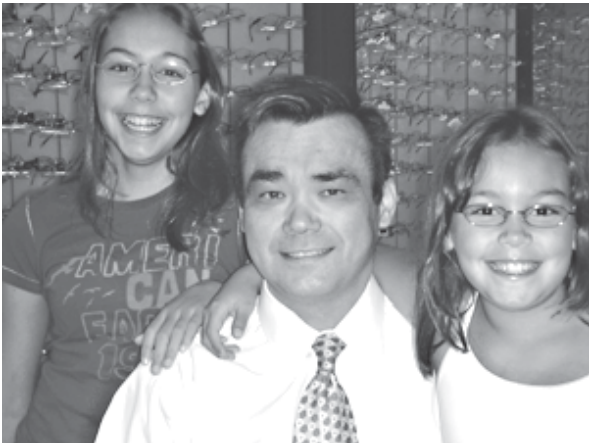
"Fine, I wish there would be an actual Soccer field installed on the field." After that, he would say, "That's lame." Then they would walk off.

And now that I just thought of that, I don't want to be asked that.

—RHYS FONVILLE, 11

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Submitted by
art specialist
Leigha Pehlivan.

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Gutierrez
Zaballos,
Grade 1



By Anyeli Soto Contreras, Grade 1



By Dennise
Garcia Argueta,
Kindergarten



By Daniel Hendricks, Grade 4



By Yazzemine Abdul-Hagg, Grade 1



By Aimee
Wijesinghe,
Grade 5

By Gelila
Wasyihun,
Grade 2



By Diana
Clavijo,
Grade 5



By Sinsine Kinati,
Grade 4



By Mia Salazar, Grade 3

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CHERRY RUN ELEMENTARY

Writing with prefixes, submitted by Mary Ellen Zavaleta, Sixth Grade Teacher.

The anti-happy underground tritoothed hippo and his cohippo disagreed about forecasting the underground weather so instead they got into their underground submarine and drove it in a semi-circle. As the duo drove their underground submarine the aqua dog, a famous underground superstar, transported the anti-happy underground tritoothed hippo and his cohippo to the land above the underground.

— ELIZABETH SO

My multicolored pinkish-blue pet has duobows on each of her ears. She was happily eating multichipped cookies. She made a mistake and spilled the milk. So then she repoured the milk into the polyspotted cup. Then she semi-dipped her chocolate chip cookies and started to eat them nonstop. She was midway in her "eating the cookies the fastest" challenge when her friend came in and said those were her cookies! My pet said it was a misunderstanding and that the whole class got cookies. After that her friend and she ate the cookies together.

The end.

— CHRISTIE BAE

The prehistoric, multiheaded, polyeyed purple octopus repaired his irreplaceable calendar. He uses his calendar to predate the past apocalyptic resurgence of man. Do you think he'll finish before his pregame warmup? And if he can will our octopus be able to replace

the calendar's indescribable quality?

— LUCAN COHEN

My grandmother said she had a pet worth multi-million dollars. I told her that was impossible so she invited me over to her house. I knew my grandma was a former biology student and loved animals, but what I saw when I walked in was insane! It was a hexahorned, trilegged, deca-eyed dog looking right at me. The prehistoric-looking thing was looking right at me. The prehistoric-looking dog marched back to his bed – which could be misjudged to be a throne – and started to drink water out of his semi-filled wine glass.

— GRACE HEBERER

My pet is a pre-human animal. He is a uni-headed, quad-eyed, octo-legged, tri-armed cat. He is writing a report on why the Cat Council should intercept midway a group of enemy submarines transporting unfriendlies undersea. He is thinking about the injustice and how it was impossible that the Council had overlooked his first report. When they read it they disagreed, dismissing it as nonsense. He is writing another report about anti-Cat beings, saying that they will use the atmosphere to send encoded messages to each other and also saying that they will use a mind-controlled singing superstar to defrost the tension between the beings and the Dogs.

— CHRISTIAN YOON

Glasses

I have lost my glasses,
I need them to see
I cannot think of what will become of me,
For I am nearsighted
And not so delighted
Yes, my pair of glasses ARE LOST!

— SARAH CHAYKIN, 9, OF BURKE
GRADE 4, KEENE MILL ELEMENTARY



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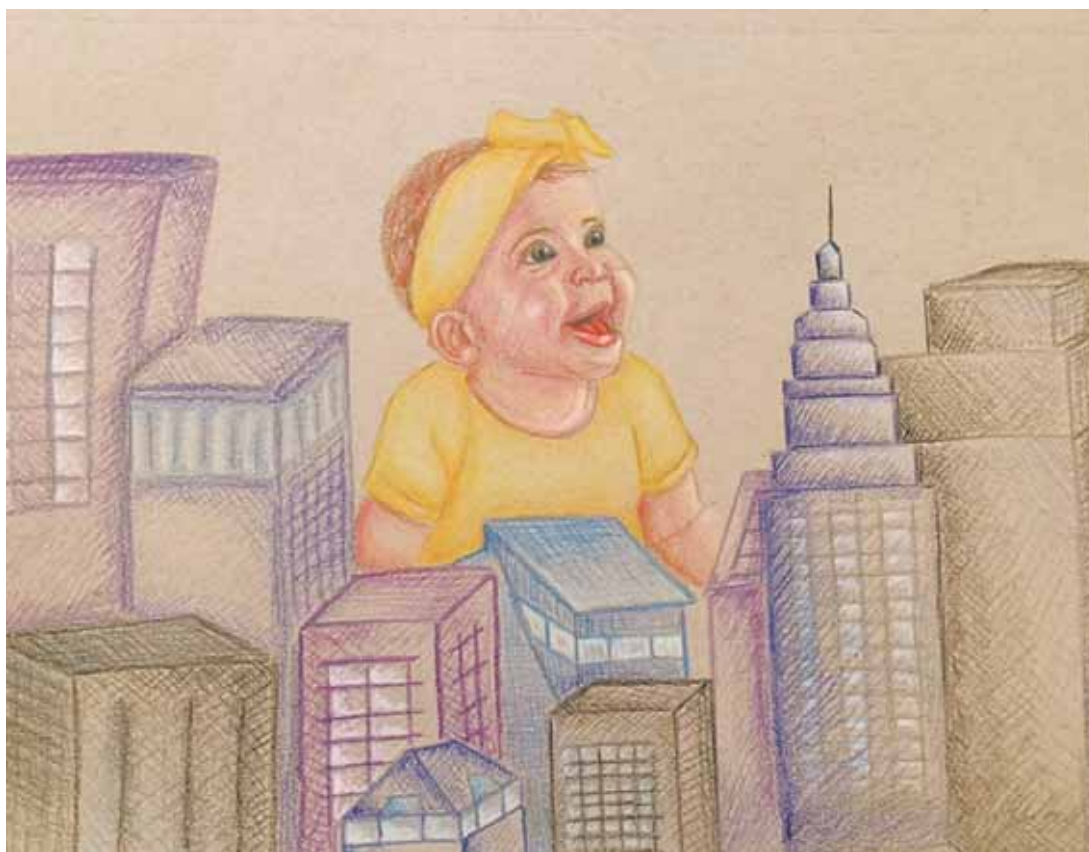
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Artwork submitted by Art Classes in Burke with Instructor Carol Zeitlin.



Color Pencil Drawing by Amanda Bohn



Drawing by
Calvin Ashley



My Thanksgiving by Josephine Bronson



Animal Collage, Color Pencil Drawing by Audrey Reese

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