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The Queen's Corgi, by Kiland Hatcher, age 7, first grade, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School. Her teacher is Ms. Tyler Leachman.

About This

Dear Readers:

This week, the Alexandria Gazette Packet turns over its pages to the youth and students.

We asked children and teens from the area to contribute their words, pictures and photos for our annual Children's & Teens' Issue.

While we were unable to publish every piece we received, we did our best to put together a paper with a 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 2020 calendars for early December, the deadline for submissions for next year's Children's & Teens' Gazette. Please keep us in mind as your children continue to create spectacular works of art and inspiring pieces of writing in the coming year.

This student issue is only a part of our year-round commitment to cover education and our local schools. As always, the Gazette 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 news pages.

Our next print edition will come out on Jan. 8, 2020. Happy New Year!

Reach us at editors@connectionnewspapers.com

Mary Kimm
Alexandria Gazette
Editor and Publisher



Rainbow Dance

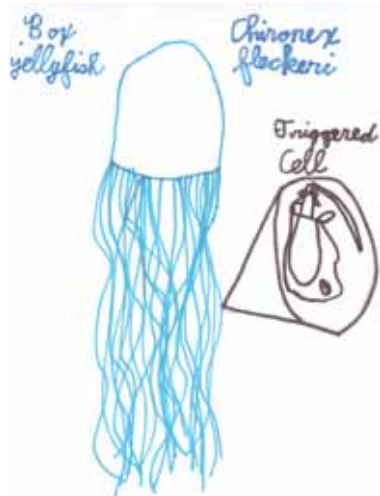
By Brianna Lopez Vasquez, 8, Grade 3
Teacher: Sergio Sierra
Mount Vernon Community School



Frog by Sebastian Deringer, of Alexandria, German International School, Potomac



Holy Family by the Owls class at Washington Street United Methodist Church Preschool.



Mason Choi, Alexandria. Age 9.
3rd grade, St. Thomas More school in Arlington, teacher Ms. Veronica Fernandez.
-Drawing: Box Jellyfish

Julia Choi, Alexandria. Age 10.
5th grade, St. Thomas More school in Arlington, teacher Ms. Stephanie Pacheco.
-Drawing: The Season of Friendship



TWENTY-FOUR DAYS

Twenty-four days, twenty-four days!
Counting the days are making a maze!

Christmas is coming, this I know,
but maybe this year it will come and then go?

Days and nights, skies and snow,
Christmas will come, but eventually go.

Time is ticking,
clocks are clicking,
time is racing by.
And then finally! Christmas is nigh.

It seems like I had some patience,
but maybe I let it go.
Perhaps I'll remember it and then I'll never know.

Christmas will come some other time,
but for now I feel like the world is mine.

Poem:
24 Days
(Advent)
By Mason
Choi,
Alexandria.
Age 9

CHILDREN'S & TEENS' GAZETTE



Josiah Thomas, grade 7



Kate Griffis, grade 8



Amanda Houseman, grade 8



Cara Harris, grade 6



Gael Aisparo, grade 8

ARTWORK FROM
George Washington Middle School,
Art Teacher Janice Rollins



Evelyn Keene, grade 8



Gaetamina Vehoeven grade 6



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2nd Grade, Age 7



Caroline Lehman,
4th Grade, Age 10



Ryan Kremer,
1st grade, Age 6



Ellie Harris,
2nd Grade, Age 8



Evelyn Bryan,
2nd grade, Age 7



Zethan Hazel, 4th grade, Age 10



Alexandria
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Seneca
Baytosh,
7th grade,
Age 12

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Alexander Kocsis, 4th grade, Age 9



Vivian Kocsis, 6th Grade, Age 12



DJ Heiber, 7th grade, Age 12



Sabrina Dunton, 5th grade, Age 11



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2nd grade

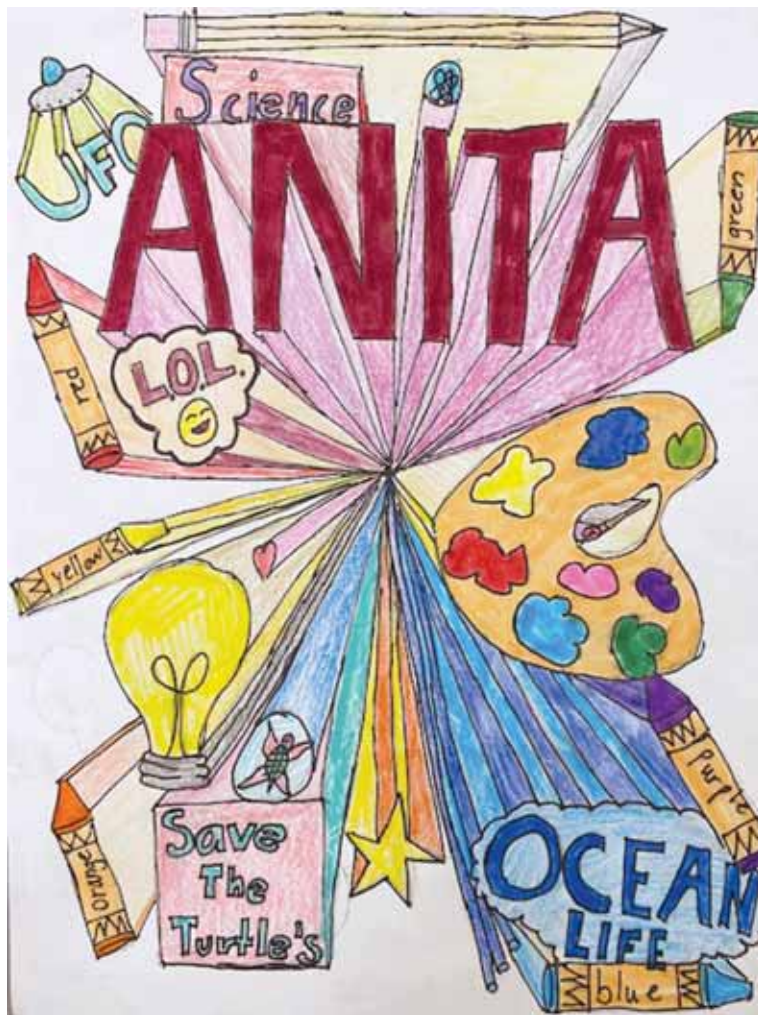


Sadie Szamosfalvi
4th grade



Caroline Fitzpatrick
2nd grade

Anita Salguero
5th grade



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Langley Ann Dalton
3rd grade

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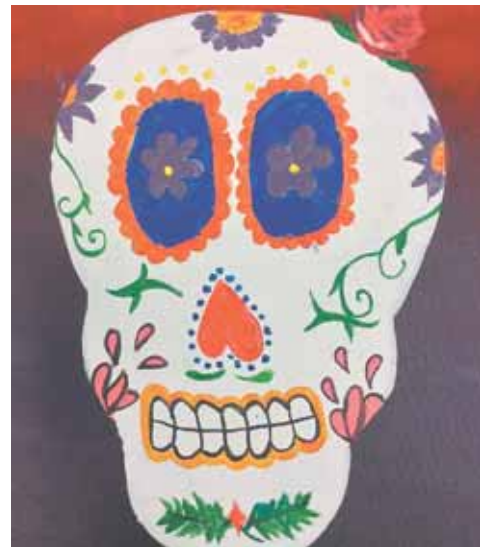
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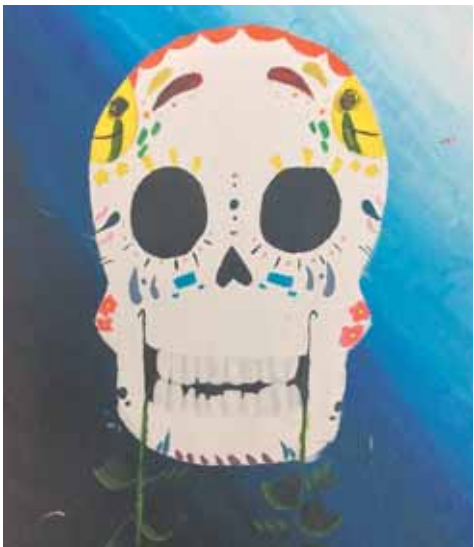
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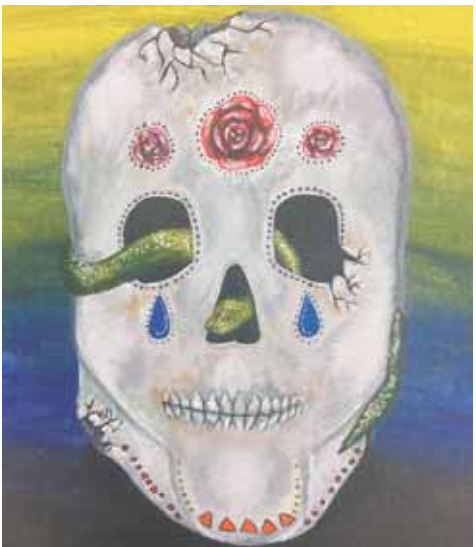
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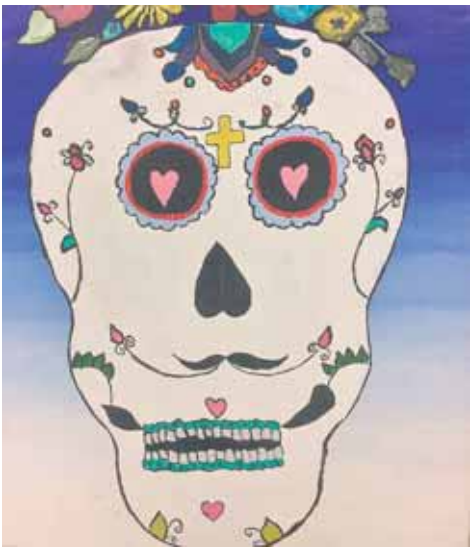
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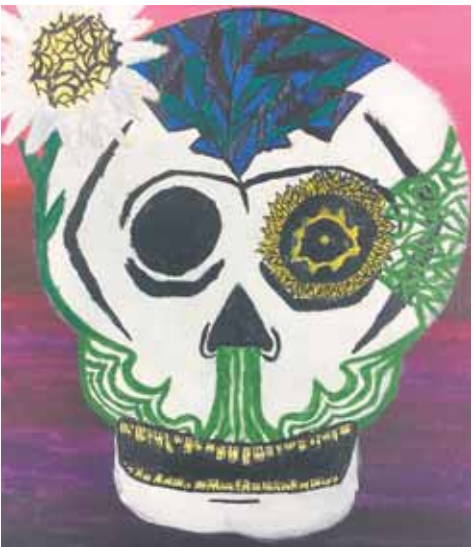
Day of the Dead Sugar Skull Painting

T.C. Williams High School
Minnie Howard Campus

Acrylic paintings from the Day of the Dead Sugar Skull Painting unit. The students are 9th graders in Art I from T.C. Williams High School Minnie Howard. Anna Davila, Visual Arts Teacher



Leila Abarca



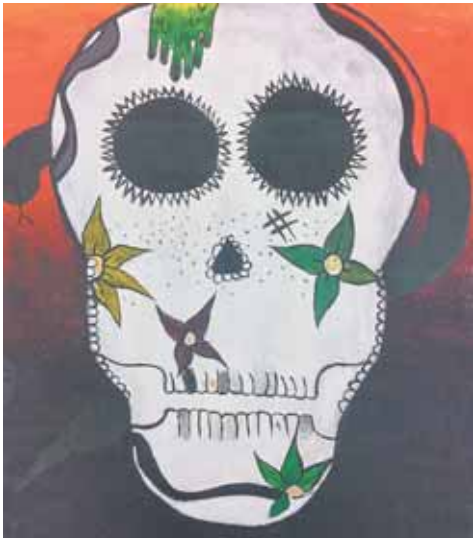
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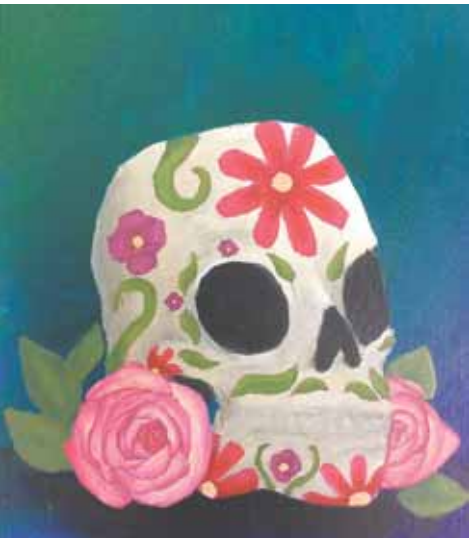
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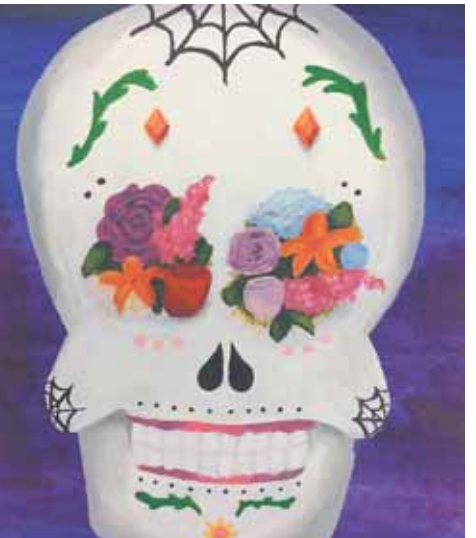
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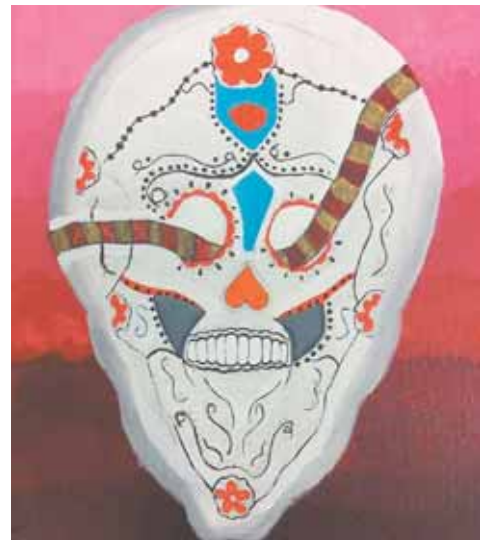
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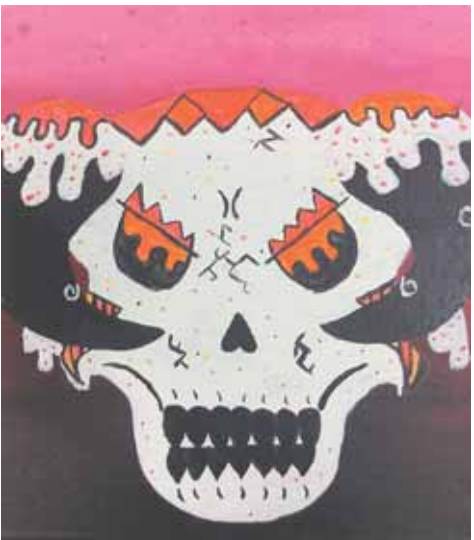
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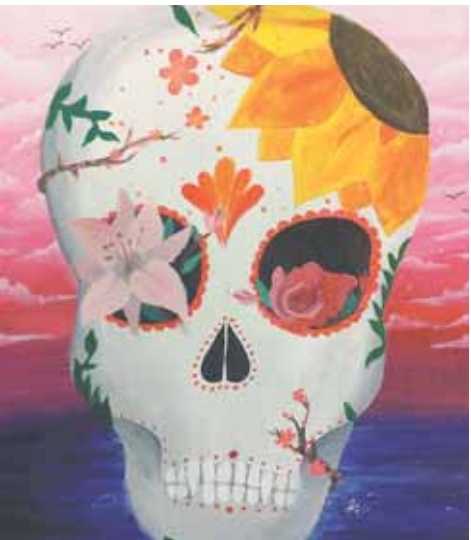
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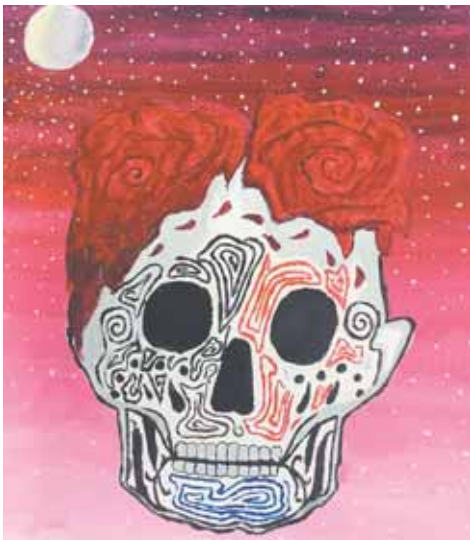
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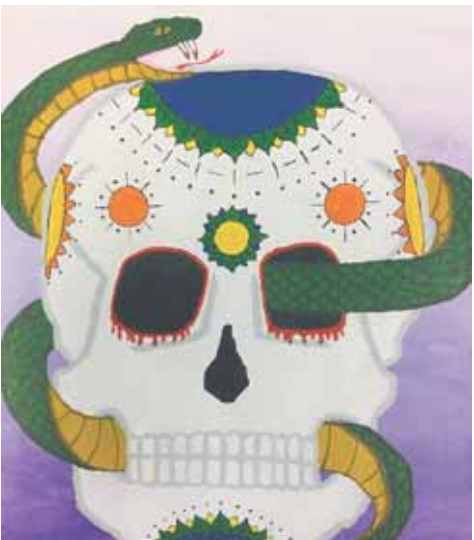
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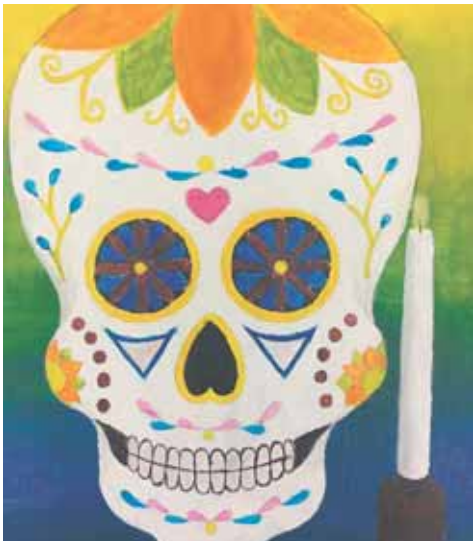
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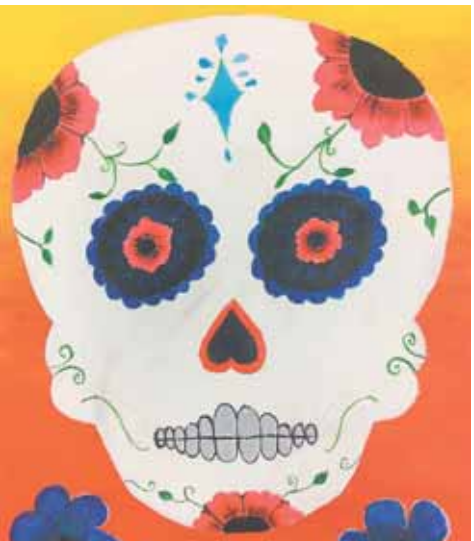
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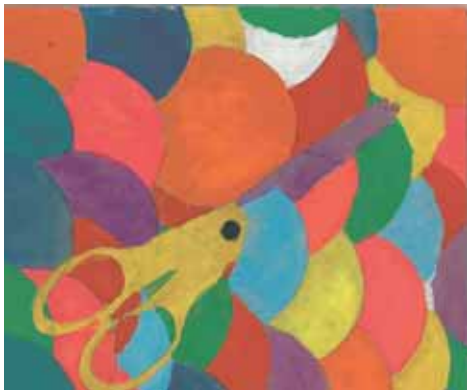
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8th Grade, Age 12



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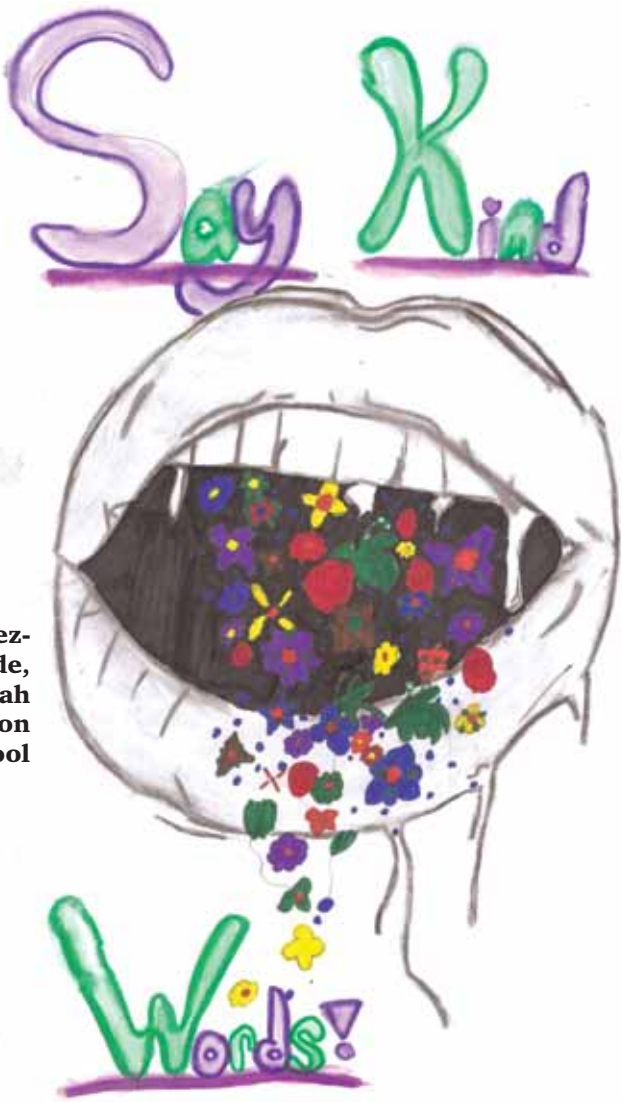
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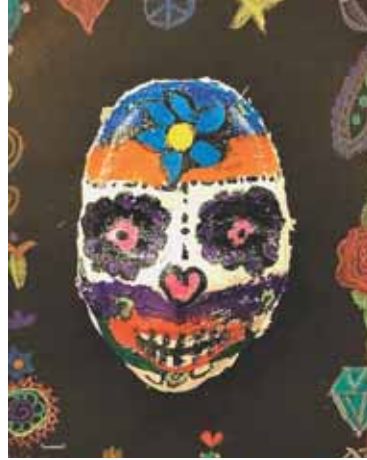
5th grade — Sugar skulls inspired by the tradition artwork for Dia de los Muertos



Mohammed Raja age 11



Zahra Nikzad age 11



Valeria Guerrero Guerron age 11

4th grade — Mirror Tessellation Playing cards inspired by M.C.Escher



Rosemary Gamel age 10



Jazmin Barksdale age 10



Kye Dementi age 10

3rd grade — X-ray hands inspired by the tradition artwork for Dia de los Muertos and Quadrilateral Cityscapes



Melany Blanco Rios age 9



Liam Painter age 9



Mattiullah Amin age 9



Hayden Podolsky age 9



Lyron De Castro age 9



Angel Flores Arias age 9

Kindergarten — Flying Self Portrait Quilts inspired by Faith Ringgold



Amir Abdul Ali age 6



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Now We Wait



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The doctor told me that I'll probably receive results from today's biopsy in five to seven days. The pathologist will send the results to my oncologist who presumably will email them to me. Now whether that new information will cause a change in my treatment, I certainly don't know. However, I would imagine that knowing the genetic mutation/biomarker would cause an immediate change. We're not exactly waiting for Godot here. And neither is the process rocket science. It's medicine. It's research. It's years of clinical trials. All of which has led to the FDA's approval of more drugs for the treatment of lung cancer in the last three years than in the previous three decades, according to LUNgevity. Lung cancer research, after years of comparative neglect is finally getting the respect - and dollars, it deserves. After all, lung cancer is by far the leading cause of cancer deaths annually with up to 200,000 new cases diagnosed every year.

"Targeted Therapy" is what I'm talking about. And it's as simple as it sounds. A specific medicine is more effective when given to a patient with a specific biomarker (type of tumor; they're not all the same). Eleven years ago when I was first diagnosed, mutations were not yet a part of the oncologist's playbook. Now, they're on page one. After years of receiving treatment based on old-ish/conventional methods, I am about to move to the head of the class. Maybe even become the teacher's pet (I'm already my oncologist's prize cow.) This is not experimental stuff, this is state of the art, so to speak. And soon, if I'm lucky, I will join the ranks.

At this juncture, I know very little specifically about what might happen next. I have learned during my years of treatment and meetings with my oncologist that future scenarios are rarely discussed. Sure, we've occasionally mapped out, generally speaking, a course of action/reaction, but my oncologist prefers not to get too far ahead of where we are at present. One new symptom and/or unexpected result from a CT scan or a brain MRI and once again, it will be "Katie, bar the door." Accordingly, I have become a patient patient. That's not double talk, that's years of experience. I'd like to think it's part of the reason I'm still alive.

Another reason I'm still alive is the Team Lourie philosophy: hoping Kenny can stay alive until research catches up - or even passes you by which then enables you to take advantage of the next big thing/new drug. Over the last 11 years, I've been the beneficiary of research that has provided drugs which allowed me to live years beyond my original "13 month to two year" prognosis (in quotes because that's what my oncologist said). Now I hope to be the beneficiary once again of the latest and greatest treatment: "Targeted Therapy." If so, another 11 years would suit me just fine.

To say I'm excited would not exactly describe my state of mind. Hopeful, of course. Anxious, for sure, because I think my oncologist, per our last meeting, was anticipating my future a bit and switching from my present opdivo immunotherapy to something brand new (or a new combination of medicines) seemed timely to him. Ergo, my needle biopsy today at the Interventional radiologist. I guess you could say "I'm pleased as punch," though, to quote Hubert Horatio Humphrey Jr., the 38th Vice President of the United States, that I had this procedure. It opens up/creates new treatment possibilities which for a nearly 11-year cancer survivor is likely way more important than I realize. After all, my oncologist did characterize my non small-cell lung cancer, stage IV diagnosis as "terminal." A disease for which my oncologist also said that he "could treat, but that he couldn't cure." Well, I don't suppose he can cure me now with whatever targeted therapy matches my tumor's biomarker so I'm counting on these new drugs being able to treat me some more. I could live with that.

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