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Welcome

Dear Readers:

This week, the McLean Connection turns over its pages to the youth and students of its communities.

We asked principals and teachers from local schools to encourage students to contribute their words, pictures and photos for our annual Children's Issue.

The response this year 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 2009 calendars for early December, the deadline for submissions for next year's Children's Connection. Please keep us in mind as your children continue to create spectacular works of art and inspiring pieces of writing in the coming year.

The children's issue is only a part of our year-round commitment to cover education and our local schools. As always, the Connection welcomes letters to the editor, story ideas, calendar listings and notices of local events from our readers. Photos and other submissions about special events at schools are especially welcome for our weekly schools pages.

Our preferred method for material is e-mail, which should be sent to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com, but you can reach us by mail at 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean VA 22102 or by fax at 703-917-0991. Call 703-917-6428 with any questions.

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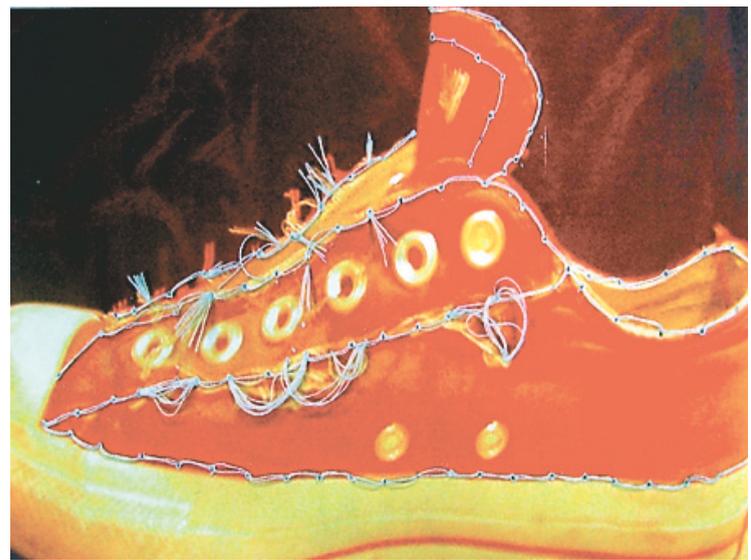
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Linda Maldonado, Spring Hill Elementary School, 6th Grade

Dear Author ...

Letters from Spring Hill Elementary School fifth-graders.

Dear Lois Lowry,

Ever since I opened your book and read your first paragraph, my eyes were glued to the page. Your book "Number the Stars" is my favorite book.

I liked it so much because I am a 10-year-old Jewish girl, just like Ellen. I have always been both interested and amazed by my own grandparents' World War II stories, so it was easy to follow along your interesting story. My grandmother was sent to the Warsaw Ghetto where she lived for quite some time, and when she was 10, she escaped through the sewer under the ghetto wall, just like the Rosens escaped on a boat with Annmarie's uncle. When my grandfather was sent to a concentration camp in Flossenburg, Germany with his mother and sisters, who later on died, his father went into hiding, just like Ellen's parents.

I just want to thank you for opening my eyes to more of my Jewish heritage, to my Jewish side of the family, and to the bitter history of World War II. Your book made me realize that it was such a hard time to live and that we were lucky to live now in the time we do. Keep on writing!

—HANNAH CHAMPNESS

Dear John Grogan,

Have you cried listening to something, because it was so heartwarming? You felt as if you knew them all your life. That is how I felt when I read "Marley, A Dog Like

No Other."

I have a labradoodle; he is a super dog to us. He pulled our family together just like Marley. It touched my heart about how loyal this dog was and to think he searched everywhere in search of his owner.

Marley taught me that the loyalty between a dog and its master could be broken. He taught me that everyone is special and has a purpose on Earth. Thank you for writing Marley.

—KATIE ZECHMAN

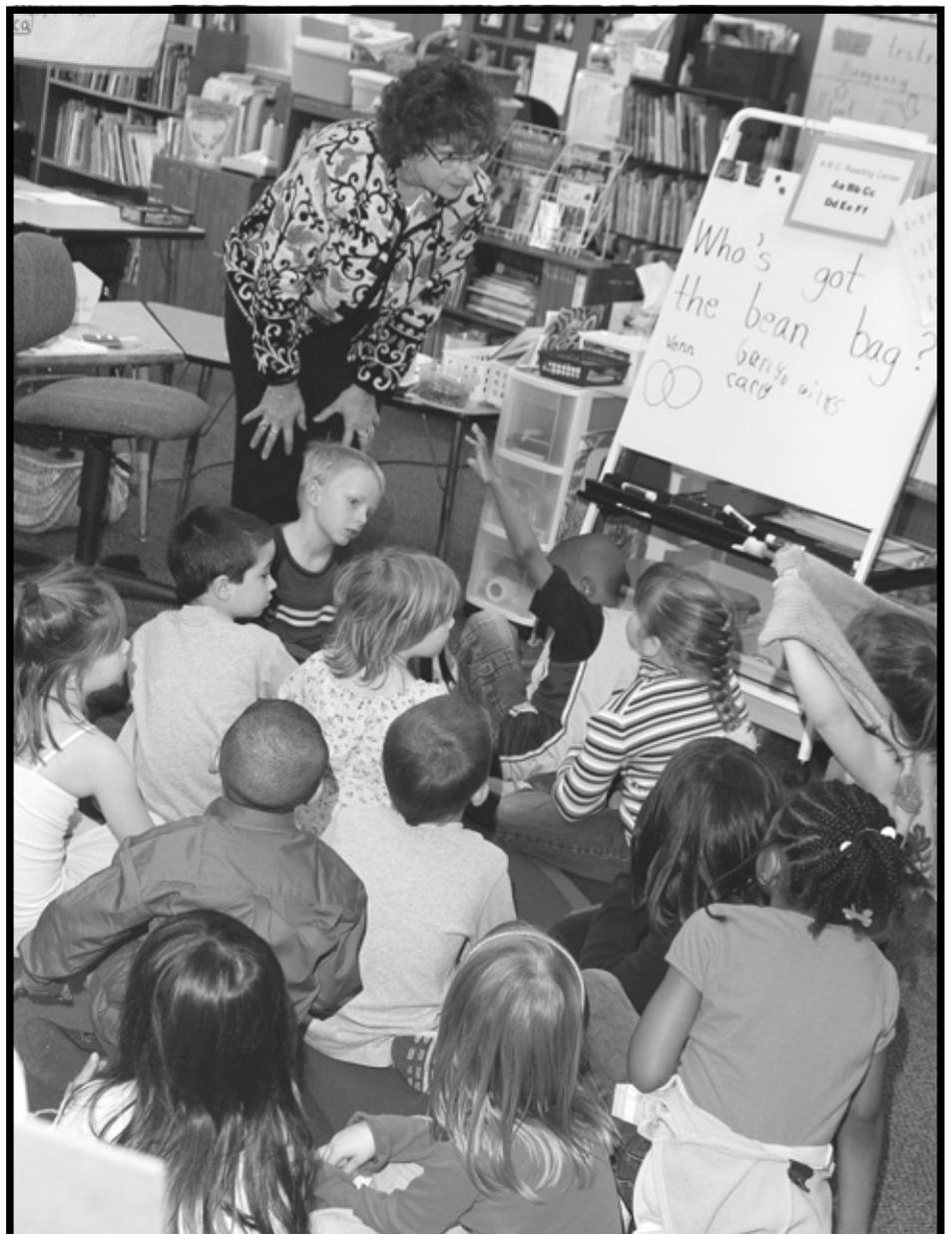
Dear Elise Broach,

I am writing this letter after reading your book, "Shakespeare's Secret," because it connected to me in many ways. Reading this story took me back to one of the most significant experiences of my life.

This book describes Hero's experiences of moving to a new place. Three years ago, I moved with my family from Bakersfield, Calif. to McLean, Va. Reading about her move, meeting new people, going to new places, and adjusting made me relive everything I went through. I can still remember the feelings I had when I found out that I was going to move—the excitement about going to a new place, the sadness of leaving a place too wonderful for words, and all the mixed emotions.

The city of Bakersfield is very close to my heart. The years I had lived there were "happy golden years." But since I have moved, I have changed. Hero also changed as she moved. Meeting new people, going to new places, and adjusting have been rich experiences for me. Change is always necessary.

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Fairfax County Public Schools Budget Cuts Are They Educationally Sound?

Fairfax County Public Schools are making major cuts in vital areas that will directly affect your child. Next year the children will go to school with an increase of class size, less staff and fewer programs to support their educational needs. All instructional staff will be heavily impacted. Students will have less individual help. Facilitating learning will become more difficult. Parents, imagine how your life would change if triplets were added to your family and your income reduced.

The Superintendent and the School Board have made many of these cuts, but need to continue to look for other ways to trim the budget that does not directly affect your child's classroom instruction and education. Tell the School Board that the cuts must come from non school-based positions, programs and items.

The Fairfax County Federation of Teachers urges you to become involved by making calls and sending emails to School Board Members and the Board of Supervisors. Even if you do not have children, your community will be affected with this erosion of the school system. Our message must be heard to save the quality of the education we provide to all of our students in Fairfax County. Your children's future depends upon it.

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In Giving I Received

BY ASHLEY DOLL
COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL,
8TH GRADE

Last year I donated 11 inches of my hair to locks of love for them to make wigs for cancer patients. You may be thinking, oh how great, or what a nice girl but I'm no saint. I wasn't exactly happy afterwards. I'm not good with change that big.

When I got home from the salon I attempted to pull my hair back into a pony tail. I strove to get every last strand of hair in there but at least half always fell out. I had a bit of a breakdown when I realized it wouldn't stay, no matter how hard I tried.

The next day I came to school with my hair in a pony tail, well more of a stub really, with help from about 20 clips. When my friends noticed my thick long hair was gone they were shocked and astounded to say the least. All of them were begging me to let them see it down but I refused. They wouldn't accept that answer, so, though I tried to run, Hannah got a hold of me and took all the clips out. My short bob cut was revealed for everyone to see.

Many people told me they liked my hair throughout the week, but I was convinced they were just being polite. Some people I didn't even know came up to me to tell me how good it looked, I knew they were just more pity compliments. I felt so weird, like a different person, like a part of me was missing.

I continued to complain for the next week. I went on and on about how awful the cut was and how bad it looked on me. Finally, my mom couldn't take it anymore. She turned to me and told me that I was lucky I had hair to give. The girl who would get my hair didn't have any. The girl who would get it is suffering from cancer, and I'm lucky I still have my health, and lucky I still had any hair at all.

It was until that moment that I really even remembered why I gave my hair away to begin with. I realized just how shallow and selfish I was being. I had completely lost sight of what was really important, my hair would go to a girl who really needed it. I was so self absorbed adjusting to this major change that I didn't even realize how much what I did helped someone; I was just acting like a shallow brat.

Since then I've tried to look at things from a different angle and never forget how blessed I really am. Surprising as it was, it turned out donating 11 inches of my hair, was the best gift I could ever receive.



Samantha Devers, Grade 12, Oacrest School

Gift of Believing

BY SARA GUGLIELMO
COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL,
7TH GRADE

The greatest gift I have gotten is not an object at all (unlike many kids). This may sound crazy or weird at first, but in the end you will get it. It is believing. You are probably thinking that's not a gift, but it is and most people do not see that. It is gift that you get when you are born. You can make a choice to keep that gift or tear it down as you get older. You have to believe in yourself or you will not get anywhere in life. You have to believe that people will help you and are not always against you or you will not be able to work with a group of people. Many people tear this gift apart during their teen years, it's called low self-esteem. They may think they're too fat, not strong enough, stupid, or bad at

sports and that causes them to stop believing, sometimes it gets so bad they never recuperate and just stop believing all together. Horrible, right!

Believing has helped me in so many ways. It has helped me through family problems like the loss of loved ones which is always a sad thing. Believing has helped me become more faithful in God and believe me it helps to know that God is watching over you. It has opened my eyes to many things that I did not see before. It has helped me through tough times at school like a fight with a really good friend or a bad grade. Believing has not only made my self-esteem higher, it has changed the way I look at things. I used to get negative, thinking everything would turn out badly, but I have started believing things will be okay even if they seem really bad.

It is better to be positive, trust me.

Believing has done so much for me. It has helped me get good grades at school which please my parents and me. It also made me work harder in sports that I think I am not good at, which makes me improve in that sport and that makes me better at them. Believing has expanded my imagination making me more creative. It has made me wonder about many things, which expands my knowledge and makes me a more intelligent and interesting person. The best thing believing has done for me is it made me more high-spirited, which really makes my life easier and less stressful. Believing has made me believe that I can do things that I thought I could not do. If you start to believe it will help you in so many ways just like it did for me, I just know it will. Give yourself a chance to believe.

Soldiers

Where Would We Be Without Them?

BY DEVON MALONEY
COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL,
8TH GRADE

Defenders of our government, soldiers are the ultimate symbol of our freedom and peace to most Americans. From the Revolutionary War when our country was founded, all the way to the current War on Terror in the Middle East, a war with no front lines, soldiers have always been there for us. Many have willingly paid the last full measure of devotion to protect what they think is right thing to do. How many of us could say we would do the same for something that we just thought was right?

My family tree is crammed with military service from the 1800s in the Civil War down, my dad included. He joined the Navy young and served until 2002, when he retired. Although he is no longer officially enrolled in a branch of the armed forces, my dad continues to help the military achieve their goals around the world, even if he didn't believe there is a completely just cause in the conflict.

Now he's headed off to assist the elimination of Al Qaeda in Afghanistan. At first I was a bit shocked when he told us he had volunteered to represent his agency there, but now I'm okay with it. After all, I think I would have done the same.

Who would have kept us free from the British? Who would have countered the attack on Pearl Harbor? Who would have hunted down the Sept. 11 conspirators? Without soldiers, we would have no way to fight for causes that we believe in, and would have no way to defend our now great nation. Better yet, they volunteered to save us from the job.

Overall when we think of the brave men and women out there in Iraq or Afghanistan or those who are overseas fighting for our freedom, we should think of national heroes, because they really are our nation's heroes; and because of it they should get more recognition than they do. They are our silent heroes.

My Hero

By: CLAYTON KENNEDY
COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL, 8TH
GRADE

Is your hero Superman, Batman, or even Spiderman? Well mine isn't, my hero is someone that was very close to me. He was always there for me, he comforted me when I was down, and made me laugh to help me feel better. My hero doesn't have super powers because he is my grandfather.

Now I'll tell you a little something about my grandfather. He was born in North Carolina around 1925. He lived through the Great Depression with no hardship because he lived on a farm and they had all they needed. As soon as World War II started my granddad was still in high school. But as soon as he was old enough to go to war he went to the recruiter and came out a United States Marine. He was soon shipped off to Parris Island for the most excruciating training in our great country's armed forces. He said it was tough but he made it through and as soon as he was done with his training the Japanese surrendered and

my granddad never saw the heat of battle. He stayed in the Marines for two more years then went to NC State. After that he went to work for the state until he retired. He was also in the Army Reserve until he had his first heart attack. He then retired as a colonel.

My grandfather was a good man. He worked for what he wanted and never took no as an answer. I always remember my grandfather being nice and kind and never being angry not even once. I will always remember the way that his pipe smelled as he walked up to our front steps. He even watched Batman with me when he was in the hospital for the last time. He always let me up onto his hospital bed and made sure that we were watching Batman because I was obsessed with Batman when I was 6. I couldn't believe it when my mom told me that I would never see him again. I remember the folding of the flag and the shooting of the guns in salute of my grandfather. My grandfather was a role model, a leader, and a great man. He will always be remembered and never forgotten. This is the story of my hero.

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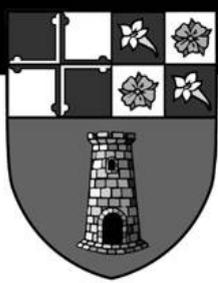






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Maggie Esmond, Grade 11, Oacrest School

September 11, 2007

BY PHIL NOVACKI
COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL,
8TH GRADE

REMEMBERING PETER CHOO

Almost everyone in the U.S. remembers Sept. 11, 2001. It was a day that will be remembered forever. On that day, terrorists hijacked four commercial passenger jet airliners and crashed them purposely. Two of them hit the twin towers in the World Trade Center located in New York City. Another plane hit the Pentagon in Washington, DC while the final one crashed in Pennsylvania. It was a horrid day.

But that is not the Sept. 11 that I am talking about. It is a long story but let me start from the beginning. As a boy growing up at the age of two, Peter Choo, a small Korean boy was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a type of cancer. But Peter didn't let this stop him. Peter went to

school at Great Falls Elementary until third grade. That was when he was moved to Colvin Run Elementary school. I myself met Peter when we were in fifth grade. Ever since then we remained good friends. Since Peter had cancer, he would miss much of the school year. Whenever he was at school he would always be very happy and never get in trouble. Everyone in Colvin Run knew Peter. Whenever they saw him they would give him high fives. On sixth grade graduation, I remember hearing his name called for the diplomas and people cheering louder than ever. I also remember seeing adults crying tears of joy. Mrs. Choo, Peter's mom, was one of these adults.

The next year was seventh grade. I was looking forward to seeing Peter at Cooper. But unfortunately, on Sept. 11, Peter passed away due to his cancer. I remember when my

friend called me to tell me this. I was nearly crying and I couldn't finish my homework. My family did their best to try to make me feel better. The following weekend, there was a funeral service in honor of Peter. I remember seeing almost everyone from Colvin Run. Most of the people there were crying. Fortunately, I was able to keep my tears in. It was a wonderful service, but it made me miss Peter even more.

About a month after the funeral, some parents that knew the Choo family decided to organize a 5K run. The results were great. Almost everybody I remember from Colvin Run was there. They even decided to make it an annual event. I decided that I will go every year in honor of Peter. I hope that one day; we will find a cure for cancer so no one will have to go through what Peter went through.

My Hero

BY GRANT GRIECO
COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL, 8TH
GRADE

Who is your hero? Do you have more than one hero? Why is he/she your hero? My hero is one of my best friends ever. Peter Choo! Peter Choo was diagnosed with neuroblastoma at the age of two in 1997. Neuroblastoma is a form of cancer that forms in your nerve tissue. It usually begins in your early childhood which is what it

did in Peter's life. Peter passed away from cancer on Sept. 11, 2007. He was 13 years old.

Peter is my hero because no matter what bad news he got, he always kept an upbeat attitude. He influences me to always work hard just as he did even while he was diagnosed with cancer. Peter was always nice and respectful to everyone he met. He wasn't at school very often but when he did come he was embraced by everyone around him. Since he couldn't go to school because of his cancer a

teacher came to his house and would teach him all the things that he missed. This shows how much he cared about school and his grades. To me, it also showed that he never used his cancer as an excuse to not do something.

Whenever I encounter something that I don't want to I think of Peter and all that he went through and that is what makes me work hard. Whenever I play hockey or any other sport I think

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If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrong. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a childish. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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Writing to Writers

Letters from Haycock Elementary School.

Dear Mark Haddon,
 "He touched me so I hit him." I never really thought about how autistic people thought or dealt with things. Then when I read your book, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime," I felt the emotion and feelings of an autistic person. Your book has given me something to look at in autistic people.

When I started your book I quickly caught a connection of curiosity with Christopher. I didn't feel what I really felt about him until he hit the police officer for touching him. That was when I knew he was autistic. As I read on I felt like what he was going through, how he was trapped with lies and the truth surrounding him was nowhere to go. When he left for London I was surrounded by questions. I answered those questions when I thought as if I were him in that situation. Once in class an autistic person came running down the hall screaming. I laughed. Then I remembered Christopher and how hard it must be to have most people judging you as someone who isn't mentally stable. I also remembered how people like him are just as much like us as they are different.

Christopher has shown me what it is like to be in an autistic person's shoes. Your book has shown me the good in them and inspires me to think differently than I have before I read your book. Someway or another Christopher will always be in my mind.

—BEN CROSS

Dear Kevin Henkes,
 Happily ever after – it doesn't



Asha Preston Rollins, 1st Grade, Haycock Elementary School

always happen this way. You have to take a challenge and embrace it as an opportunity, accepting that it's not always perfect. While reading your book, "Protecting Marie," I better understood this lesson. Every page I turned drove home this point. I am now more grateful for what I have than I was before.

It is a blessing to realize one's own fortune. Even if our "fortune" just means that we have a house over our head and breakfast, lunch, and dinner to eat. The world around us isn't always the way we wish it were. War, pain, not being able to be what you want to be when you grow up – these are difficulties that can seem unfair. Nevertheless, we discover in your book, we must learn to be thankful for everything we do have. I now try not to spend too much time fretting over insignificant problems, such as not getting the jacket I wanted or having something from my room taken by one of my little sisters. Not sweating the small stuff helps me appreciate the things that make me happy.

Happily ever after can happen. In fact, it usually does. It's all how you look at your life. You can't just dwell in the past; it's over and

done. Instead, thanks to your book, I know it's better to live in the present and be very grateful and appreciate everything I have. This message has enhanced my life, and I know it will continue to do so.

—ISABELLE LAVIN

Dear Kirby Larson,
 "I was looking for something solid. As solid as 320 Montana acres. As solid as good folks like Karl and Perilee."

That is my favorite quote in your book, "Hattie Big Sky." Why? Well, at that point in the book, Hattie realizes that some people come and go, but real friends will always be there for you, and you should stick by them. She realizes that no matter how good it feels sometimes to be with someone who is "popular" like Traft Martin, that person can turn on you and you can only rely on real friends after that. As Hattie learned that lesson, so did I. I was inspired.

Hattie never let other people get in the way of her friendship with Karl and Perilee. She knew they were good people, even if they were German. She always believed

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—SARAH FALLS

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I keep going, with your book to guide me.

When I'm afraid that I'm going to get in trouble,

I keep on going even when the pressure doubles.

Your book has shown me never to stop,

But only keep on going until I get to the top.

In your book, you're waiting and waiting,

Just like me, I'm still creating Strength to pull mountains from New York to LA,

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—MICHELLE MA

Spring

In spring different flowers grow.
 They have different colors too.
 The trees grow flowers in the spring
 First the trees grow flowers, then
 when the flowers drop,
 the tree grows new leaves.

—SABRINA CAI, AGE 6

My Puppy

My puppy is cute and he is very nice.
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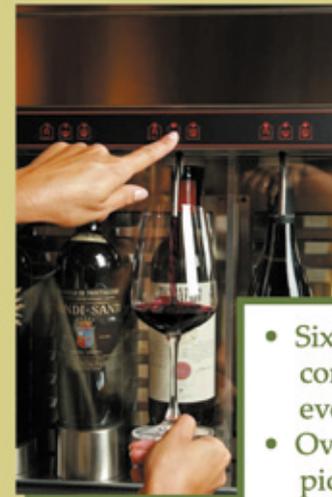
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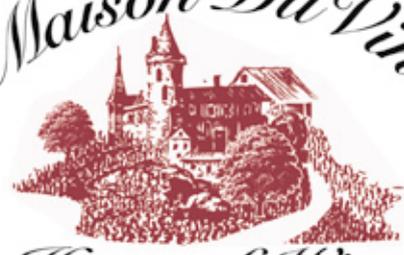
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POETRY

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—SAMIR COWDHURY, AGE 6

My Fish

I have a pet fish.
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He is fun to play with.
It is fun to feed him too.
I love Jellybean.
I bet my fish could swim out of
his tank if there was a flood at my
dad's house.
(That would be my problem, not
my fish's problem.)
I am getting another fish on Sun-
day.
I can't wait till Sunday.
—ANNIKA HARLEY, AGE 6

All About Rex

I love my dog. His name is Rex.
He is a boy. He is one year old.
He jumps on my sister more than
he jumps on me.
He loves to play. He loves to play
hide-and-seek.
He loves to do all of those things.
He is a baby. He is Cute.

—FLAVIA CARCONI, AGE 6



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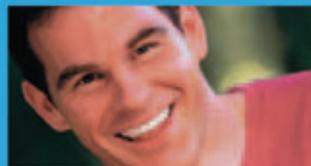
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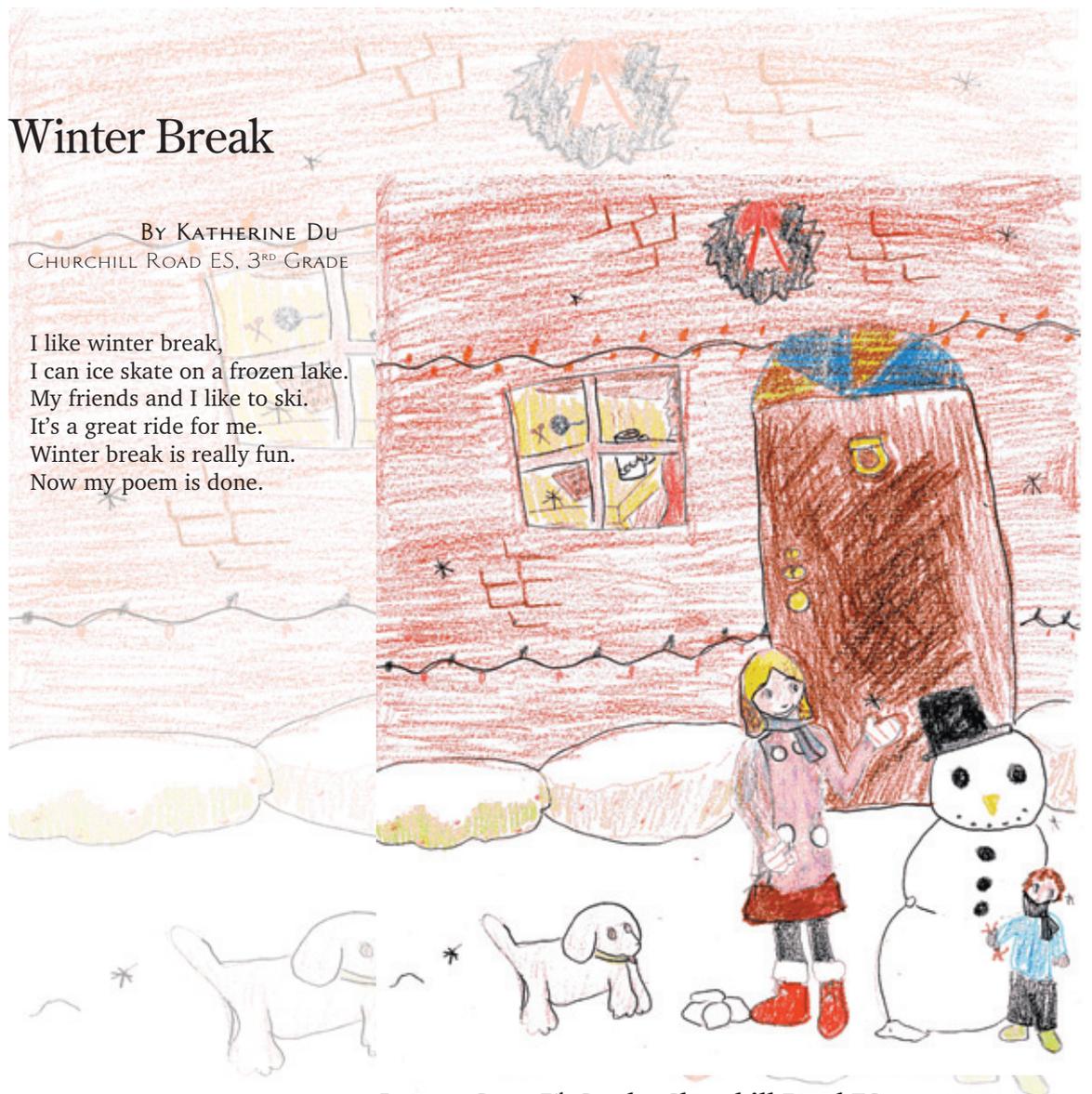
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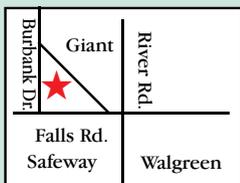
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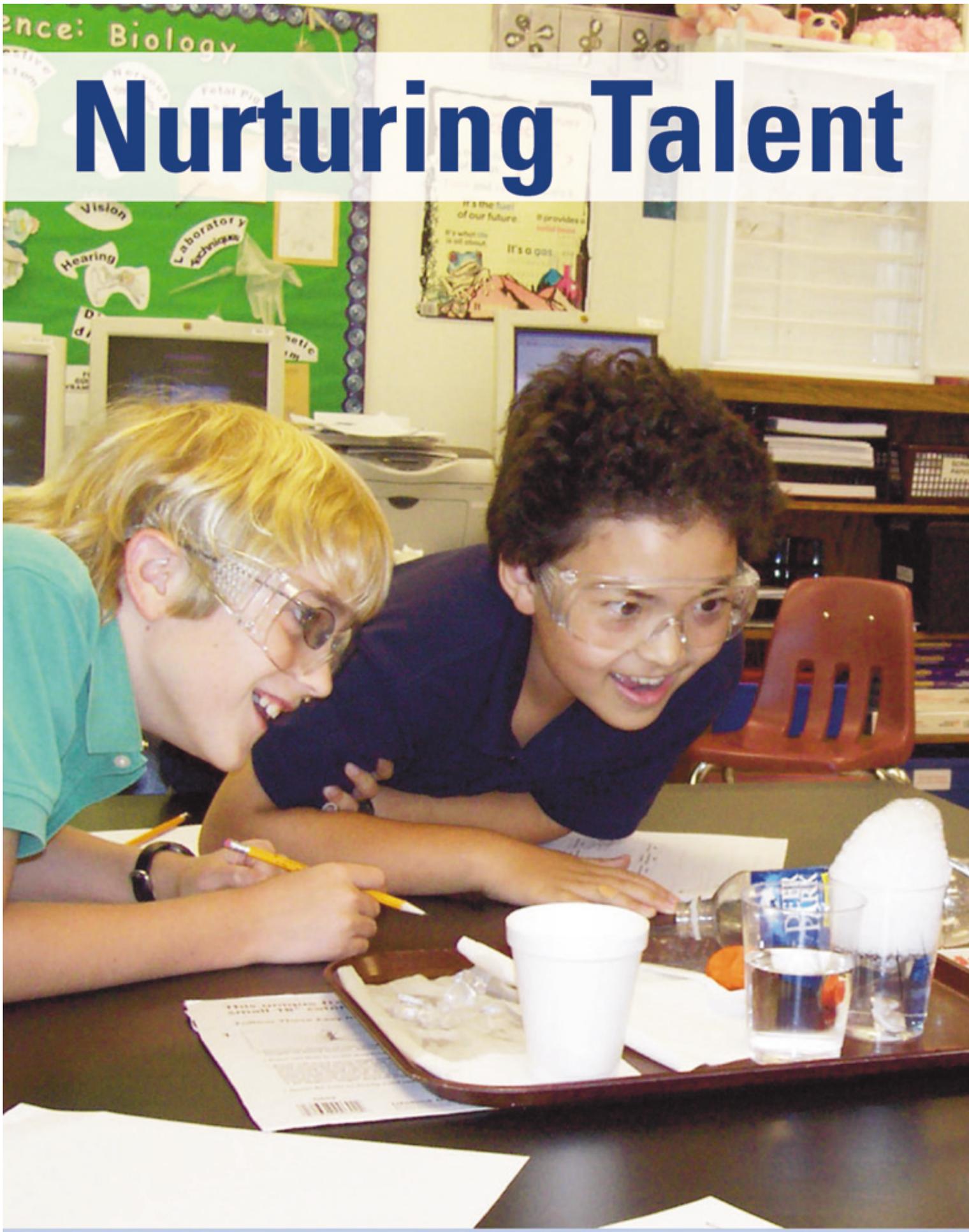
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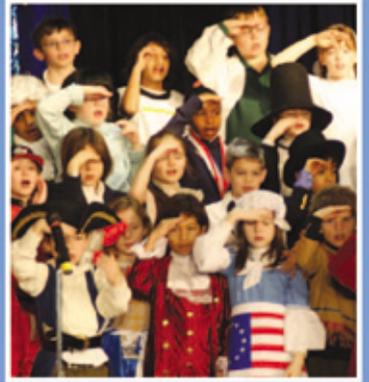
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I looked over at my 4th grade brother, Jay, sound asleep. Suddenly he woke up, but was not fully awake. His eyes were rolling back into his head, body stiff, and drooling uncontrollably. Frantic, my mom, dad, 6th grade brother, Fritz, and I... screamed, cried and yelled for help, not knowing what to do. My dad leaned over and held Jay tight as the craziness went on. A woman behind me saw that I was hysterical and held my hand, reassuring me that everything was ok. Two nurses sitting

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Buddy

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in front of Jay knew exactly what was happening. My little brother was having a seizure.

The flight attendants and nurses got an oxygen tank and placed it over Jay's mouth. Over the loud-speaker, we heard the pilot say that the plane would be turning around and letting people off, my family, to the hospital. When the seizure was over, Jay was absolutely fine. He didn't remember anything that happened during his seizure. When my mom told him that the plane was turning around, he refused it. "I am fine!" he would say... "I was just taking a nap!" When you have a seizure you remember nothing.

The plane landed and we all got off... Jay rushed to the hospital in an ambulance, my dad following him. Tears streaming down my face, my mom, Fritz and I hurried off the plane to go find our car and follow Jay and my dad. My mom kept telling me that everything would be ok, Jay would be fine. There is nothing to worry about. I, being one of those people who gets worried a lot, could not take that in... there is always the possibility that something really bad was wrong with Jay.

When we got to the hospital, Jay was in the little bed, with his hospital dress on, IV in arm, remote in hand, watching SpongeBob on the TV. My dad was next to Jay, holding his hand. His little smile, "Hi, Gracie." He said... that, made my heart melt. My little Jayjay was back! He said that he felt fine, he looked fine too. My dad explained that the doctor went to go look at Jays MRI and ECG results (tests on his brain and heart.). Anxiously, we waited for the results. The doctor walked in, and read from a piece of paper. Jay has Benign Rolandic Epilepsy. The doctor told us, that out of all the epilepsies that you can have, Benign Rolandic was the best to have. Meaning that Jay's seizures only happen when he is asleep, when he is either dehydrated, excited, or has had a change in schedule. Jay will outgrow it when he is about 16 years old.

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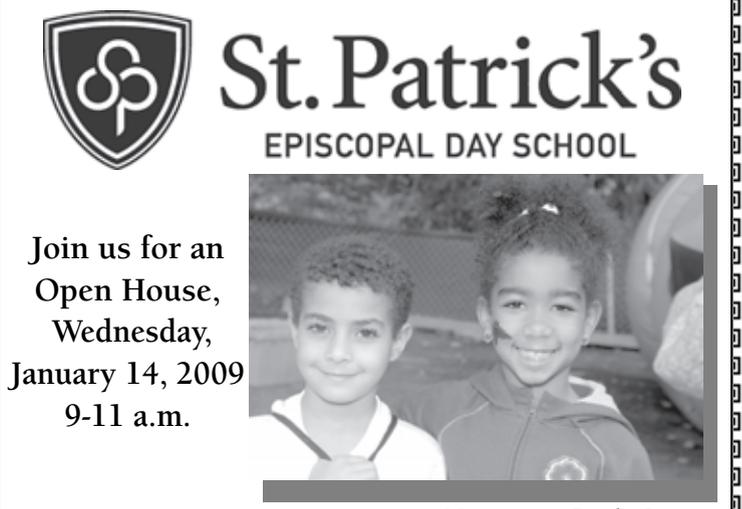
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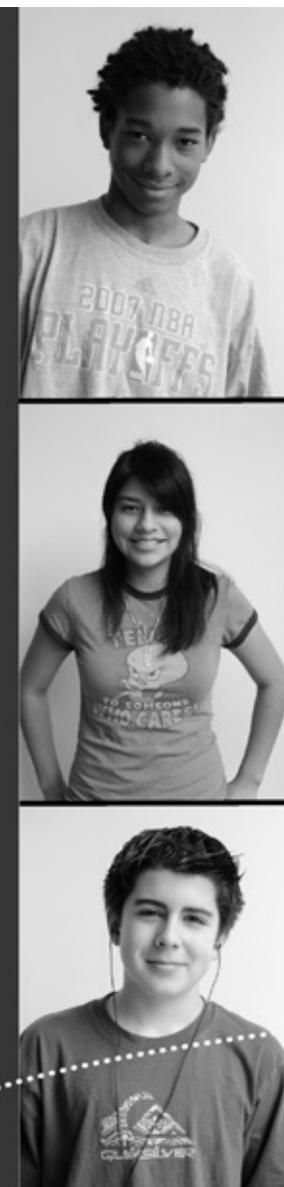
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My Winter Rhyme

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Though it is very, very cold
When I feel chilly I am very bold.

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That make my feelings get elate.

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Chistmas caroling is nice and great
Just sing even if you are late.
It is fun to sing a song.
It is okay if you are wrong.

Snowflakes are the best for me
I like the snow so I can ski.
I can slip in the snow and slide.
Oh! What a good fun ride!

I like to build a snowman and sled.
It gives great excitement in my head.
Winter holidays are great times.
This is my nice winter rhyme!



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Christmas Fears

BY GRAHAM REBLITZ
CHURCHILL ROAD ES, 5TH GRADE

I woke up one morning. I glanced outside my window to see a blanket of white snow which covered the green grass that I had seen the day before. I ran to my brother's room to find him looking out of the window completely astonished. He turned around and we both looked at each other excitedly. My brother and I ran to my parent's bedroom and woke them up. Before they had a chance to get up we raced downstairs, faster than lightning. When my parents finally came down, Ethan and I quickly asked our parents if we could go outside. When they replied, "Yes!" we ran outside in the snow like we had never seen snow before. Meanwhile, my brother was making a snow fort. After Ethan had finished building his snow fort, we had a huge snowball fight. We played for a few more hours and then came in for some hot chocolate. I had some but my brother didn't. Minutes later, my brother laid down on our couch. He looked very sick. My mom took his temperature. It was an astonishing 104 degrees! No matter how hard we tried to get him better, he would not recover. We decided to take him to the hospital. They diagnosed him with a bad case of pneumonia. He said that there was a chance that he might die. That is when we got worried. The doctor gave him some medication and wished us the best. A couple of days later, my brother was recovering fast and we found out that he was going to heal successfully just in time for Christmas. We all sat on our couch opening our presents and it was a wonderful Christmas after all!

Christmas Shoes

BY DANIEL CHRISTIAN
COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL, 8TH GRADE

Every family has their own little unique holiday traditions, but none may be as unique as the one you are about to hear. If you celebrate Christmas, you probably tune into the radio every now and then to hear your favorite songs. You may even do a little dance in the car or at home. All the classics like "Rudolph" or "Jingle Bells" are probably the first thing you think of when Christmas music comes to mind, but not for my family.

Sure, we listen to the classics, and we know all the words like everyone else, but my family has a tradition to wait for a certain song. Every time we leave the house and tune into the radio, we hope to hear "Christmas Shoes." Whether it's a brief drive to McDonalds or a 30 minute drive to the orthodontist, the Christmas music is jingling in the car and we dance around. Still, we are not in the true Christmas spirit until we hear the "Christmas Shoes," in my family known as the shoe song.

For my family there is no set time for the Christmas season, for most families, after the turkey season, they transition straight into the Christmas season and whip out the decorations. We however, wait, and wait... and wait to take out the stand up Santa and the circular reef with a metallic red bow tied around the top. The light-up reindeer and all those decorations are kept in the boxes in the basement of our house until we hear the shoe song.

I'm sure you've heard the shoe song, the touching song about the boy who doesn't

have enough money to buy the shoes that he knows his dying mother will love. It sounds depressing, but it gives you a realistic look at what so many families are going through. The song makes you feel more grateful for the fact that you have so much. It's a heart-warming song and it really sets my family and me in the mood.

Of course there are certain regulations for this tradition, you can't go to iTunes and download and play it right away. You need to hear it the old fashion way, which is listening to the radio. It is played several times so it's not like we will be cramming on Dec. 24 because we have not heard it on the radio yet. If that ever were to happen, I suppose we would have to abandon the regulation and download the song. Still, the whole fun is waiting for the song. It's the best part. You don't know when it's coming on and after every song you are always thinking It's going to be the next one, I know it! It's the anticipation that makes it so satisfying when it finally does come on.

Now I'm not exactly expecting you to go and follow up on my family's tradition. Each family has their own little ways to celebrate, and each is unique in a certain way. All I ask of you is that when you are listening on the radio, and you hear *Christmas Shoes* or the shoe song, take a moment and ponder on the lyrics. It really is a song that reminds you of how much we have. So when you go to bed at night, take a moment to think of that boy in the song, who is poor with tattered clothes and is on the verge of losing his mother. How would you feel? So once again, just take a moment, and be thankful for all that you have.

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CORINTHIANS 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrong. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

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Celebrate Normalcy—Most People Don't

BY HANNAH ENGLER

COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL

What I love more than anything else in the world is to write. To put my fingers to the keys and just type out a story, or an article, or anything—words that people can read and feel something, whether it's pleasure or sadness. I've always dreamed of seeing my name in print. I've read numerous books (like *Chicken Soup for the Soul*) where kids like me can write about their life and who they are and their experiences, and they are the kind of pieces that make you think: "Wow, this is touching. I'll never forget this child's story." And that is when, despite all my aspirations, my heart begins to sink.

Nothing profound has ever happened in my life. I've never had a fatal disease (I've never even broken a bone!), my parents are totally normal, and I've never had a meaningful conversation with a World War Two veteran or anything like that. I've had a very nice, quiet life, without strife. I go to

church every Sunday, I have two sisters who are in equal parts my best friends and my worst enemies, my favorite subjects are English and Journalism, and the rest, as they say, is history.

So when I was assigned to write a personal essay to be published in a real newspaper, and to make it "powerful" I didn't really know what to write. I sat, wondering. Hmm...which stimulating part of my life should I detail? Perhaps what I had for breakfast this morning? What could I write that would possibly warm hearts this holiday season?

And then I realized. Meaning doesn't have to be found in misfortune. In fact, quite the opposite: if you are like me, then that could actually send a message in itself. I could think that my life is dull and boring, but what I haven't realized is that my life is not normal. Not for the world, not even for

America. In fact, I am probably one of the luckiest, happiest girls in the world. And that's something worth writing about.

So, without further ado, the lessons I have learned in 2008 and every previous year are: the greatest gifts we can ever get are love and hope. If you have both these things, don't take them for granted. Give thanks. Count your blessings. Treat everyone like your friend. Don't agonize over a "normal" life when you're sitting in a classroom typing on a computer, wearing clothes you could afford to buy. Think about the type of person you want to be instead. I, for example, hereby resolve to be more aware of the world away from McLean.

What I'm trying to tell myself, and whoever's reading this, is that millions of people would kill to be where I am now. I have a family that loves me and a pretty bright future. And that being well...normal...pretty much rocks. Meaningful enough for you?

It's a Sad Story, Not a Sad Ending

BY KATE RAY

COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL, 8TH GRADE

I was thirteen years old when it happened. The world just seemed to stop spinning and everything that I had worked for was going to fall off the planet. I was left with nothing. It was the end. I was sure my life here on earth would be over in a matter of seconds.

My mom passed away. October 2008. It just didn't sink in. I didn't want it to. I fought off the pain for weeks. I was trying to hide what happened in the back of my mind, but eventually it overtook me. My mom stole my life. It was hard to be happy. I had to force myself to put a smile on and go to school each morning. It was the hardest thing I ever had to go through in my life. I don't know what will come in the future, but I was sure that this was the worst; the worst thing to happen to me, the worst thing that could happen to anyone.

If it wasn't for my friends, my dad and my sister I wouldn't know what to do with myself. Some days I wish I could go to bed at night and never have to wake up. I wish I wouldn't have to see the sun rising everyday. Sometimes, I thought that if the darkness would just suck everything up, I wouldn't be able to

feel the sadness. The pain takes over me and I can't think of anything else, if it wasn't for my family and the people that I care about, I would be jumping off a bridge right now.

I knew, in the back of my head, that I had to keep going with my life. My mom didn't want me to be like this; hiding from the world, my friends, being afraid of myself, being afraid of her. She wanted me—and my family to keep going, to live our life, and to live it to the fullest.

It's hard to do that though; I mean, she left me and my family and she left me with *nothing*. My mom was the strongest person I ever knew. She battled cancer for four years. She fought it off for a long time, and she knew—I know that she knew—that eventually the end would come for her. One person could only fight off cancer for so long and her time was up.

It's been almost two months since she passed on Oct. 14 and I've realized that she didn't leave me with *nothing*. I've gotten through this. I'm happy. Some people are sad for months, even years, but not me. She gave me her strength. I got *her* strength to help me through the rough times. I'm sad that she left, but I'm glad that I got her strength. So, it's sad story, but not a sad ending.



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Writing to Writers

FROM PAGE 5

By reading "Shakespeare's Secret" and connecting with Hero, I have adjusted even better to my move. It was wonderful to feel so connected with the main character.

—ANANYA SURI

Dear Gordon Korman,
 Until about last year, I have been handling school with ease. But then, more and more work and stress piled on; peer pressure, schoolwork, sports, etc. It's like juggling balls; you need to keep them up and go in a steady pace. I always felt like I had to keep it at a perfect rhythm. Until "No More Dead Dogs" came along.

When I read your book, I saw myself in Mr. Fogelman. We both shared similar stresses, and didn't know what to do. Then, when I started 5th grade, more and more balls were thrown into the cycle. I thought to myself, "I didn't think I can do all of this perfectly." After I read your book, I learned that sometimes, it's okay to make more mistakes than we would want to. Like Mr. Fogelman, I learned to "just go with the flow."

Now thanks to you (and Mr. Fogelman), I can believe in myself more. Whenever I do forget my homework, or do badly on a quiz, I don't let it get in my way. Now, it's okay to drop a ball or two once in a while. Thank you, and I hope people learn from your book.

—JACK POSEY

Dear Shel Silverstein,
 The talking, the humor, and the animals, how could anyone forget? Your poem "The Farmer and the Queen" gave me the laughs with the animals. When the farmer talks to the animals, I think of myself talking to the cat and wonder if you do it also, that is, if you have pets. If you don't, would you?
 My cat is really nice compared to other cats I know. She knows when to come or not. When she's

really cute, I stroke her for a long time, and just talk to her. Sometimes if she just comes in on a night when I'm deciding what to wear for the next day, I ask her "which one?" and sometimes I put an outfit in front of her and her meow sounds like a no! Even though she can't talk to me, I understand her in some way.

I hope that most cats are as loving, gentle, and kind as her. Plus if you don't have a pet, get one. It brings out a whole new level of creativity and imagination (a nice quiet pet that is not that loud (just not fish).

—PRITHA SANDELL

Dear Lauren Myracle,
 When times get hard, we all wish we could live the happy-go-lucky "zippity doo da" cartoon life. We all wish we could live in a perfect world where no one gets bullied or hurt. I've wished that before. But then I read "Eleven." My thinking was flip-flopped into a handstand forever.

From the minute I set foot in Spring Hill Elementary School, I was bullied, tortured, and teased by a certain girl whose name I should better not mention. She was an exact replica of your description of Gail Grayson. She stole all my friends and laughed at my love for school. I came home every day, battered and bruised on the inside. I couldn't explain my sorrows to anyone. I would only cry silently, alone.

That was when you changed my world. You showed me the affects of bullying and told me how to deal with it. You gave me the courage to stand up to the bully and ask her to leave me alone. My troubles have abandoned me for now. Thank you very much for showing me light in my dark situation. I hope I will prosper in my eleventh year, like Winnie.

—KATIE PRUITT

Dear Rick Riordan,
 Ever since my brother died four

years ago, I have been searching for a way not to forget about him, but not to feel all the despair. Sometimes I feel like it's impossible, like trying out every key in a pile of keys until I find the right one. But through it all, I've kept going, and the work has paid off. When I read your book, I saw the characters do a lot of the things that I do.

In "The Maze of Bones," Dan and Amy fought off the devastation of death not with swords but with ever going action. They kept doing what they had been doing (in their case, saving the world, in mine, everyday things). But they let themselves think about Grace. If it started getting too sentimental, they thought about other things. I try to do that.

Thank you, Rick Riordan, for helping me feel better about how I react. I hope other people find this, too.

—BEVERLY DANIEL

Dear Dan Gutman,
 Before I read your book, I wished someone or something could do my homework for me. I said to myself, "I won't get in trouble; I'll make a secret hideout." I would invite my friends over and talk while the machine did its thing. But then, I read your book "The Homework Machine."

I was like Brenton in your story. I too wanted to build a homework machine. But after reading "The Homework Machine," I took a hard look at whether or not it was a good idea or not. When I was reading your story, I thought it was a good idea unless we got caught because we would definitely get in trouble!

I've learned two important things about reading your book: First, if you cheat, someone will catch you and the consequences really won't be worth the grade you get. Secondly, if you don't want to do work, get over it! It's our job to be the best we can be.

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My Hero

FROM PAGE 9

of Peter and I play for him and work hard for him. Peter influences me to try my hardest and get good grades. Whenever I think of Peter it makes me sad and happy at the same time. It makes me sad because he passed away and I'm never going to see him again unless I go to heaven. It also makes me happy to know he put up a great fight against cancer even though he lost. It also makes me happy to know that he's in a better place now where he is free of cancer. Maybe, when the time comes, I will hopefully see him again up in heaven.

Peter has definitely been one of the biggest influences of my life. He will always be in my thoughts and prayers and maybe in other people's thoughts and prayers too. I will never forget him and he will always be in my heart. That is why I chose Peter Choo as my hero.

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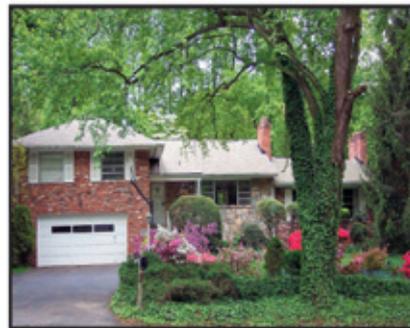


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