

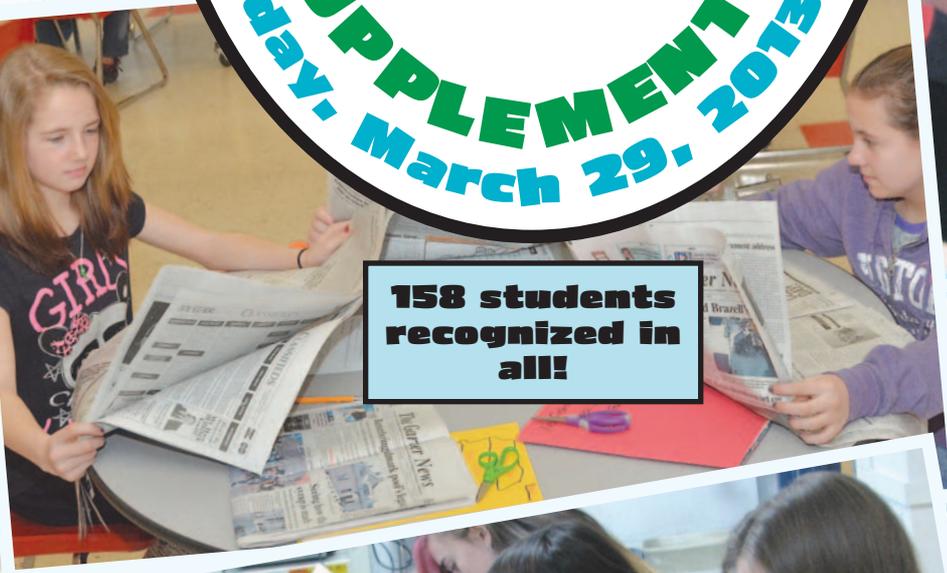
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46 local schools participated this year!



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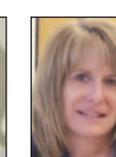
158 students recognized in all!



Student work in the Design-An-Ad, Editorial Cartoon, Feature Photo, My Favorite Storybook Character, Original Artwork and Student Essay contests



Teachers of NIE winners

 Mark Nevard Oakmont Reg. High School 9 winners p7a, Dupuis; p9a, Robichaud; p13a, Butler; p21a, Hildreth; p23a, Bolvin; p24a, Neff; p25a, Poirier; p27a, Bolvin.	 William Hulette Holy Rosary School 7 winners p7a, Lee; p10a, E.O'Brien; p15a, Parks; p16a, Hammond; p18a, Goguen; p21a, Aube; p28a, Richard.	 Joyce LaBonte Holy Rosary School 7 winners p6a, Koetsch; p6a, Ross; p12a, Antonian; p17a, Chretien; p17a, Theberge; p28a, Robillard.	 Amy Holwell Gardner Middle School 6 winners p12a, Orwig; p15a, Iwanik; p16a, T.Davis; p19a, Sargent; p23a, T.Davis; p24a, Mikuszewski.	 Heather Boylan Helen Mae Sauter School 5 winners p10a, Biron; p10a, S.Gemborys; p11a, Frushell; p18a, Randall; p27a, Frushell.	 Linda Ganson Mahar Regional School 5 winners p5a, Griffin; p13a, Guerra; p16a, Aldrich; p17a, Berry; p28a, Parker.	 Frances Lemieux Gardner High School 5 winners p9a, Yacyshyn; p14a, Leger; p18a, Jones; p22a, Martinez; p24a, E.LeBlanc.	 Helen Miller Mahar Regional School 5 winners p5a, Sweeney; p7a, Kazinskas; p13a, Patterson; p15a, St. Laurent; p18a, Adams.	 Stephanie Rondeau Murdock Middle High School 5 winners p11a, Gifford; p15a, Benedict; p21a, Boucher; p24a, Salter; p27a, Swanson.	 Jackey Antonian Holy Rosary School 4 winners p6a, Dilling; p10a, Oliva; p26a, Oliva; p26a, Dornig.	 Linda Herbison Montachusett Reg. Vocational 4 winners p18a, Thomas; p19a, Garmy; p20a, Rahman; p23a, Lyons.	 Lynn Morrissey Holy Rosary School 4 winners p8a, Woodard; p23a, M.O'Brien; p25a, Moran; p25a, Gillespie.	 Lynn Murray Toy Town Elementary Sch. 4 winners p10a, Bickford; p12a, Daigle; p16a, Burns; p19a, Manuel.	 Michele Smith Narragansett Middle School 4 winners p10a, Nicholson; p12a, Thompson; p19a, Perkins; p25a, Lawindy.
 Brian Beaudoin Overlook Middle School 3 winners p6a, Banks; p14a, Ancill; p25a, Rousso.	 Katie Blake Sacred Heart School 3 winners p11a, L.Gemborys; p14a, Roche; p17a, Lab.	 Janet Dupuis Narragansett Middle School 3 winners p11a, Curcio; p13a, Banas; p19a, Scott.	 Frances Lemieux Gardner Acad. of Learning & Tech. 3 winners p10a, Bernier; p20a, Kennedy; p23a, Williams.	 Donna Murphy Elm Street School 3 winners p8, Celona; p25a, Nano; p27a, Sisouk.	 Sara Sanford Applewild School 3 winners p7a, Ince; p8a, Guerrero; p8a, Clarke.	 Greg Barry Oakmont Reg. High School 2 winners p8a, H.Barry; 16a, M.Wang.	 Kerry Bart-Raber Hubbardston Center School 2 winners p20a, Valois; p23a, C.Davis.	 Karen Brunelle Elm Street School 2 winners p12a, Rodriguez; p20a, Herrera.	 Joanna Draugsvold The Winchendon School 2 winners p5a, C.Wang; p18a, H.Wang.	 Mike Fontaine Murdock Middle High School 2 winners p14a, Clark; p24a, Vieu.	 Shawn Ilinitch Stetson School 2 winners p7a, Rasheem M.; p8a, Luis C.	 Ann Marie Ouellet Elm Street School 2 winners p6a, Swaney; p18a, DeLeon.	 Lisa Payne Ruggles Lane Elem. School 2 winners p14a, O'Rourke; p21a, Grimes.
 William Simons Quabbin Reg. High School 2 winners p5a, Hyland; p15a, Pasakinskas.	 Tracy Smith Petersham Center School 2 winners p11a, S.LeBlanc; p27a, Cruz.	 Brian Snell Royalston Comm. School 2 winners p11a, Francis; p28a, Alger.	 Susan Alario Westminster Elementary Sch. 1 winner p9a, Johnston.	 Susan Apteker Fisher Hill Elementary Sch. 1 winner p26a, Canning.	 Whitney Archambeault Riverbend Elementary Sch. 1 winner p25a, Spooner.	 Whitney Archambeault Sanders Street School 1 winner p24a, Wood.	 Nina Belanger Mahar Regional School 1 winner p22a, Torres.	 Kristine Boudreau Baldwinville Elementary Sch. 1 winner p17a, Weideman.	 Mary Carnie Royalston Community Sch. 1 winner p28a, D.LeBlanc.	 Edie Conrad Wachusett Hills Christian School 1 winner p26a, Curran.	 Lee Cormier Reingold Elementary Sch. 1 winner p27a, Robinson.	 Chad Dufour Narragansett Middle School 1 winner p26a, Medlin.	 Ian Flaherty Elm Street School 1 winner p27a, Lison.
 Beth Foster Meetinghouse Elementary Sch. 1 winner p12a, Madden.	 Melissa Fournier Petersham Center School 1 winner p28, Lux.	 Brian Furr First Year's Academy 1 winner p25a, Caplis.	 Sue Gallagher Gardner High School 1 winner p16a, Dietz.	 Dena Hengst Quabbin Reg. High School 1 winner p18a, Pascale.	 Mary Hescoock Sacred Heart School 1 winner p14a, Cormier.	 Elena Hennessey Johnny Applesseed Sch. 1 winner p25a, Nevard.	 Christie Hoegen Sacred Heart School 1 winner p5, Romero.	 Tracy Johnson Athol-Royalston Middle School 1 winner p27a, Rios, Jr.	 Kara Kowalczyk Narragansett Reg. High School 1 winner p28a, Bodkin.	 Nicole Landry Toy Town Elementary Sch. 1 winner p17a, Dokuil.	 Lynn LaRoche J.R. Briggs Elementary Sch. 1 winner p16a, Mulhall.	 Wendie LeBlanc Petersham Center School 1 winner p9a, Ares.	 Diane Lemay Sacred Heart School 1 winner p11a, Colcord.
 Cyndi LeRoy Memorial Elementary Sch. 1 winner p6a, Valliere.	 Cyndi LeRoy Toy Town Elementary Sch. 1 winner p22a, Cochran.	 Tracey McDonald Hubbardston Center School 1 winner p28a, Earle.	 Peter Nelson North Central Charter Essential 1 winner p7a, Gonzalez.	 Lisa Payne New Braintree Elementary Sch. 1 winner p23a, Januszewski.	 Linda Qualters Phillipston Memorial Sch. 1 winner p21a, Ledoux.	 Nichole Ruggles Petersham Center School 1 winner p27a, Peredina.	 Michelle Sarkisian Quabbin Reg. Middle School 1 winner p28a, See.	 Mary Beth Sekurski Holy Rosary School 1 winner p9a, Wandless.	 Gisele Shepherd Elm Street School 1 winner p26a, Schaeffer.	 Eric Sifert Westminster Elementary Sch. 1 winner p26a, Smith.	 Greg Smith Butterfield Elementary Sch. 1 winner p15, Liberty.	 Ruth Suyenaga Waterford Street School 1 winner p24a, Vargas.	 Charlene Tavares Elm Street School 1 winner p26a, Anderson.

Other participating teachers

Athol-Royalston Middle School

Matt Gauvin
Beth Gospodarek
Elly Hunter
Cindy Voutila

Baldwinville Elementary

Leomie Emma
Debbie Miller
Kathie Huhtala

Butterfield Elementary

Mark Burnett

Elm Street School

Sonja Laferriere

Helen Mae Sauter School

Ruth Suyenaga

Holy Rosary School

Nancy Barrieau

Hubbardston Center School

Danielle Beaudry
Eileen Bohigian
Wendy Castriotta
Jacqueline Chabot
Jen Churchill

Hubbardston Center School (cont.)

Barbara Dietrich
Kim Doyle
Jane Gregoriou
Gita Haddad
Sue LaRose
Julie Mankowsky
Carla Medeiros
Shannon Ortolino

Johnny Applesseed School

Beth Wilson

Meetinghouse Elementary School

Kristin Burke
Sandy Fowke

Montachusett Regional Vocational

Dan Starr

Narragansett Middle School

Jessica McLaughlin

Oakmont Regional High School

Theresa Barry
Elizabeth Lilly

Petersham Center School

Melissa Clark

Petersham Center School (cont.)

Bridget Koetsch
Christina Boyer-Thompson

Phillipston Memorial School

Leanne Bruen

Quabbin Regional High School

Terese Salvatore

Royalston Community School

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Sacred Heart School

Tanya Gurge
Bonnie Hunter
Nancy Olivo
Rebecca Vincent

Templeton Center School

Danielle Lynch

Westminster Elementary School

Mike Fitzgerald
Robert Myette

Cover photos:

(starting from upper left, left to right):

Oakmont Regional High School teacher Mark Nevard points out an item in the newspaper (News photo by STEVE NYBERG). Two students in Charlene Tavares' class at Elm Street School in Gardner read the paper; teacher Charlene Tavares looks over a student reading the newspaper (News staff photos by ANDRES CAAMANO). A student in Mark Nevard's class reads the newspaper; a student writes down an answer during an exercise using the newspaper in Brian Snell's class at Royalston Community School; a group of students read the newspaper in Brian Snell's class at Royalston Community School (News photos by STEVE NYBERG). A Gardner Middle School student looks over an item pointed out by teacher Amy Holwell; Students spend time reading the newspaper in Gardner Middle School teacher Amy Holwell's class; two students look over a newspaper in Charlene Tavares' class at Elm Street School in Gardner (News staff photos by ANDRES CAAMANO).

Dear readers:

For a ninth consecutive year, I am proud to announce that participation in the *Newspaper In Education* supplement has increased once again. Historically, NIE is considered something solely for elementary schools to participate in, but over the past eight years, there has been an increased recognition of middle and high school students in the Greater Gardner area by way of this supplement.

Eight years ago was the first year where there was any high school participation in this supplement, as Gardner High School participated in the then newly-created Feature Photo contest, then added to five other contests for that supplement. This year, high school age students from Gardner High, Murdock Middle High School, Mahar Regional School, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, Narragansett Regional High School, Oakmont Regional High School, Quabbin Regional High School and The Winchendon School took part, along with 10 schools that did not participate last year — 46 in all — as far west as Orange, and as far east as Fitchburg.

By turning page after page of this supplement, you will see the writing, drawing and photographic talents of many talented young people in Greater Gardner. As the Newspaper In Education program at *The Gardner News* grows, to where nearly 1,900 students each week benefit during the school year, it becomes ever more apparent our area schools are filled with exceptional young minds ready to lead us into tomorrow.

This year's winners and honorable mentions were, as usual, difficult to judge. All of the students should be commended for a job well done. A special thank you goes out to every single teacher and administrator — of which there were 119 this year — who helped make this year's supplement a success. In recognizing that detail, we not only include a photo of every student honored with a supplement-winning entry, but also each of their corresponding teachers that submitted the entry to *The Gardner News* for this supplement. This is just a glimpse at what is possible when newspapers are used in the classroom, of which there have been 79 teachers thus far who have utilized *The Gardner News* this year.

NIE is a worldwide effort connecting teachers, students and local newspapers by providing stimulating teaching materials to facilitate learning. Whether the subject matter is the ABC's for primary grades, or real life learning (exercises in finding a job through the classified section) the newspaper offers something for every subject and grade level.

Students who learn how to read, enjoy, understand and use newspapers are equipped with a lifelong learning resource.

The Gardner News is proud to offer a NIE program to Greater Gardner schools, and your support is very much appreciated. Parents, businesses and other organizations can help students during the school year by donating to the program. For a surprisingly small donation, you can help pay for the educational services we provide.

Once again, congratulations to each of our 158 winners and a hearty thank you to everyone who participated in *The Gardner News 2013 Newspaper In Education Supplement*.

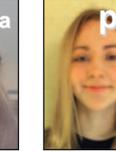
Sincerely,



Andrés Caamaño
NIE Director

NIE Contest Winners

First Place

 Faith O'Rourke Ruggles Lane Elementary Sch. Original Artwork K-3	 Amaia Ince Applewild School Original Artwork 4-6	 Cathy Wang The Winchendon School Original Artwork 7-9	 Molly Hyland Quabbin Reg. High School Original Artwork 10-12	 Johanna Daigle Toy Town Elementary Sch. Editorial Cartoon 4-6	 Leonardo Gonzalez North Central Charter Essential Editorial Cartoon 7-9	 Rylee Ares Petersham Center School Student Essay K-3	 Logan Gemborys Sacred Heart School Student Essay 4-6	 Amber Gagne North Central Charter Essential Student Essay 7-9	 Arianna Robichaud Oakmont Reg. High School Student Essay 10-12
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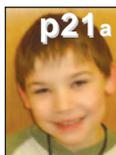
Third Place

 Paul Celona Elm Street School Original Artwork K-3	 Nadine Gifford Murdock Middle High School Original Artwork 4-6	 Zach Banks Overlook Middle School Original Artwork 7-9	 Andrew Aldrich Mahar Regional School Original Artwork 10-12	 Alyssa Antonian Holy Rosary School Editorial Cartoon 4-6	 Serena LeBlanc Petersham Center School Student Essay K-3	 Latasha Thompson Narragansett Middle School Student Essay 4-6	 Cheryl Thomas Montachusett Reg. Vocational Student Essay 7-9	 Ashley Gleason Cottage Hill Academy Student Essay 10-12	 Adam Ross Holy Rosary School Feature Photo 4-6
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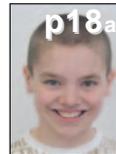
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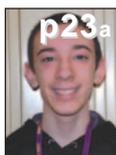
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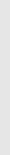
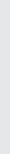
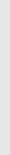
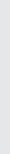
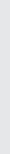
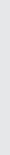
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FEATURE PHOTO
*Kiara Griffin, Grade 9,
Mahar Regional School*



ORIGINAL ARTWORK
*Cathy Wang, Grade 9,
The Winchendon School*



ORIGINAL ARTWORK
*Molly Hyland, Grade 12,
Quabbin Regional High School*



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*Rachel Romero, Grade 4,
Sacred Heart School*



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Zach Banks, Grade 8,
Overlook Middle School



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Elm Street School



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Holy Rosary School

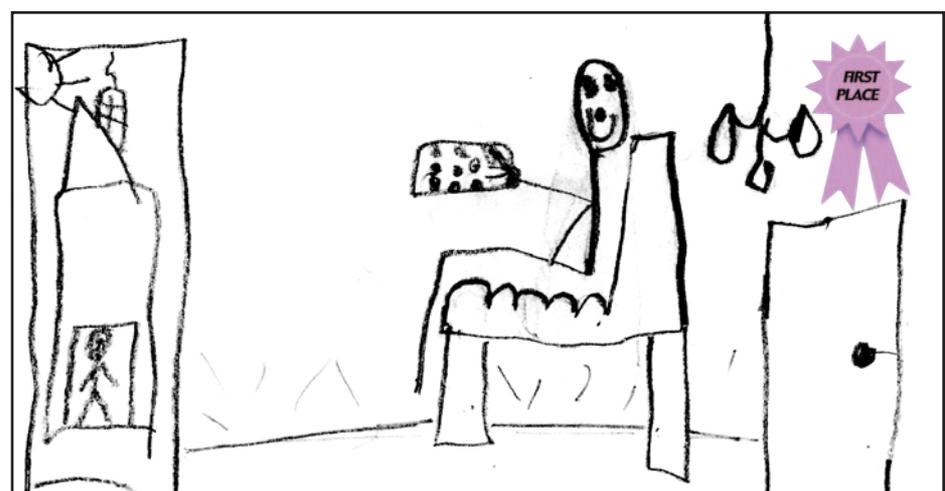


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Kelsey Dilling, Grade 8,
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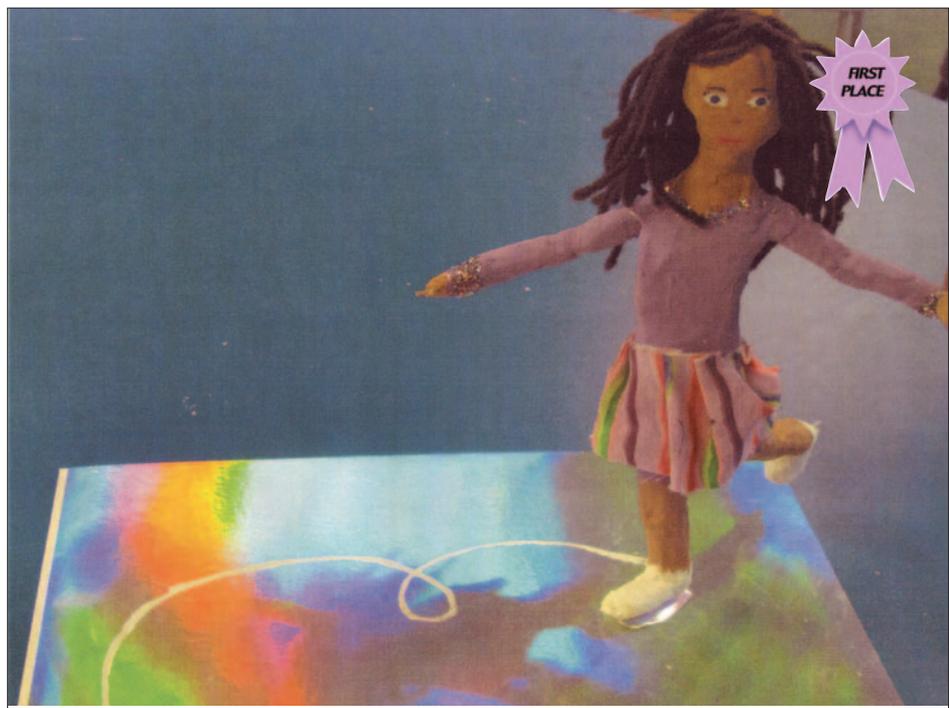
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Memorial Elementary School



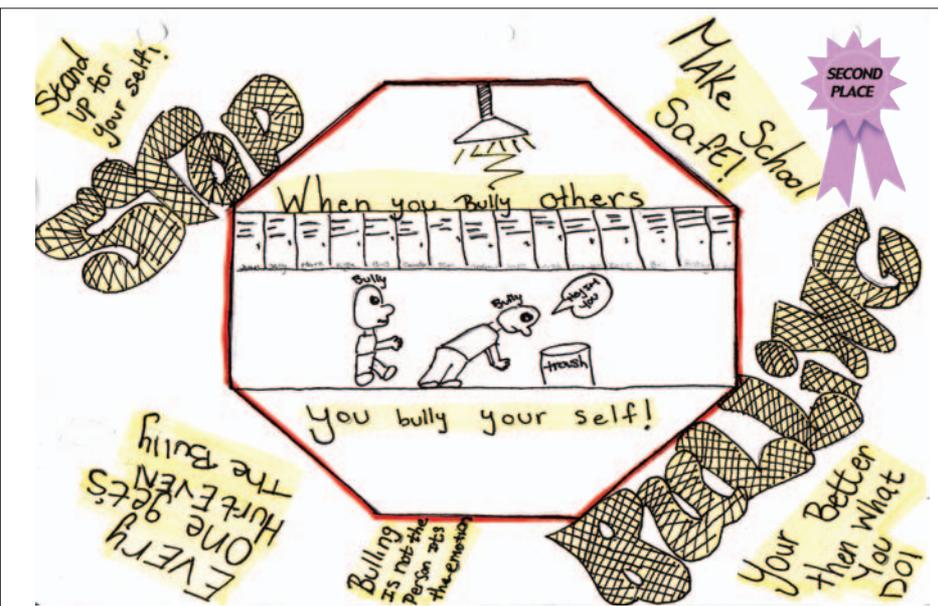
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EDITORIAL CARTOON
Leonardo Gonzalez, Grade 8,
North Central Charter Essential School



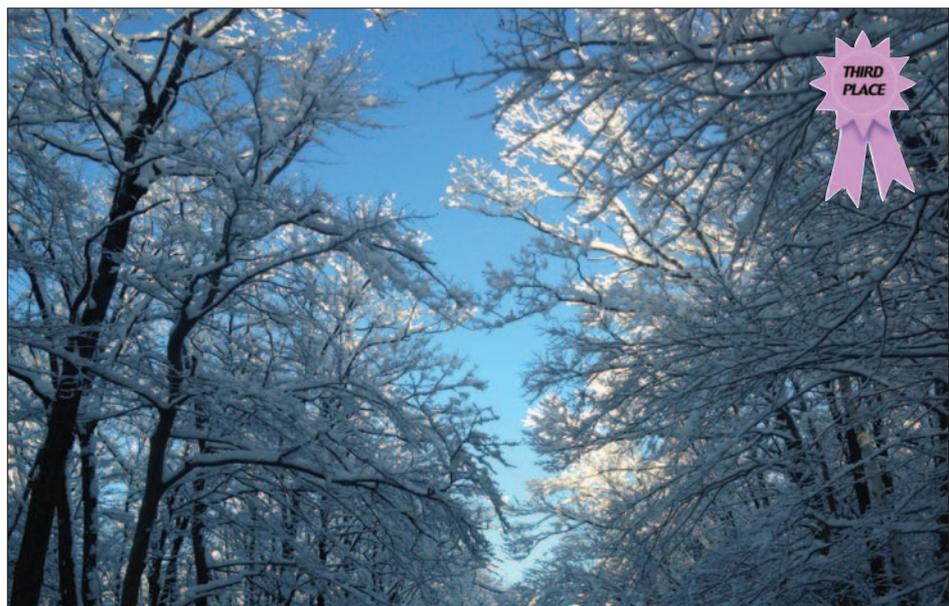
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Applewild School



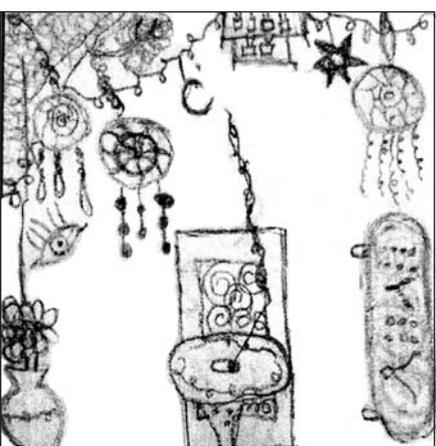
SECOND PLACE

EDITORIAL CARTOON
Rahsheem M., Grade 8,
Stetson School



THIRD PLACE

FEATURE PHOTO
Danielle Dupuis, Grade 12,
Oakmont Regional High School



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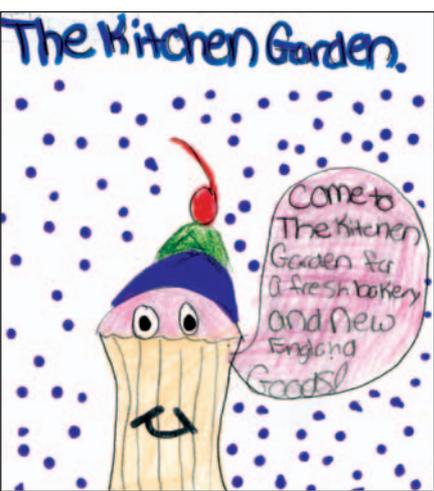
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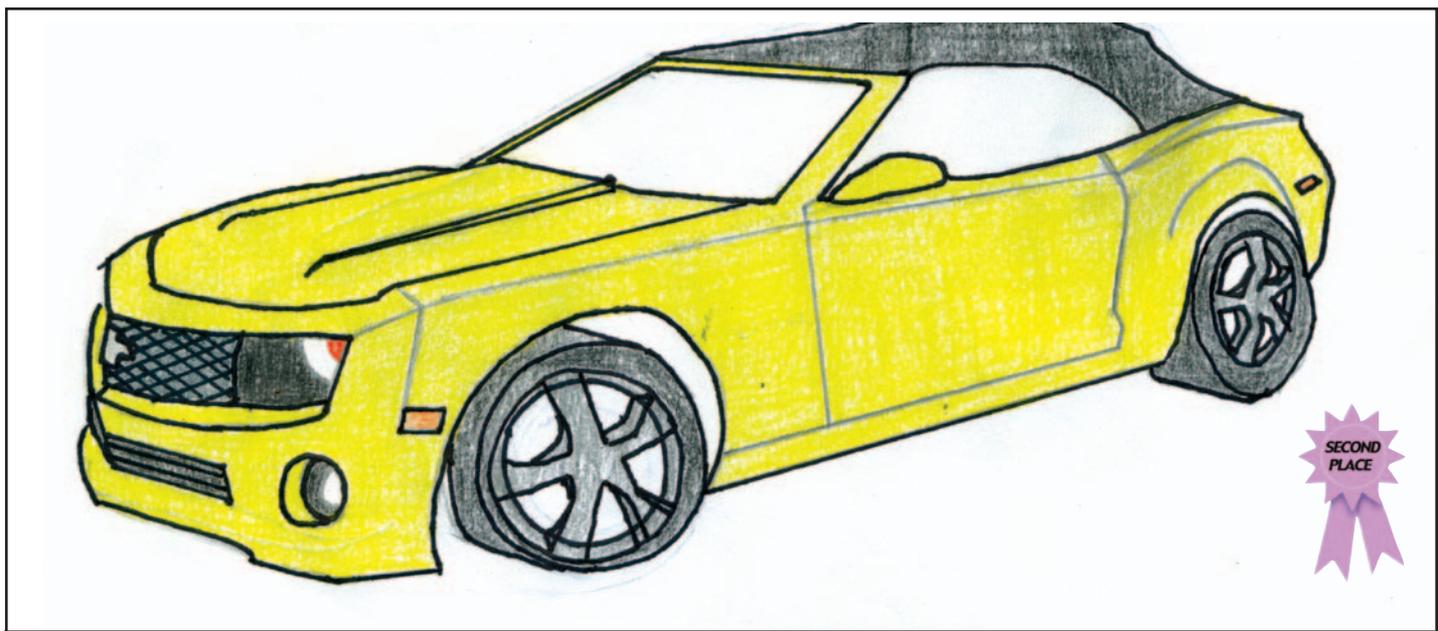


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What's your favorite season?

Let me tell you a little bit about why I like autumn. I picked this season because I like to jump in the leaves with my friend Reygan. We have so much fun. Also, I like to see the leaves change colors. Yellow is my favorite color the leaves change to.

The temperature is just right. I can wear a sweater and I'm not cold. I also like to make a tent outside and set it up with Reygan. It's great that I get to go outside so often. I also go to my nannies to play in the sandbox. I get to build sand castles with my papa. Sometimes they get knocked over. These are the fun things I do in autumn. I love this season!



STUDENT ESSAY

**Rylee Ares, Grade 2,
Petersham Center School**

What's your favorite season?

Autumn, the leaves turn into bright colors of orange, yellow and a deep purple. The cool crisp wind shows that the white harsh winter is soon to come. Also the bright summer is escaping with the wind. Autumn is my favorite season for many reasons. The perfect cool weather to the eerie feeling something is always following you. Autumn is the season that holds my favorite holiday, Halloween. This season is the key that unlocks who I am.

The creepy feeling that someone or something is right behind you, then when you turn around nothing is there. That is the feeling I usually get during fall. The other feeling I get is excitement because Halloween is so close, yet so far away. Also the crazy colors of black, orange, purple and dark blue. And the scary costumes that make you scream! Just imagine being stuck in the woods at night on Halloween in the fall. The scenery is wondrous, the trees plain green leaves turn into beautiful bright colors of red, orange and yellow. The boring green grass are covered by golden-brown leaves falling softly on the green carpet. This time of year is perfect for filming any kind of movie, horror (my favorite type of movie) to a romantic movie. Autumn is just full of beauty.

Summer is too hot; winter is icy cold and in spring, it rains too much but fall is just right. Autumn's cold weather wrapped with a cool wind makes it the right moment to play in the wind. Running it makes you feel hot like fire but the cool breeze calms down the burning. The wind brings the smell of autumn closer, the crisp smell of mowed grass and crushed leaves floats in the breezy air. The wind also carries the colorful leaves in its hand. The colors of fall roam everywhere even when you think there is no color. People may think autumn is just boring colors, but there are bright colors covering every plain.

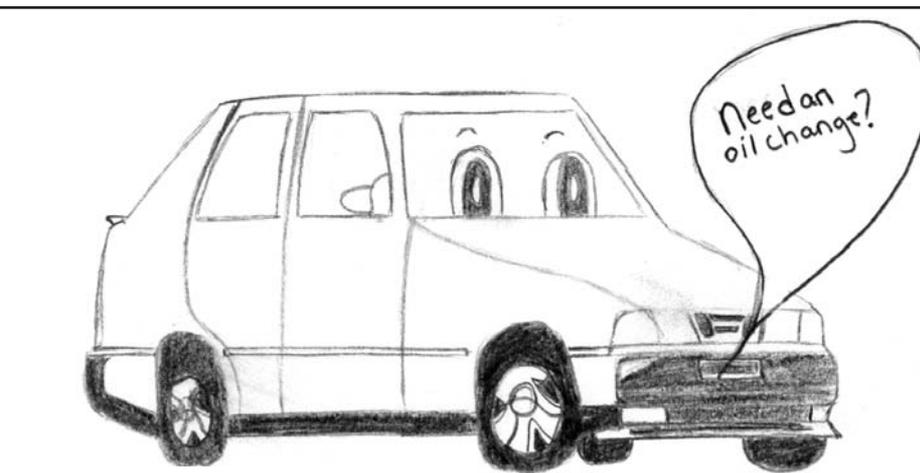
The taste of a juicy, crunchy red and green apple rolling on your tongue, the only taste you get when you get a freshly picked apple off a tiny tree. The apple trees are not the best thing in an apple orchard, but the shops. The design of an old fashioned log cabin, the brown oak walls, the old fashion candy holders and the sweet smell of caramel apples. Everything in the shops are so beautiful. I love the pumpkins, apples, caramel candies, the fudge and the people are usually so nice. My little cousin's birthday is in fall too. For her birthday party, all the little kids dress up in their Halloween costumes. Usually Korynn (my little cousin) dresses up as a fairy and wishes everyone to have a happy day. Korynn taught me that autumn is so giving by how kind she is.

The emotions of fall bring me to my happy place. The colorful leaves falling wrap me in happiness and whisper to me "you are not alone." The cool winds of fall guide me to the right path. Autumn may be known for being spooky and eerie but it can also be calm and comforting. The chilling breeze and soft leaves soothes me and takes away the stress. Autumn is beauty, autumn is colorful, autumn is me.



STUDENT ESSAY

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What impact has technology had on your life?

My war with technology has been waging since the sixth grade when I brought my Hatshepsut essay on a floppy disk and was then informed that the middle school had no computers that could accept such dinosauric devices. It may have begun before that, however, back when I had to call my older brother every time I wanted to computer turned on, or when I wished for the printer to, well, print. The distrust of technology may have branched from the day I stuck my little kid fingers in a paper shredder. Though, I am not in innocent victim because I have caused many a computer casualty. Frustrated by frequent rebellion from technology and constant Alt codes, I had, for a good chunk of time, refused to use modern advances such as e-mail or social media. I may have inadvertently angered the machines.

For the most part, I feel slighted by technology and oppose its inception. However, this is not to say that I don't adore running water and electricity in a atomic washes. My contempt focuses mostly on television and the World Wide Web. Television is a great mean for national and international communication, providing us with news and weather and entertainment, but it also corrupts us. Advertisements damage self-esteem and assert unrealistic ideals. The sedentary activity of TV watching has been linked to the rise in obesity. Less people find their fix in nature and the outdoors nowadays. The majority sits sunless in overweight waiting for the next reality show to marathon it's self over a long weekend. We're so obsessed with what is shown to us on a flickering screen that we invented technologies to record the TV we can't catch in real time.

The Internet might be worse. It is not censored as much as television, allowing ourselves to be desensitized to crude language and images. We are exposed to do so much information at once that we have lost the ability in patients to find anything that does not exist with in the first page of Google results. We skim and scan and try to absorb but our understandings are brief and shallow. Not to mention that the infinity of the Internet has lent the population to countless lost hours. I have missed hours, days of my life to clicking on related videos on YouTube. Just mindless clicking and minute eating. When the uploading is slow, I feel the need to entertain my restlessness with more tabs. I've surfed until I honestly can't find anything of interest anymore and still keep an Internet open on my desktop just in case my breed of distractors post something again. Literally, I've been on the computer so long my eyes cry and my fingers and wrist and shoulders ache. Whole days, maybe even weeks or months have disappeared staring into the eyes of a creature that never blinks and never returns my days. Still I can't look away and I disgust myself.

One specific evil of the Internet is social media. The whole premise of social media is to waste time posting about how much we are doing with our lives to prove to others on the same site, that we have lives in are not constantly checking said site. It's an avenue for bullying and endless debate an insult. We wrap ourselves in this electronically social world, but we can't speak publicly, can't meet each other's eyes and ensure sincerity. The Internet's false sense of anonymity lens cowards to be cruel and stupid and drain the honesty out of interaction. It's easier to type then it is to talk and when we do we rush it with abbreviations and acronyms the web taught us.

The Internet's speed has ruined our ability to wait. It's sugar to our already hyped-up heads. It's emphasized the rush in our society. The constant hustle and bustle, but even when I see the frantic people, I can't believe that it's really that busy or rather that productive. I mean, someone somewhere is meme-ing, and LOLcat-ing. We still have the time to check e-mail or by apps. We need too. That is what is acceptable. That is what is required. The school told me I needed an e-mail, the sports teams I'm on demand I was on the Facebook. So I engage and conform and ask about how dumb it all is. But what do I do when I open my laptop? I immediately check both sites before anything else.

Technology evolves every day with a goal to improve our lives, to speed them up, but in reality, the web it is an incredible time waster. It's a tool for procrastinators and task avoiders. My productivity drops with every opened tab. My time management skills suffer. My mind turns to goop. I rely heavily on the information, on the existence of search engines. I feel like I can't think long and hard anymore. It tires me out. If I can't find it on Wikipedia, then the person or event doesn't exist, didn't happen. The web has narrowed my scope rather than broadened it.

Maybe we shouldn't all be so interconnected. Violence and hate is easily bread via technology. There is as much tolerance as intolerance. And among all of connectedness, we disconnect from the world, we escape from ourselves. And we hate technology because we love it, because we can't function without it and because society made us use it. And quite frankly, I don't like it. But that might just be because I don't like what I allowed it to do to me.



STUDENT ESSAY

**Arianna Robichaud, Grade 11,
Oakmont Regional High School**

What's your favorite pet?

My favorite pet is my cat because she is mine. She is an acrobat and I think that is cool. She is very athletic, Lila runs a lot and she jumps. Sometimes Lila sleeps in my bed. I am glad she is part of my family.



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What's your favorite season?

Have you ever woken up to a bright sunny day with the birds chirping on the first day of spring? Watching robins flying above my head, new baby birds popping from their eggs in their stick nests. Flowers blooming and seeds scatter in the wind. They come from different flowers all over the world. I like to take pictures in the spring. Taking pictures is my thing because I love to go out in the warm but not too cool weather and take a picture. Flowers are blooming and ready to pick (pick, pick, pick) I pull them out of the ground. That is how I spend my days in the spring.



STUDENT ESSAY

**Serena LeBlanc, Grade 3,
Petersham Center School**

What's your favorite season?

My favorite season is definitely fall. I like fall because I really like the weather in fall. It's never really too hot, but it's never really that cold. There's usually a nice breeze. I also love to play outside especially because if I'm raking and I make a really big pile, my sisters and I run, run, and run right into the big pile. We have so much fun! I also like to run around outside and play on the swing set.



I love it when all the leaves start to fall off the trees and crunch under your feet when you walk on them. The leaves all have such pretty colors; like orange, yellow and red. During the fall, we celebrate Thanksgiving and everyone's really excited. My Mom is a really good maker and we are always baking dinner and treats. Pumpkin pie, cookies, and other kinds of pies are our favorites. All of our relatives love her food - especially her pies.

Fall is definitely my favorite season and I absolutely love it!

STUDENT ESSAY

**Chloe Frushell, Grade 3,
Helen Mae Sauter School**

How crucial is it to replace the city's police station?



I think the city of Gardner should replace the police station that has been there since the 1980s. The police station on city Hall Avenue was not specifically built to be a police station. A new police station can be designed for the police and be completely updated.

I interviewed my grandfather, Richard L. Gemborys. He was on the Gardner Police Department for 32 years. He began in 1960 as a reserve police officer. He was promoted to a sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and retired as the chief in 1992.

When I asked my grandfather about the current police station, he said it was "lousy." The police station used to be Stanley's Oldsmobile Garage. Then they turned the garage into a police station in the 1980s. He said there were several problems with the building. When the cruisers were started inside, all the gas fumes from the exhaust circulated in the station. He explained that the windows were sealed shut. In the basement, there were two sump pumps that removed water. Underground streams and culverts ran under the basement.

My grandfather also said the police station on Pleasant Street was good for its time. The police station was on the bottom and the District Court was on top. He thinks that police station was better than the one on City Hall Avenue.

He is glad that the police force will have a new actual station and not a renovated car garage. He likes the idea that the new police station will be located in the city. My grandfather said, "that way people can walk to the station if they need help. Hopefully the new station will be built with an eye to the future." The new station should have the latest computer equipment, physical fitness room, and a garage for the police cars. It should be built specifically with the purpose of a police station.

In my opinion, the new police station should have updated technology and vital equipment to protect the city of Gardner. The location is also important. After talking to my grandfather, I changed my mind about what I originally thought. I thought the new police station was too expensive. I also thought the current police station was decent when we visited on a field trip. The new one should last a lifetime.

STUDENT ESSAY

**Logan Gemborys, Grade 6,
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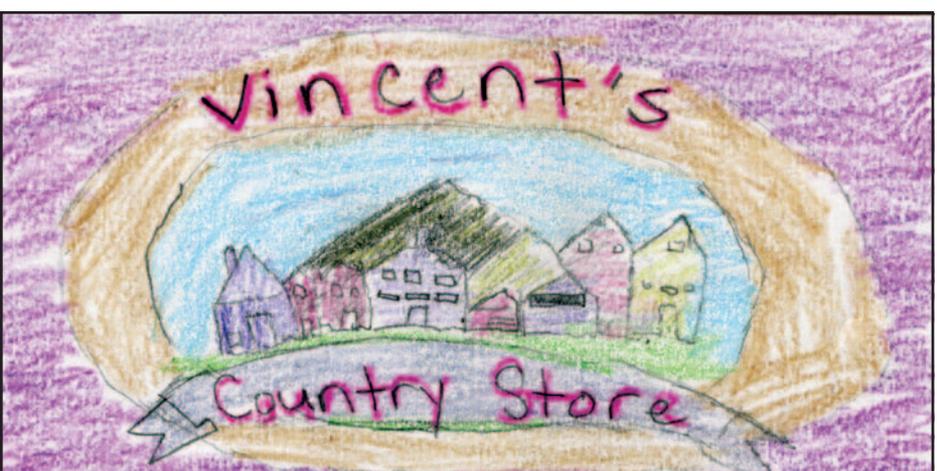
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After Newtown, how do you stand on gun control?

A hot topic in the news right now is gun control, and the recent mass shootings across the country. What would you do for schools across the globe for better security? This is what I would do; I believe that kids should have buddies, so we kids can be together in case that something bad happens. For example, if we needed to evacuate, we would have someone to be with and if we got lost or separated from our class, we would be with someone. There should also be security cameras installed outside all of the school buildings. If there were cameras, we could see things that are suspicious and know who is coming to our building and who is trying to come inside. Our schools have a clear evacuation plan for fire issues, but we need something in place for a dangerous person in the building. Students should go out the windows if necessary and meet in a location. If there are issues with students climbing out of windows, there should be another way out other than using the main hallway, where danger may be lurking. There should be better hiding options and the doors on the school and classrooms should always be locked.

Additionally, I think that there is more that the government could do for the schools. I think that military forces and the FBI should search for people with guns without a license. The Second Amendment says that you have the right to own a gun, however, you need to be a responsible person. All people that are 20 and older should have a gun license if there are any guns in their homes. Even if the guns belong to their parents, all adults should be registered. If any person in the home has a mental health illness that could make them dangerous, their license and guns should be taken away. Guns should always be locked up in a safe and kept away from children.

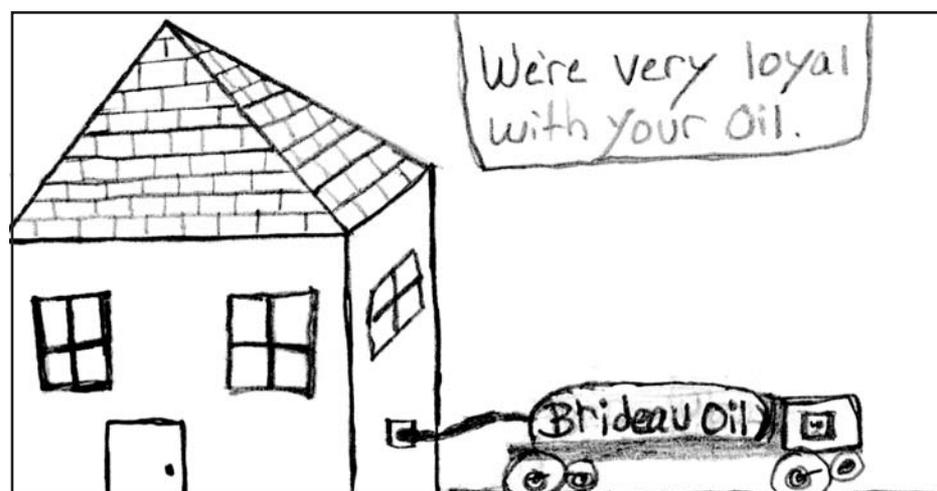
Kids deserve a better life without worrying about shootings at their schools and in society. I know that life is not perfect, but children should not have to worry. We need to make changes in the laws to make people safer and to ensure that we do not lose any more lives to gun violence.

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What makes the best pet?

Well, I think that horses are great pets. Why? Because when you are upset, and you feel that nobody is listening, you can always go to your horse. They always have in here open ear for you. When they notice you are feeling down, they will come over and nuzzle you as if they are saying everything is going to be all right. These animals are so elegant. They don't judge you; they allow us to open up to them they trust us enough to put a heavy saddle on their back, and let us get on. They lift us when nobody else will. They try their hardest to keep us safe. When you are feeling sad or scared they feel that too.

When you were younger, or up until now, and your control was taken advantage of, horses give you the power to get that control back. Horses take you where you want to go. They would never hurt you on purpose.

If all you need is a hug, and nobody else wants to reach out to you, all horses are always there for you to put your arms around them, they will never pull away. If you have a birth defect, or some disability that you would be judged for, they will accept you for who you are.

People always say that I tell stories, and that's true. Their eyes are so gentle and loving. They see when you want to break down and cry, or give up. When you're on the back of that horse, that you feel like a prince or princess. When you were out in the open field trotting, cantering or galloping, open up your ears and listen. Do you hear that? It's sounds like thunder, but don't be scared. It is just the sound of your horses hooves pounding on the ground.

Guess what, if you sit back and really pay attention, it's going to the rhythm of your heartbeat. And it is then at that moment you feel as though your hearts are beating as one. And when you get back to the barn after that long ride, you tie your horse up on the cross ties and you take the heavy saddle off, groomed them, and you sit there and talk about how your day went. And when you are done and you take your horse either in the stable or out in the paddock to sleep, you smell the fresh scent of hay, and it just makes you smile. As you leave the barn or the paddock for the night, you can either hear the soft winnie, and it's as if your horse is saying good night and thanking you for your care. Stay safe, and I will see you in the morning.

THIRD PLACE

STUDENT ESSAY
Ashley Gleason, Grade 11,
Cottage Hill Academy

What impact has technology had on your life?

My generation is greatly impacted by technology both in a positive and in a negative way. Compared to past generations we have grown to rely on technology. For me, I would be lost without spell check. Sure I could sound it out or look in a dictionary if I truly needed to but, spell check has certainly made writing an essay easier. Looking at this paper now, I couldn't even begin to explain the amount of words spelt wrong that spell check has picked up on.

Technology impacts my life not only in my English class but, in my math class and even my science classes. Without a calculator or even the ability to make flash cards on my phone I would be lost. In math, we learn how to do out the math the "long way", but that way is also much harder. The teacher always shows us how to do the math on the calculator as well. The last time I did simple math such as 4+4 in my head had to have been when I was in the eighth grade- I'm a senior now. In science I use my phone to make flash cards of the vocab words and the formulas that we learn. The flash cards on my phone allow me to type out the definitions in a neat and clean way. The program also puts the word into a sentence automatically so that I can see how it is used. Within my school life technology has been helpful, but it can also create more stress on student.

For our grandparents technology wasn't used as much as it is used now. Teachers now know how easy it is to type an essay on the computer or know how easy it is to look up a definition on Google. As a result, teachers expect more out of the students not only in quality, but in quantity.

Technology plays an important role in my social life as well. Computer programs such as Skype allow me to keep in contact with family members who live in other states. Facebook and Twitter have also made keeping in contact easier. I do agree with the people that say my generation has lost the ability to talk on the phone. For me, I would much rather text someone then pick up the phone and call them. Although it is nice sometime and necessary at time to pick up the phone if I can avoid it I will.

Lastly, technology has a huge impact in my life for my mom. Without the technology that hospitals have today her cancer treatment might not be going as well as it is. Without the technology that the doctors have now, the cancer probably would have never been found. Twice a week I am able to see hands on how helpful technology is to my mom's recovery. I had never really thought about how crucial technology is to my mom's recovery. Without the improvement that are made to technology every day my mom's cancer might never get better.

In my life, technology has had an enormous impact both good and bad. Technology has not only had a huge effect on my life, but on others as well. People every day work to improve technology in order to make our lives easier and better. Yes, technology has had a negative effect in our lives and has made some of us lazy when it comes to research or spelling, but for the majority technology is helpful and will always be a huge part and a crucial part of my mother and my life.

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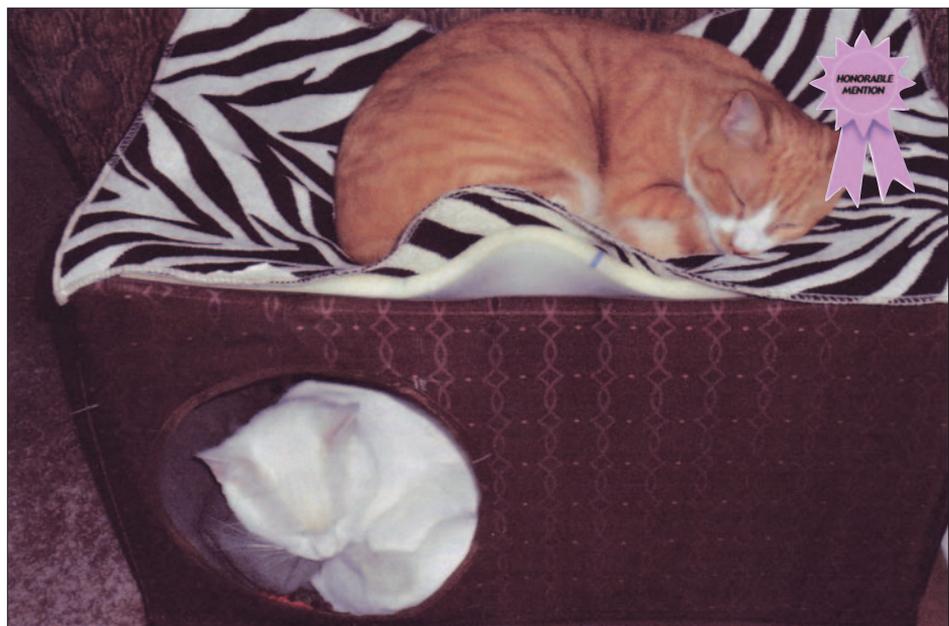
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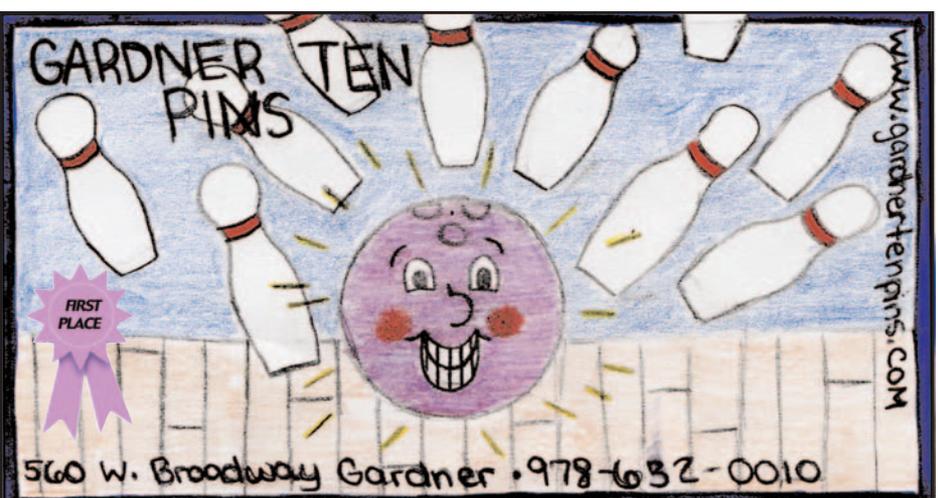
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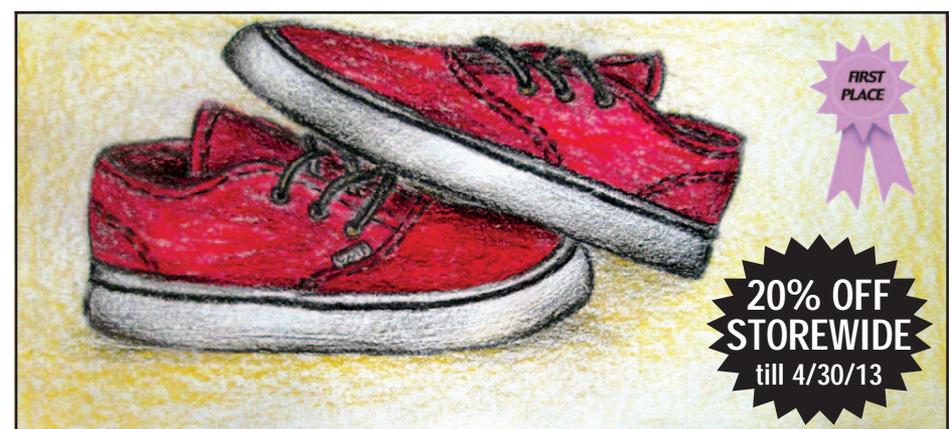


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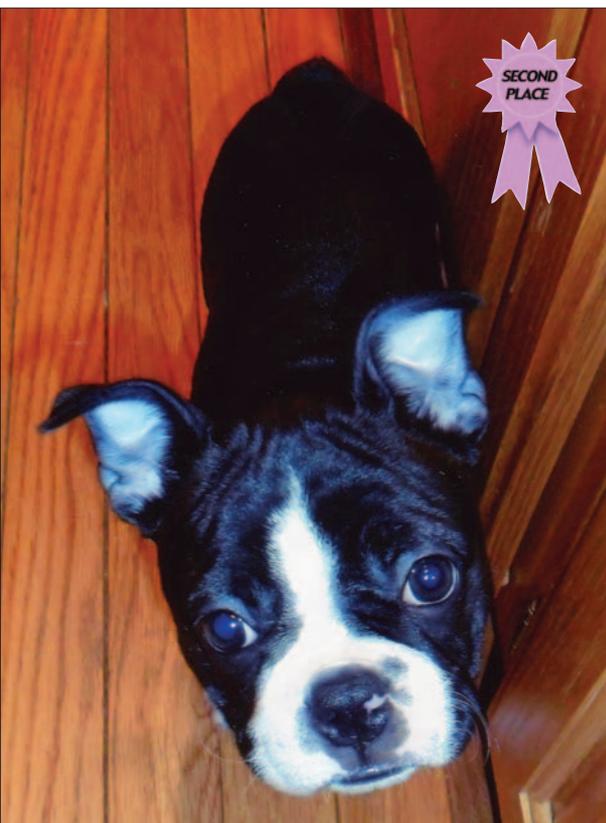


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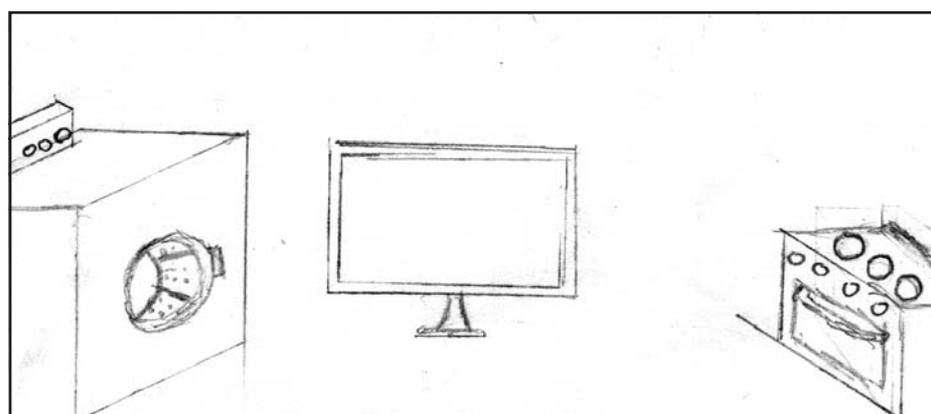
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What impact has technology had on your life?

Geniuses like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Edison tried to create electricity and succeeded. Technology has had an impact on my life. Some reasons are good, but some are also bad. I think technology's impact on my life was bad.

Technology today, cell phones, computers and TV have interfered with skills people should have as an adult. Cell phones are an addiction to the world and distract people while they are driving or walking. As they're looking at their phone, they do not realize that they could get into an accident and hurt themselves. The TV could take up most of your time and make a person forget what they should really be doing, like homework, or chores and cause them to get in trouble.

A big problem with computers is cyber bullying. A person could pose and pretend to be a friend and then could find out some embarrassing information on you and post it, then you could be cyber bullied. A smaller problem is how much time people spend on the computer playing video games. This could take away time people could use to learn, but instead, the time adds on to fill a brain with unneeded information. For example, a new high score you must beat, how many games can you get a high score on, or practicing so much that you could beat anyone who plays that game.

While people are stuck on phones and computers, they are missing time they could spend outside, trying a sport, or exercising. When you're watching TV, you become lazy and all you want is food, but nothing healthy like you should have.

I think that technology can help with something in life, but ruin most. After finding and thinking about what technology can do to me, I would try to spend more time outside than I would inside and do my best not to watch TV. More people should try this too because the more time they spend on computers, phones and TV, the worse people could become.

STUDENT ESSAY
*Sophie Chretien, Grade 6,
 Holy Rosary School*

What are ways to boost this country's economy?

The fiscal cliff is the outcome of when the two parties couldn't decide. The Democratic Party and the Republican Party were debating over cuts to be made in the federal budget. They decided that if they could not reach a conclusion by the deadline, they would institute Sequestration. Sequestration cuts 8 percent of federal government funds. The first deadline was Dec. 31. They then postponed it to March 1. As of March 1, Sequestration went into effect.

The debt ceiling is the amount of money the federal government is allowed to borrow. Congress can vote to increase that amount. The Democrats want to increase the debt ceiling and the Republicans are opposed. Not increasing the debt ceiling could affect the US credit rating.

I think we should get rid of sequestration because we shouldn't cut federal government funds. Then we will be cutting money from the budgets of our schools and they won't be able to buy books, school lunches for kids in need, or afford teachers. We will lose our way of teaching the next generation. We should also increase the debt ceiling because they have increased it throughout history as the value of money increases. If we don't increase the debt ceiling, we could lose our credit rating with the other countries. I also think we should raise taxes so that we can pay off all our debt and still be able to afford all the necessary government services like firemen, policemen and health care services. Then we can focus on other issues that need to be worked on to make equality such as education, animal abuse and women's rights. We will then make a better America.

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What's your favorite season?

My favorite season would have to be summer. There are many reasons why this is my favorite season but, the biggest reason is because in June it's my birthday. It's a great way to start my summer vacation. I have a big birthday party every year to celebrate my big day.

Summer is great because I don't have school or homework to do. It's more time to play. I also get to stay up late because I don't need to get up early and get ready for school. I can sleep in late if I want or stay in bed and watch TV or a movie.

I also love to hang out with my friends who live in my neighborhood. We can play all day and not worry about going to do homework. Friends can sleep over at my house or I can sleep at their house.

Another fun thing my family and I do during the summer is we all go swimming at the local lake or pool. We also go to different playground or park each day. We spend most of our time doing different things as a family.

Lastly, another summer favorite of mine is I get to ride my four-wheeler. My grandfather also takes me on long rides on his three wheeled motorcycle. He has a Harley Davidson with a nice paint job. My family also takes a vacation to Lake George New York for Americade, which happens every year. It's a huge motorcycle rally that people from all over come to.

Summer is coming soon and I can not wait for it. I count the days down each year.

STUDENT ESSAY

**Cameron DeLeon, Grade 3,
Elm Street School**



Should 'under God' remain in the Pledge?

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Children all across America salute the flag in school every morning in their classrooms, no matter the grade. They do this out of respect for fallen soldiers, veterans, and our nation as a whole. Lately, differences in belief and custom have spiked a controversy as to whether or not the phrase "Under God" should be taken out of the pledge. Major reasons I feel this are; those words have been around for years and God is in our country's foundation.

Firstly, "under God" has been in the pledge for 65 years. That is almost a whole lifetime! It was added at a meeting on February 12, 1948, on Lincoln's Birthday by Louis A. Bowman. He led the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in swearing the Pledge with two words added, "Under God." He stated that the words came from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. At that time, people liked the idea and it was added to the original pledge. It is not a requirement to say the pledge out loud in some places. If a student does not agree, they can stand silently and be respectful, or they can skip over the words. President Eisenhower stated "From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural schoolhouse, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty. ... In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource, in peace or in war." God gives me hop and a feeling of inner peace during school hours, and it could be the same for other people too. According to Gallup.com, 75% of people are convinced there is a God, 27% either are a little doubtful or do not believe at all. Majority of people do believe. We should be considering the believers too.

The quote by President Eisenhower leads me to talk about my next subject. What is the famous quote on the dollar bill? In God we trust. Back in "the old days" when school was taught in one classroom the bible was discussed. Even the very laws that rule our nation are somewhat based on the Bible and the Commandments. People shouldn't steal or hurt one another, we should follow the golden rule; "Do to others as you would do unto yourself." The Bible teaches morality and that is something everyone needs to learn. Lack of morals leads to things both students and teachers deal with everyday; bullying, stealing, attitude, rude remarks, you name it.

People need a good influence, and they need to be taught kindness. People don't need to believe in God, but they should at least act like human beings. God should not be taken out of America.

Now you see why we cannot take God out of the pledge? People can believe what they want, but please, be considerate for the believers too! Other people can skip over the words, but God means life to me. God is a great influence on America's children, and faith in good should be promoted.

STUDENT ESSAY

**Cheryl Thomas, Grade 9,
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School**



What is your favorite toy?

My favorite toys are Legos because you can do whatever you want with them. They come in all different sizes, shapes, and colors. These are way better than video games. Legos are super fun. They let your imagination go wild. I love to build houses out of Legos. There are billions of things you can build out of them. I play with them everyday. I have a closet full of Legos.

My favorite Lego bricks are the basic bricks with the studs and tubes. You can do a lot more of the models with these bricks. The only negative thing about Legos is that if you don't keep them organized, they make a huge mess. If you step on them, they really hurt!

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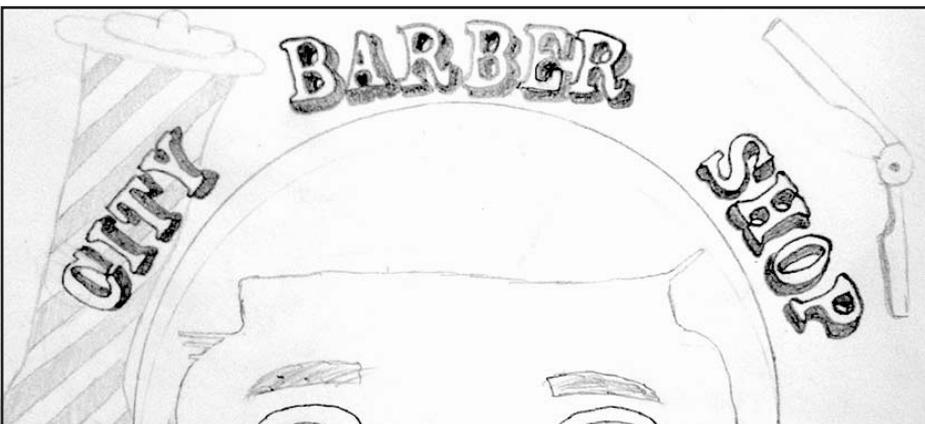
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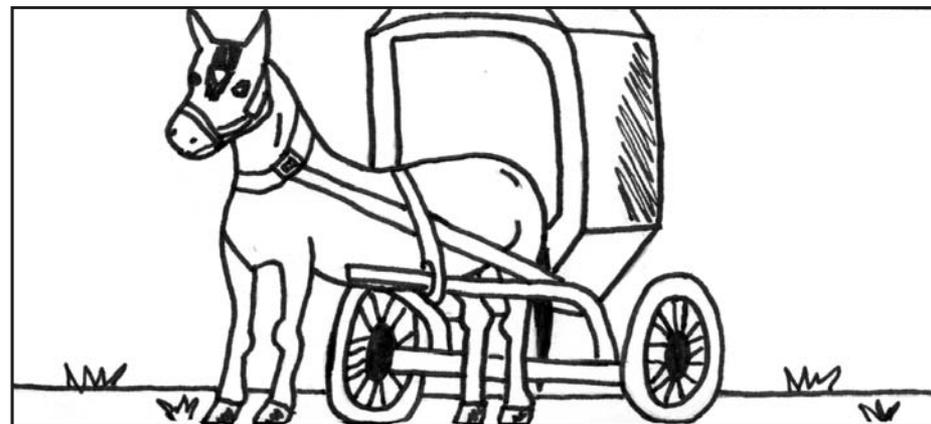
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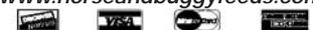
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What's your favorite season?



Just imagine looking above, and event below you and seeing all these pretty colors. Well I'm sure you have envisioned it before, it's the sight of fall. Fall is one of my favorite seasons, because all the fun things and events that happen. All the leaves changing colors and falling off of the trees. You can just rake the leaves into a big pile then just jump and roll around in them and have fun. I like the sound of crumpling a leaf into little pieces in my hands. That one day that you better have an appetite, its thanksgiving! Gather with your family eat turkey and any other family recipes you have, dessert is always the best part. Football is the biggest sport of the season, sometimes the biggest sport of the year. I honestly like football a lot. Just because cheerleading goes along with it, and that's my favorite sport to attend.

One of the seasons where the weather is perfect, spring is too but I like fall better. You don't need a big winter coat just to keep you warm, or shorts and a tank top to keep you cool. A long sleeve or even a little thing sweatshirt will be fine.

Just because the weather is so nice many events happen. My favorite is all the harvest festivals. Like the ones at the Red Apple Farm are my favorite. You can gather up with your families and hang out and try some of your favorite and event new foods. This is the season for some delicious mouth watering apples. You can choose the juicy red delicious apples or the sweet granny smith apples.

Be prepared to get scared, it's the season for Halloween! Most people like this holiday for the candy, but I like it for the costumes. You can choose to be pretty, or event scary, anyone besides yourself. You can pull a prank to get someone scared without getting in trouble, and it's funny too. My favorite part of all is carving pumpkins. I, not too good at it but it's fun, and entertaining. Choose any kind of design carve it into your pumpkin and you can put a candle in it after and watch it glow in the dark. A lot of people like to cook the seeds up after and eat them for a snack. But I think they are gross so the seeds aren't really that important to me.

This is mostly why I like fall the best. In my opinion there's nothing wrong with it. It's perfect for me. If I could do something, or move somewhere where fall lasted year round I would do so. That's how much I love fall.

STUDENT ESSAY
Mikayla Sargent, Grade 8,
Gardner Middle School

What makes the best pet?



Do you think that you have the best pet for an 11-year-old girl? Unless you have a cat, I disagree! The cat is the best pet because ...

They're super soft, cuddly, sweet, cute, shy, playful, independent, and most importantly, they're self-reliant.

My experience with seven cats of my own was the best! When I'm sitting or lying down, my cats jump on me and cuddle. Thumbelina, my Calico, is usually shy and hides, but she comes out to play and cuddle. My three American shorthairs and British shorthair are very sweet. Baubles, my Maine Coon, is very soft with the extra fur. Sassy, my Manx, is a hint sassy, but she is sweet.

So that is why all cats make the best pet. If you don't have one, get one meow, I mean now.

STUDENT ESSAY
Rose Perkins, Grade 5,
Narragansett Middle School



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What impact has technology had on your life?



Technology has definitely had a positive effect on my life for many reasons. Including, technology has made my life easier, as you can see this essay is typed up, if we didn't have computers I would have written it and you would need to read my horrible handwriting. Another effect is how easy they are to use, technology these days makes your life easier and meanwhile making technology easier to use, with the click of a button you can make many things possible. One thing is a rocket launch, the click of a button a rocket launches into space and will thorough through space and up to speeds of well over 10,000 miles per hour.

There are many things that technology makes possible. Back when we didn't have electricity we had to heat our homes with fires but now, with the click of a button you can have heat travel though your house without the need for a fire. Also, back when there was no electricity, we used fire for light. Now we screw in a light bulb and a whole room is lit up with a little object.

But there are disadvantages to having technology, there was a quote from Albert Einstein, and the quote is saying that if technology takes over the minds of everyone, everyone will become idiots. This is true because, if we let our minds be taken over by technology, then that is the thing that will entertain, smarten, and over-all change us. There have been prophecies that someday technology would be in a war with nature. If you look at the developments that humans have come up with. That prophecy may eventually come true. There is a robot names Osimo and it is a robot made by Honda in which it takes away the needs for a servant, it can dine you, it can help you with anything you want it to.

One of the biggest problems robots have had with programming is being able to find out how to make a robot run. This 4-foot-tall robot can run no problem. This to me is kind of scary because if a robot can run, we can make it go faster than us. If a robot had a programming to kill and we ran away, it will catch us no problem because it has virtually infinite stamina.

Have you ever heard about a 3D printer? I have made something in it. A 3D printer is a printer that literally prints in 3D. All you have to do is make a design for a product and it will print it out for you in 3D, but it takes hours to do so. To make a one-foot by one-foot block of plastic (which is what it prints out in) it will take well over 8 hours. This printer is positive and negative. The positive advantage is being able to print in 3D and you can print just about anything within exceptions. The disadvantage is that if another county got ahold of it and hey don't necessarily like us, they can make plastic guns to be able to get by metal detectors and they can pass right on through to our county and do whatever they wanted to with those guns. If we made plastic guns we will be able to do that and that is probably fine with us but if our enemies were able to do that then it is scary and/or dangerous.

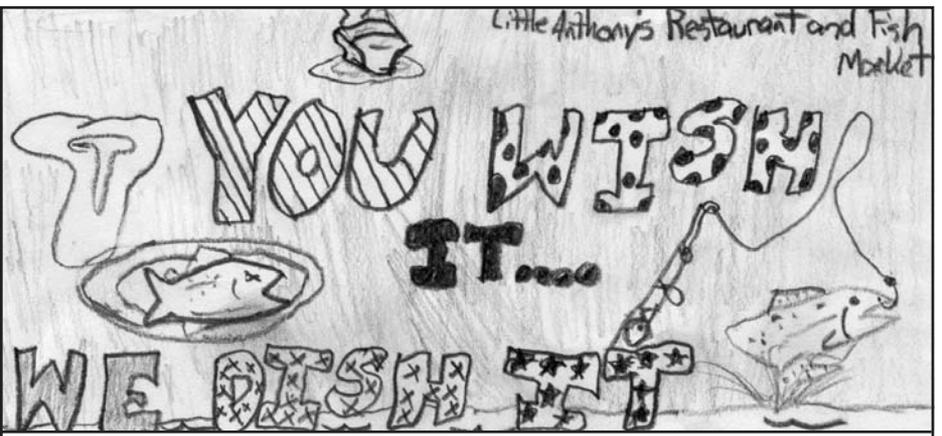
I think we are just at the beginning of technology. If you think about it, win one hundred years we went from barely having cars to having cars going as fast as a jet. We didn't have television in the beginning of the 1900's, now we have television that can access the internet without needing any sort of remote. If you think what we can do in maybe 1,000 years, imagine that. We would be able to fly or have helmets that put a laser through our brain and we can learn whatever we were to learn in that one school day.

It's amazing to have this much technology already in our society. This topic does not slow down, technology never stops, everything is updated and/or being replaced. It is endless what we can do with technology. Lastly, think about UFO's, you don't have to believe in them, but we have been spotting them since the beginning of time. Imagine if we had a million years to advance our technology. Actually, imagine if we had a billion years. We will be well over the speed of light and other planets will be the planets that are calling us the UFO's. Just imagine that.

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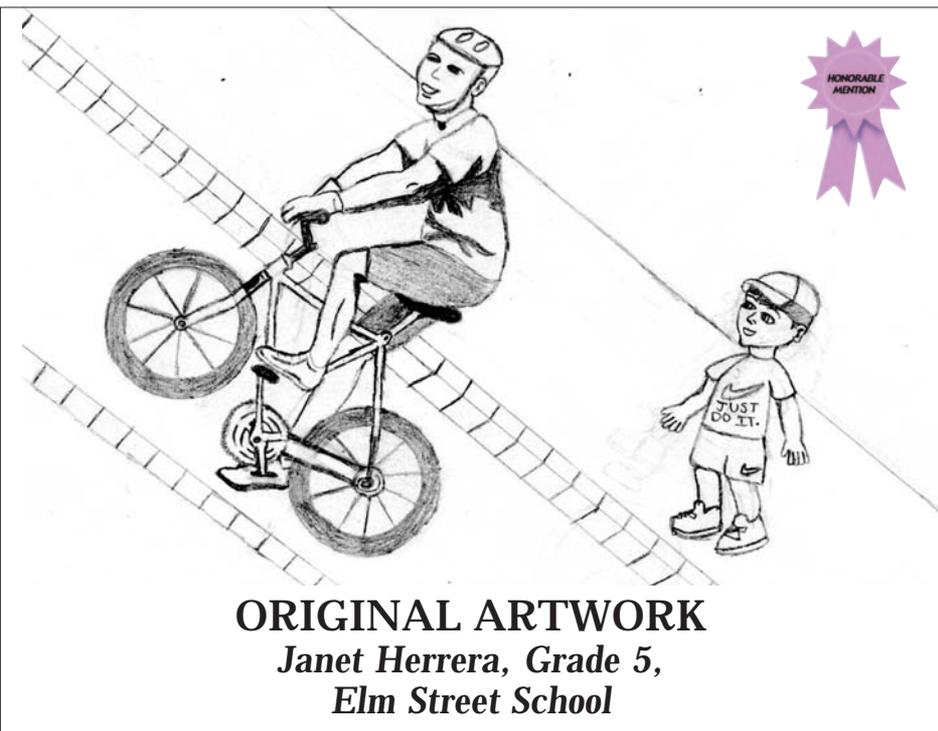


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What impact has technology had on your life?

I think technology has had a very positive effect on my life. Technology is a great tool to which helps in life. But it matters on how we use it. Technology can be used for good and bad. You can use it to make life easier for you or make it hard for someone else. I have always used it to benefit from it. We all use technology every day of our lives. Everyone in the world uses it one way or another. I use it for homework every day.

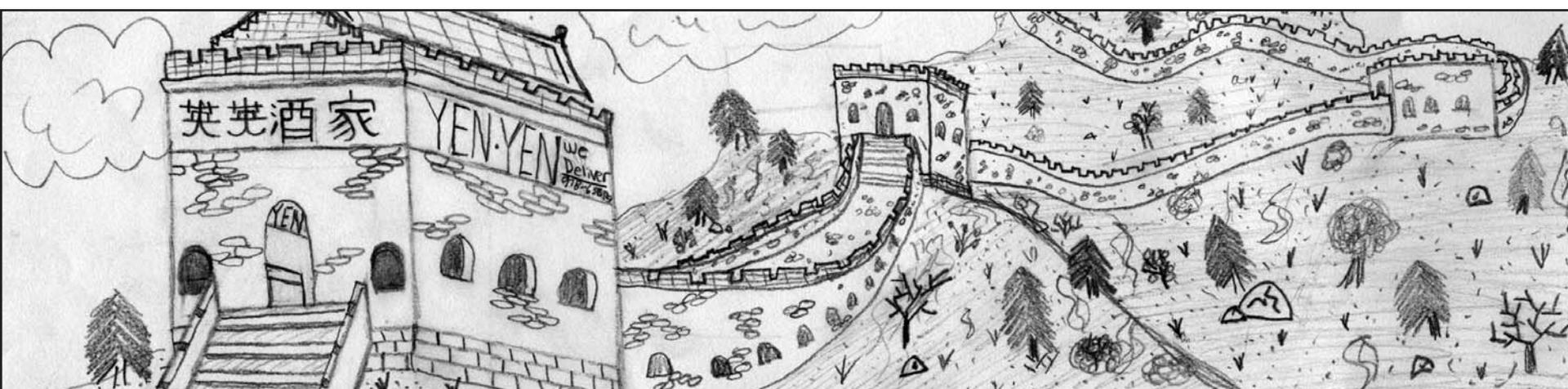
But technology has also made us people of the modern era very lazy. When there was no Internet to find the answer to your homework or every day life problem, people had to find the information they need it by themselves. They had to go ask someone or look up the information in a book. Now if I don't know one of the questions on my history or bio homework, I can go on the computer or on my phone and find the answer in second. Back then they didn't have the answers right at their fingertips. They actually had to figure it out themselves. Don't get me wrong technology is a great tool that has made mine and billions of other people's life easier.

Technology can be good or bad depending on how to use it. Today with many social media communication, it is become much easier for police to find their next victim. Social media sites like Facebook and Twitter are used by billions of people worldwide every day. Before there was social media sites and access to the Internet in seconds, people especially kids and teens could feel safe in their homes. Now they can't even feel safe and their own house. If they just turn on their computer and log into Facebook or twitter they can find negative message or comments on their wall or on pictures. Bullying has become so much more common due to the advancement of technology kids no longer have to go outside of their house to get bullied. And bullies no longer have to wait for their victim to come to school or step out of their house. They can simply get on Facebook and say something negative to start a fight. Over the years bullying has spread rapidly into the Internet. Facebook and Twitter are all great ways to communicate with friends and family. I talked her friends and with family from all over the world on Facebook. I'm on Facebook almost every day. But I always try to stay away from the negative things and look for the positive. I only had Facebook for two years and have already seen many fights and learn how many people are using it to bully someone else.

As I said before technology is great. It helps us to go with every day problems in makes lives much easier. It helps communicate with our family that lives on the other side of the world. We use it to talk to friends and family and stay close to them. But it can be also be used in a negative way. Technology should always be used to help you make your life use your and not someone's difficult it all depends on how to use it.

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What's your favorite season?



My favorite season of all this fall. The trees start to show their leaves, it's individual leaf falls delicately to the ground to make a crunchy blanket of golden and brown expired leaves. The trees vibrant shades of orange, yellow and red make for a picture-perfect foliage. The annoying geese that destroy your lawns all summer finally diminished to the south towards warmer weather. The strength of the Sun grows fewer and fewer each day. The days are warm enough for a T-shirt, but the nights cold enough for sweatshirt.

Fall means field hockey, the only time of year I am in shape. The beloved tan lines under my kneecaps from my shin guards and my farmers tan form my jersey. Fall, where every Friday night I know what I am doing; going to the football game. Friends and family gather at the field to support the players and cheer them on as they sprint across the end zone touch-down! The after party celebrations of the teams first win, sitting out by a campfire and conversing the highlights of the game with the players.

Fall: time to go pumpkin picking and search the field for the perfect pumpkin to bring home and carve a scary face into. To get the very last unspoiled apples in the orchard to make an apple crisp with. The smell of roasting pumpkin seeds and baking pumpkin pies smothers the house. The black and orange lights illuminate the walkways, leading the children to the door to gather their candy and yell trick or treat and beg for just another piece. The haunted hayrides on the night where the moonlight the darkness. The chainsaw man jumps out from behind a tree and series you have to death, making you cry for your mother. Halloween: the scariest but most beautiful Halloween.

Come the end of fall most leaves have descended to where they will stay until both with-in wind relocates them to a new location, until raked up in spring. Now is a time for family-Thanksgiving. The smell of turkey slithering through the house and caressing the noses nearby, making you take a deep breath and tasting the tender meat through the smell. You starve yourself the days before Thanksgiving just so you can eat yourself into a coma with the delicious foods that day.

Fall: a time for happiness, a time for log, a time for gathering, a time for beauty and it time for fun.

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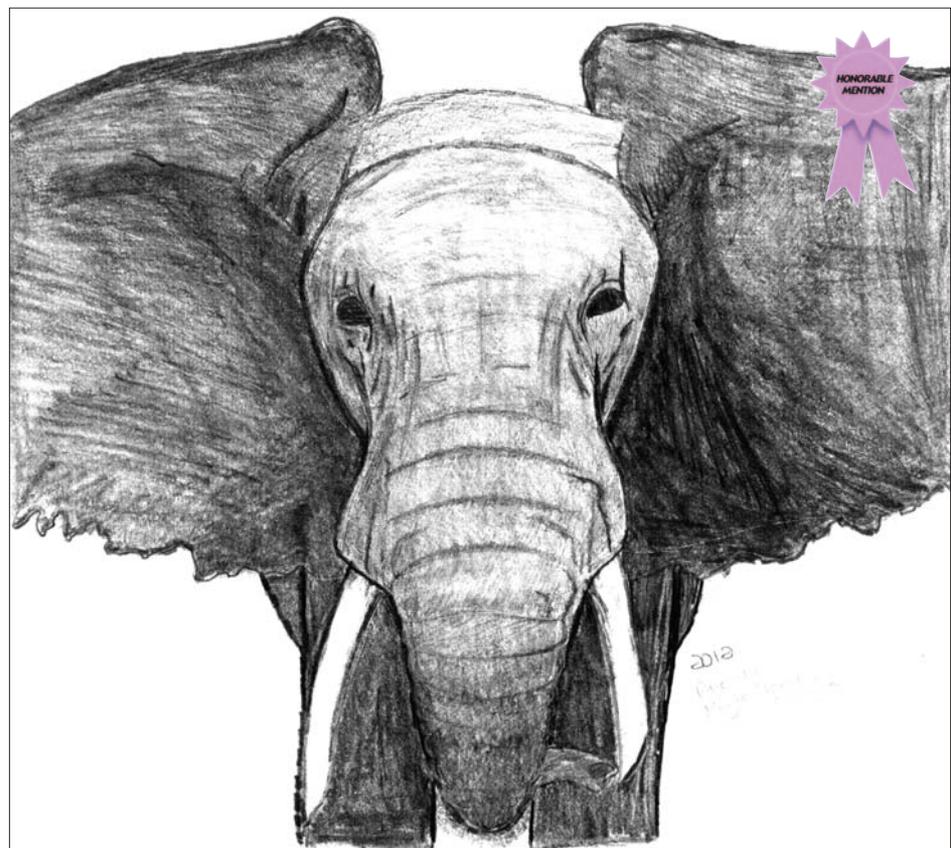


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What impact has technology had on your life?



I think that technology has impacted my life both positively and negatively. Though there are more positive aspects than there are negative.

One of the biggest positive aspects that technology has on my life has to do with my education. I go to a trade school, and I'm studying in the information technology field. Obviously in information technology, you use computers all the time. Without the technology that exists in computers, my shop wouldn't even be able to exist, along with other fields such as engineering technology. In my shop we learn everything about computers, as well as about the Internet.

The Internet has helped me with my education a *huge* amount, from typing papers, two just finding information in general. I use the Internet to find information on a certain topic that I may be doing a project on, or just to help me with my homework. I can also use certain websites to help me study by allowing me to make flash card without wasting paper.

Another way technology has impacted my life is with video games. A lot of people say that video games are bad for kids, and may consume too much of their time, or make them addicted. I agree, but they can also help kids in some ways. One way is keeping your imagination alive. I play video games quite a bit, and I still maintain good grades, as it benefits one's imagination. Why is your imagination so important you ask? Well, without it where would our creativity come from? Also how was a child in school supposed to visualize a scene in a book without their imagination?

Video games also give people a place to go when they're having a tough time. Say you got done with your homework and you want to relax; describe your controller that you use back in the virtual fantasy world of World of Warcraft, or Star Wars: the Old Republic. Video games are a great fallback for when you need to relieve some stress, in moderation of course.

Without moderation though, video games can be bad for you. The technological advances and video games can impact your life badly. You can become sucked into a game, and make it your first priority instead of homework, or chores, or even your job. People also say that these video games with guns and killing like Call of Duty can make a child violent. Well, if your child is 11 and you were buying him a rated M video game meant for 18-year-olds, then that's your own fault.

One last con of technology is laziness. Many people can become lazy due to the power of technology. This can be as simple as a vacuum that vacuums for you, to a program that automatically unscrambles letters when you are playing words with friends on Facebook. I personally have become addicted to video games. I get home from school sometimes, and instead of going straight to my homework, I decide to play some Minecraft with my friends instead.

Overall, technology has impacted my life in a better way that it has a bad way. Like I have started many times; technology is your friend and can be useful, as long as you use it in moderation.

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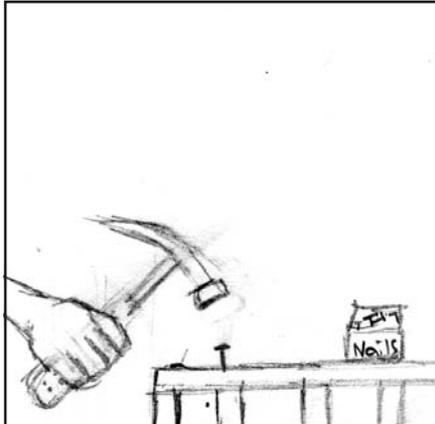
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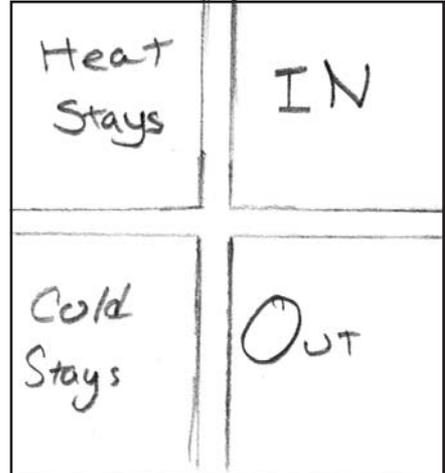


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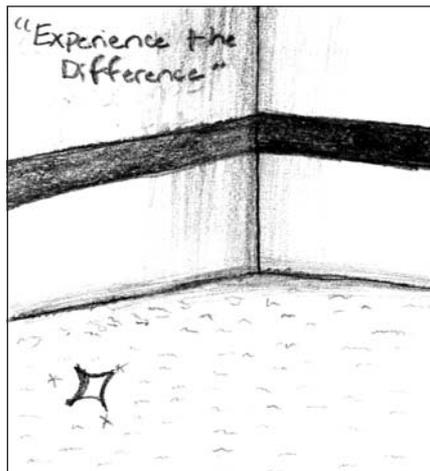
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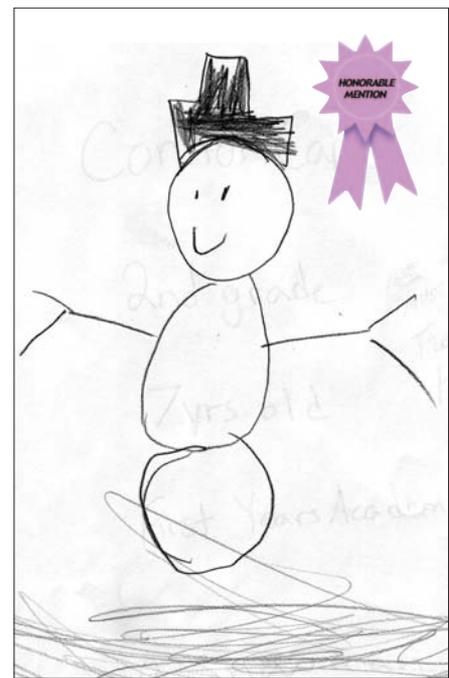
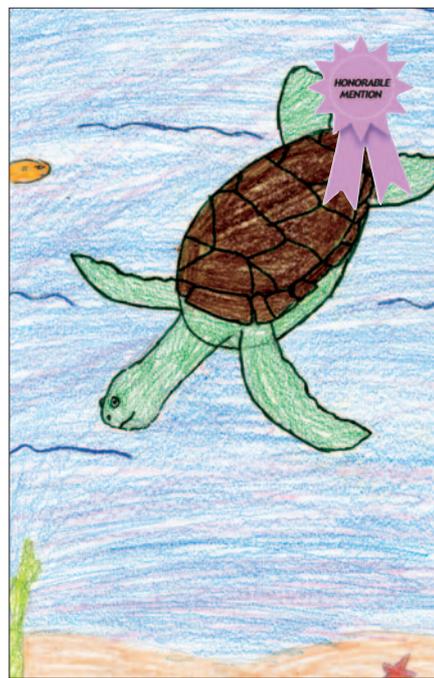
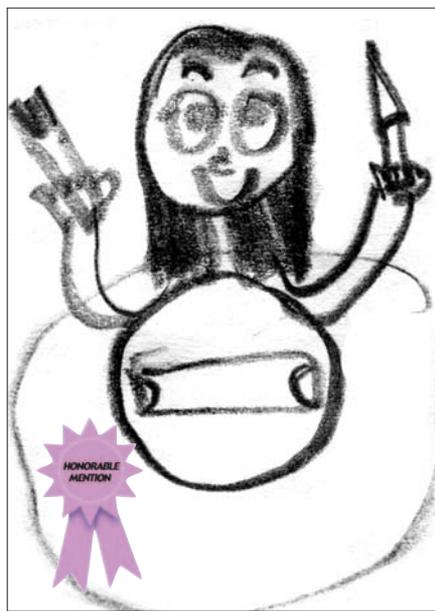
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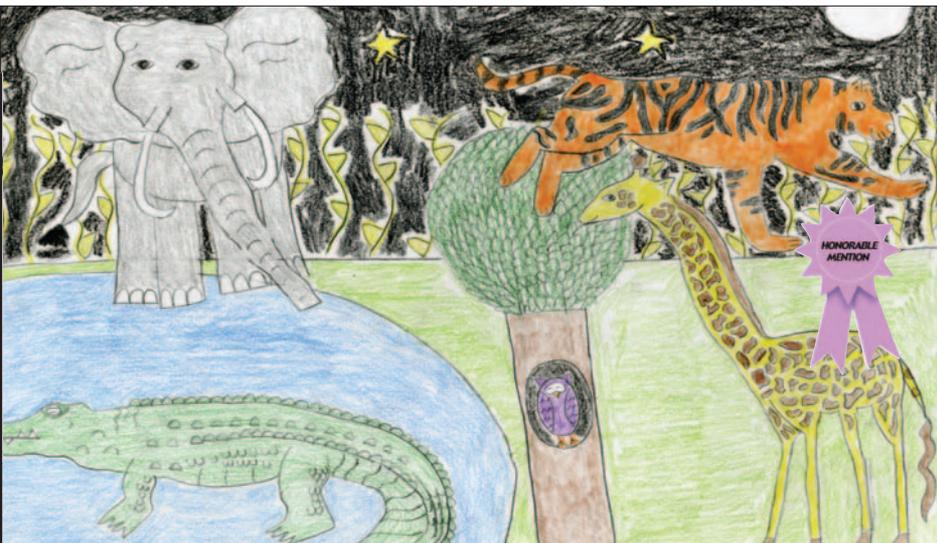
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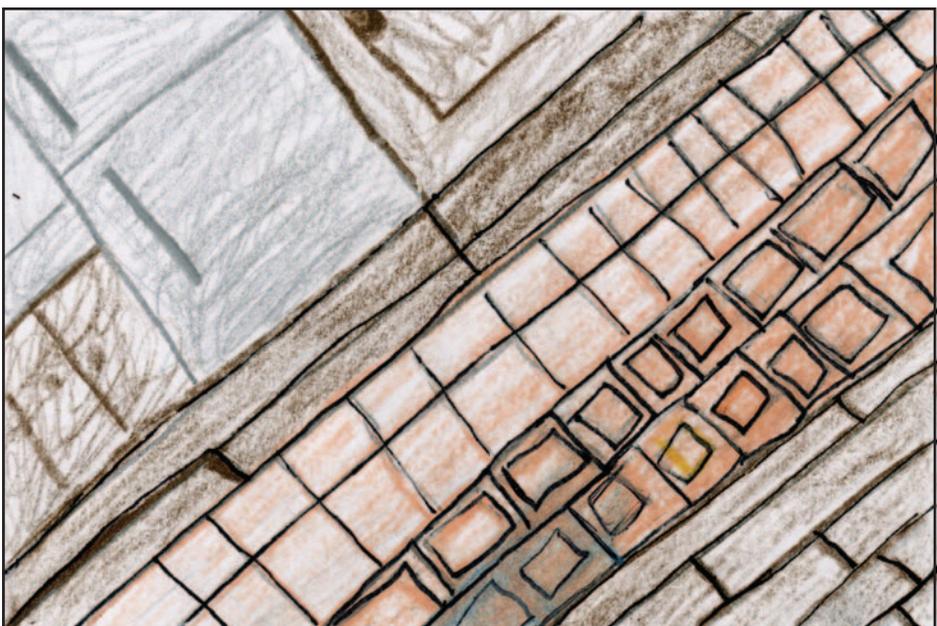


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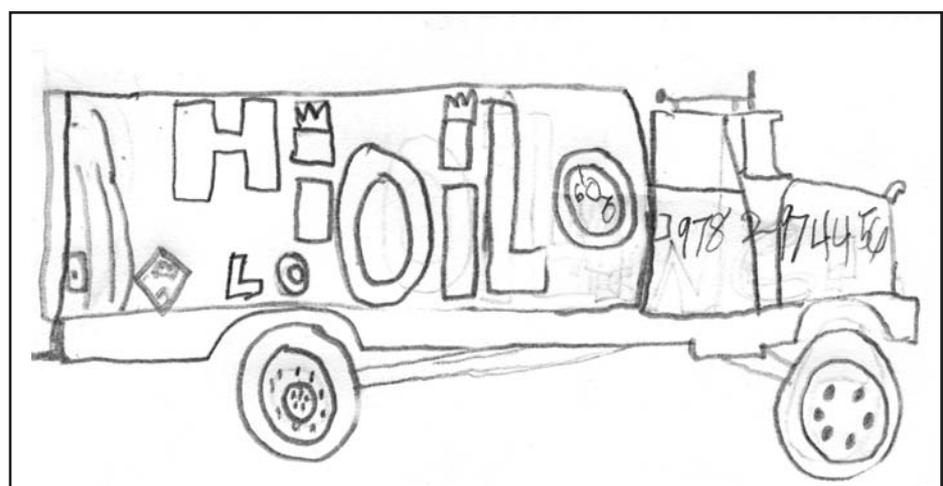
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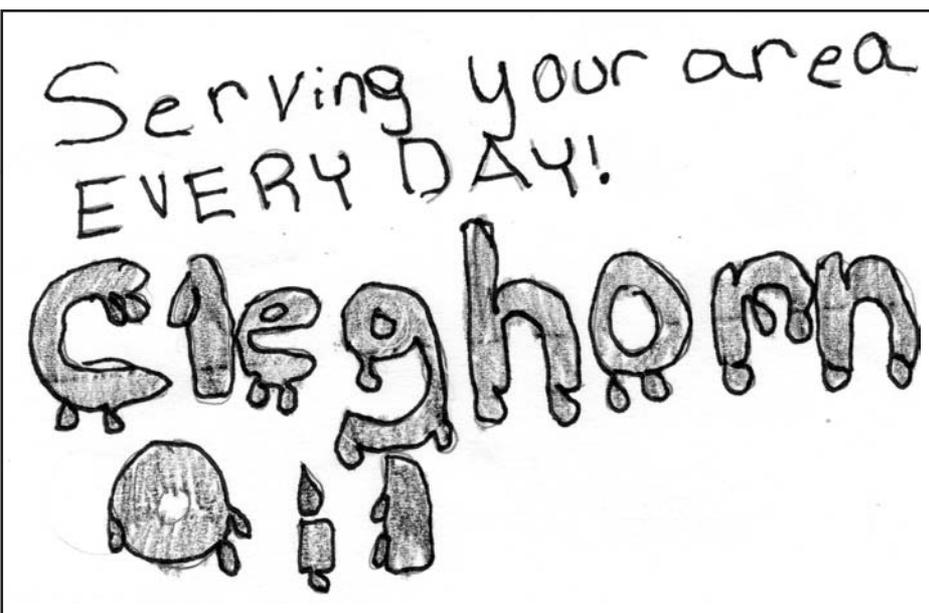
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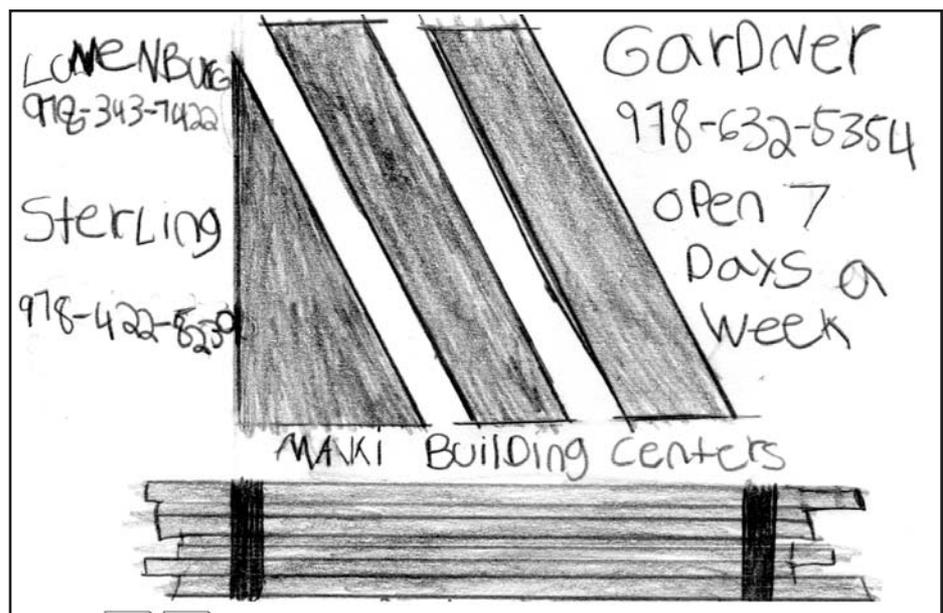


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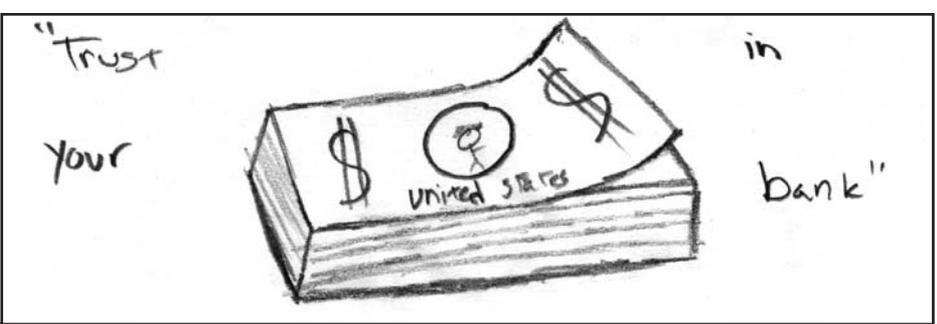
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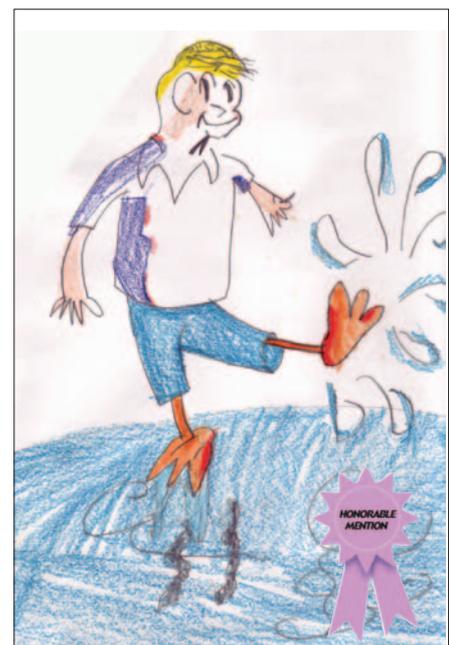


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