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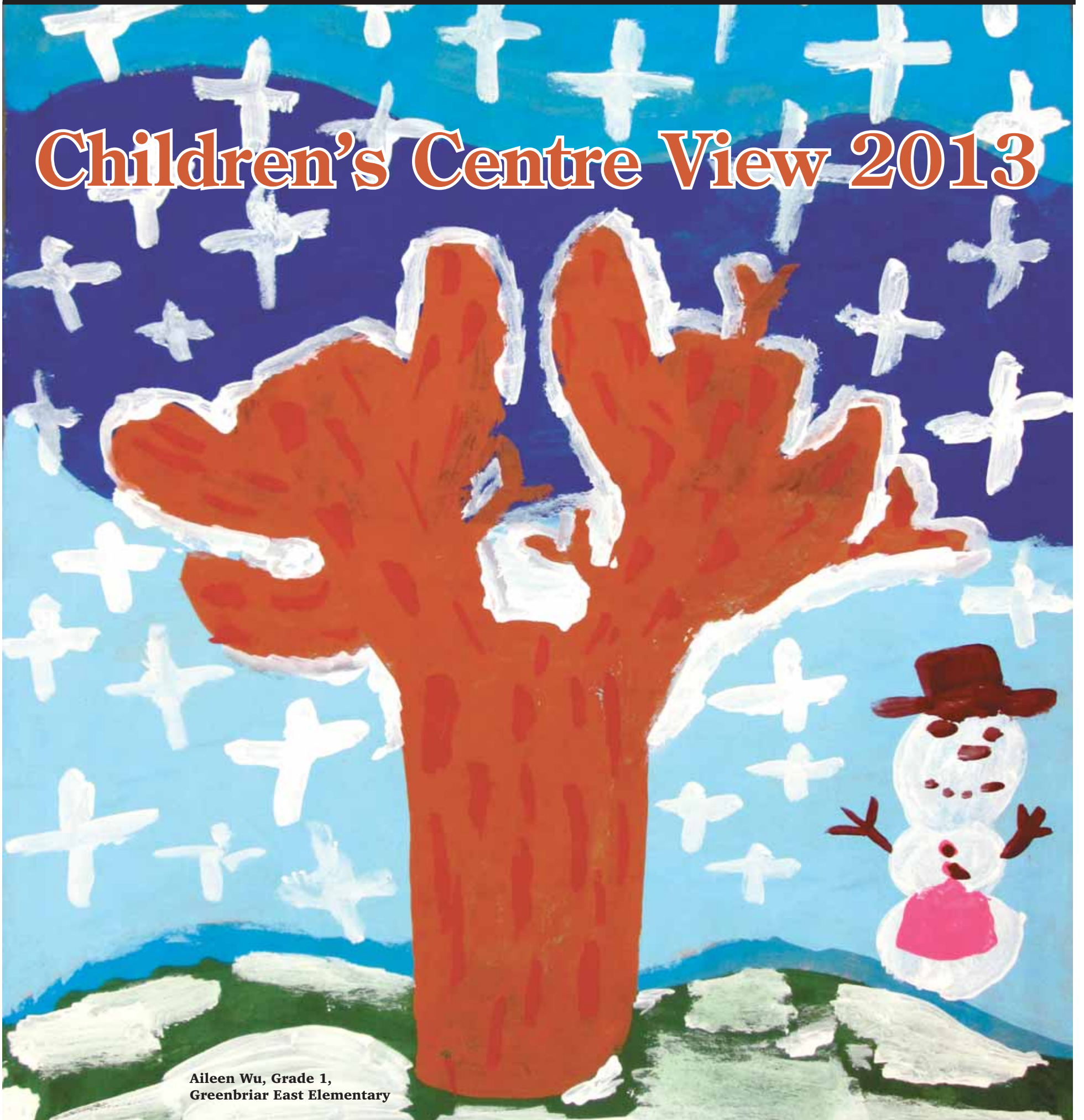
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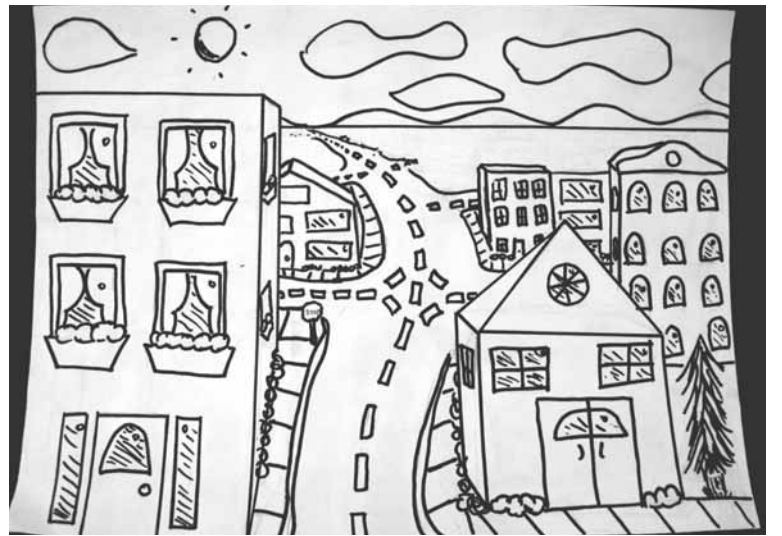
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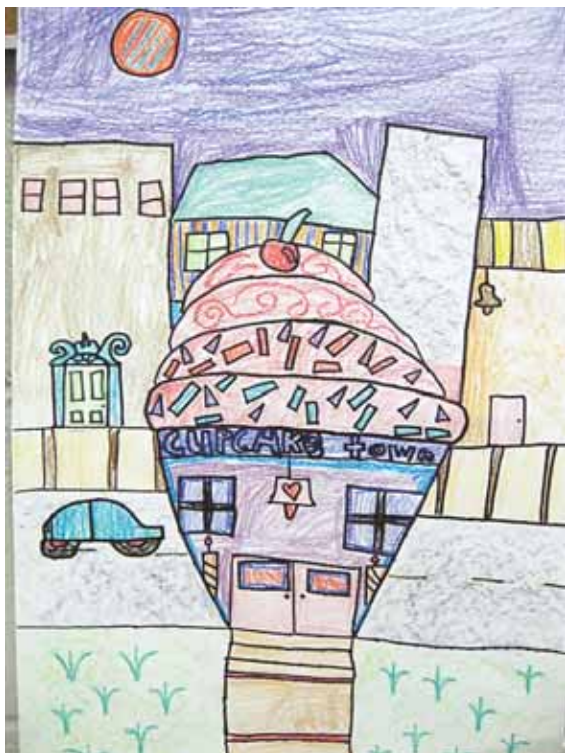
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# CHILDREN'S CENTRE VIEW 2013

## Welcome

Dear Readers:

This week, the Centre View turns over its pages to the youth and students.

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

The response as always was enormous. While we were unable to publish every piece we received, we did our best to put together a paper with a fair sampling of the submitted stories, poems, drawings, paintings, photographs and other works of art. Because of the response, we will continue to publish more artwork and writings throughout January.

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 2014 calendars for early December, the deadline for submissions for next year's Children's Centre View. 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 Centre View 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 [centreview@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:centreview@connectionnewspapers.com), but you can reach us by mail at 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 or call 703-778-9415 with any questions.

— EDITOR STEVEN MAUREN



**Saigovind, 5, Montessori of Chantilly**



**Sanjana, 6, Montessori of Chantilly**



**Sabrina Youssefi, Grade 6, Greenbriar East Elementary**



**Katie Kim, Grade 6, Greenbriar West Elementary — Zip Line Painting**



**Audrey T., Grade 6, Union Mill Elementary School**



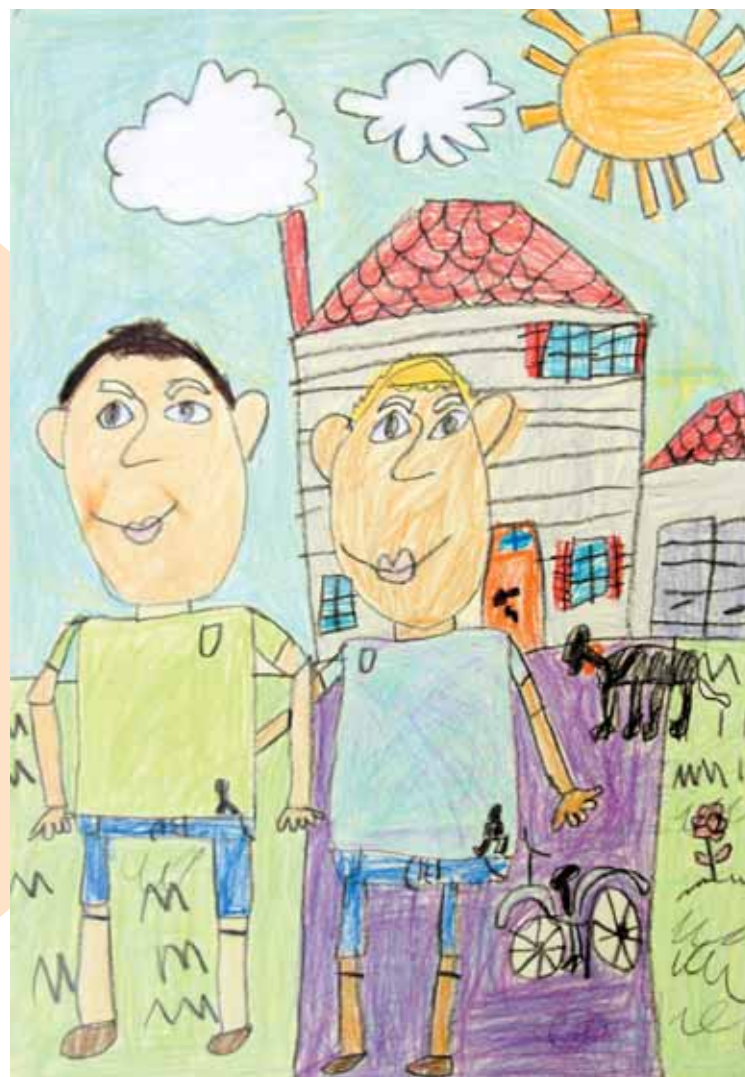
**Stella Shin, Grade 6, Brookfield Elementary School**



# GREENBRIAR EAST ELEMENTARY



**Thea Brown Hargrove, Grade 2**



**Sebastian Nowicki, Grade 2**

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**Catherine Kelly, Grade 1**



**Rachel Ruddy, Grade 3**



**Hallie Kamil, Grade 2 — Double Portrait**



**Noah Kim, Grade 2 — Duck Architecture**

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**Audrey Valdez — Owl Collage**



**Jana Ibrahim, Grade 3 — Owl Pot**



**Julia Cheng, Grade 6 — Pop Art Portrait**

**Ny Haja Razafinjatovo, Grade 3 — Personal Rug**





# WORDS & PICTURES



## A Day in the Snow

The ground was cold and the snow came down  
It covered the road, it was very old

People went skiing and skating did they go  
Drinking hot chocolate as they go  
Eating peppermint while they go slow  
Shivering for the warm breeze, coming to and fro

Driving in a car, with a broken heater  
No! No! You should never have that Peter  
It is cold as you remember, now even colder in the car  
Get a new heater, and become a star

The ground was cold and the snow came down  
It covered the road, it was very old

— MEDHA BODDU



Mira of Chantilly,  
8 —  
Painting



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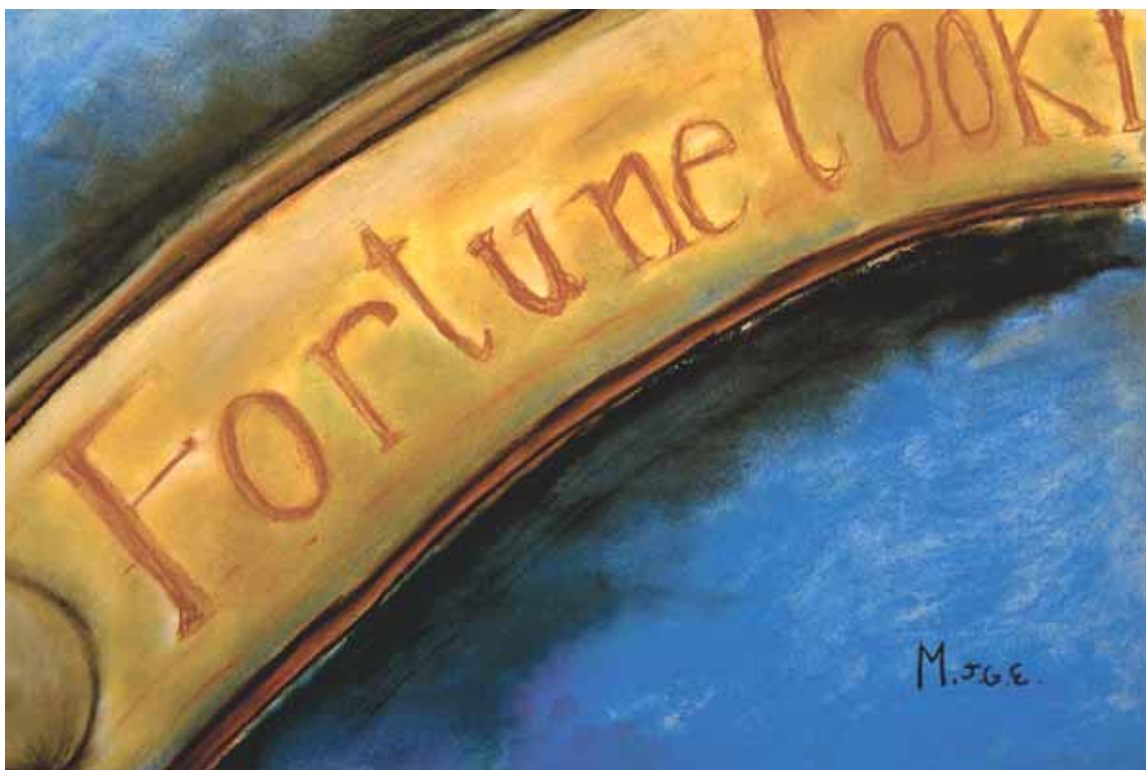
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# GREENBRIAR WEST ELEMENTARY

Centre View received a generous number of submissions for the annual Children's edition and will continue to publish them throughout January.

## What if

What if there was a world up in the sky?  
 What if there was a world of peace?  
 What if there was an answer to every question?  
 What if there was a place of inspiration?  
 What if every single person had a safe place to go to everyday?  
 What if snow turned into ice cream?  
 What if there was no starvation?  
 What if I could have friends that actually cared?  
 What if there were no cliques?  
 What if everybody could "fit in"?  
 What if our world could become perfect?

— JASMIN YOON, 11,  
 GRADE 6, MR. SMITH

## Old Oak

Once so small, the wise tree now towers,  
 Branches blowing, with leaves that shower,  
 Billowing above and blocking the sky  
 Branches breaking, and twigs that fly,  
 Wise and old,  
 Big and bold,  
 Quietly gazing,  
 Always still and standing tall.  
 When breezes blow, the leaves whisper to all,  
 Strong old oak.

— SYDNEY TORRUELLA, 12,  
 GRADE 6, MS. TERRONE

## My Future

Have you ever wondered what you want to be you grow up. There are many options from a doctor, to an engineer. I want to be a doctor. From when I was young, I used to love the subject science. My favorite in science, was the human body. I had been going to a pediatrician multiple times and I had always been interested in what they do. When I was in 5th grade I joined in the Science Olympiad and in the Anatomy event with a partner. I won second place in that event and I was very happy. From when I was young till now I loved my decision of being a doctor when I grow up, and I am sure I always will.

— ANVITA ANUMOLU, 10,  
 GRADE 6, MR. WISEMAN

## Winter

Winter is here  
 Christmas is near  
 Lots of fun  
 Until it is done  
 The wind is blowing  
 The sky is glowing  
 Families are setting their Christmas tree  
 Out of school, the children are free

— RACHEL CHAE, 10,  
 GRADE 5, MRS. KREJCAR

— RACHEL CHAE, 10,  
 GRADE 5, MRS. KREJCAR



Neha Konduru, Grade 4 — Abstract Figure Painting

Families go out for vacation  
 Or stay in their house and have an occasion  
 January comes and school is on  
 New Year starts at bright dawn

— ANVITA ANUMOLU, 10,  
 GRADE 6, MR. WISEMAN

## My Room

My Room,  
 Full of happiness  
 Full of joy  
 Laughs, giggles and smiles  
 With stickers, colors, and stuffed animals  
 I decorate it with glee  
 And it's just like me  
 One day

I was sweeping my room with my broom  
 There was a sound  
 Just like a hound  
 So I opened the door to check.  
 Five spaceships in a race!  
 Three hounds staring at my face!  
 They yelled "Come along!"  
 But I closed my closet door.  
 Another sound popped.  
 This time from my stuffed animals  
 I turned around to check.  
 Fluffy, the bear, jumping up and down  
 Mimi, the cat, scratching its belly  
 I thought it was a dream.  
 So I pinched Fluffy,  
 but suddenly it cried "Ouch!"  
 My room,  
 Full of mysteries  
 Full of surprises  
 Racing, staring, and yelling  
 With spaceships, hounds and moving toys  
 I saw with my own eyes.  
 It's just like magic!

— RACHEL CHAE, 10,  
 GRADE 5, MRS. KREJCAR



Yebeen Chang, Grade 6 — Ocean Painting

## Clash of Clans

Clash of Clans is an online game where you try to protect your town and try to gain wealth. You defend your town with walls, cannons, archer towers, wizard towers, and some other things. You can upgrade your defenses with gold and elixir (another currency) so they protect your town better, and they also look better. You also can upgrade your gold and elixir storages so you can hold and upgrade more. You also attack other people's villages to get loot with your own troops. You can train them in barracks. Overall, it's a really great game.

— KAMAL MAZHAR, 11,  
 MR. SMITH

## A Good Friend

Everybody wants a good friend. In fact, everybody should have a good friend. Good friends stick up for you. No matter what happens, a buddy will be loyal to you. After all, s/he is a friend! Also, friends respect you for who you are, no matter what your personality or what you like or dislike. They stay with you through hard times, too. A good buddy will be by your side the whole way. And, most importantly, friends forgive each other! Think about this and be sure to have a good buddy by your side!

— DANYAL RASHID SHAMI, 12,  
 GRADE 6, MS. TERRONE

## A Funny Poem

Roses are red, violets are blue.  
 Faces like yours belong in the zoo.  
 Don't be mad, I'll be there too.  
 Not in a cage, but laughing at you.

— LALIT ADHIKARI, 13,  
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— T.J. MAHER, 11,  
 GRADE 6, MS. TERRONE

## Someday I Hope To ...

I want to do a lot of things in my short life, but most of all, I would like to get signatures from famous people. Every time I see it, I would remember all the memories that follow it. When I don't want it anymore, I can sell it for a lot of money. I can brag to all my friends. If I would also get a handshake, I would never wash that hand for good luck. Nothing is better than being face to face with a person you really like.

— ANDREW SHIN, 11,  
 GRADE 6, MR. SMITH



Lizzy Stone, Grade 4 — Gesture Drawing

## My Fantasy Job

My name is Akshay Ganta and when I grow up I want to be a major league baseball player. I play travel baseball right now and want to continue because it is very fun to play. You have to be really good at it and it is a competitive sport. My favorite MLB player is Derek Jeter. On my baseball team I am the centerfielder and the leadoff batter. If I ever make it to the MLB, I know it will be fun.

— AKSHAY GANTA, 12,  
 GRADE 6, MS. TERRONE

## My Hopes and Dreams

My true life goal is to be successful and happy. To achieve this I need to work hard and never give up. First, I would like to be a computer engineer (I.T.) when I grow up because I love math, science, and technology. To be a computer engineer my first step is to go to Thomas Jefferson High School. Then, I would like to go to CalTech or M.I.T. and get a PhD in either place because they are some of the best colleges in the world. That's how I want my life to happen, successfully.

— SHUBHAM GODA, 11,  
 GRADE 6, MR. SMITH

## What I am Looking Forward to Next Year

I am looking forward for many great things in the upcoming year. First of all, I am looking very forward to school starting next year. This is my last "year" in elementary school, so I am very excited about going to middle school. I always wonder what new things I will get to do there. I am also looking forward to doing well in academics, as always, and scoring well in all my tests. Most of all, I am excited about the new things I will learn, in school, and other places. Next year is coming up, so I'm happy.

— MANU BULUSU, 11,  
 GRADE 6, MR. SMITH

## One Of Best Things Ever

One of the BEST things that have ever happened to me is when my mom, nana (grandma), and I went to the Bahamas again last summer. We stayed at a hotel called Atlantis, if you have ever been to Atlantis then you know they're different sections you could stay at. I stayed at the royal towers, which was epic. I went on almost all the waterslides and swimming everyday I was there. The best part was that there was a tween club called crush and I went almost every day and got a free cup! That trip was awesome!

— JANNA FOY, 10,  
 GRADE 6, MR. SMITH

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Jasmin Yoon, 11, Grade 6, Mr. Smith — Flower, painted to replicate a famous painter's art piece.



Joshua Wu — Chinese New Year Collage



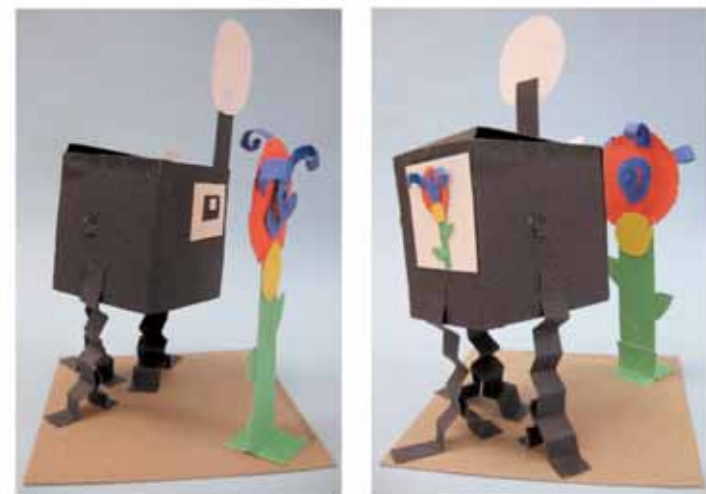
Mateo Calvo, Grade 1 — Family Portrait



Jasmine Hallenbeck, Grade 6 — Bear in Habitat Sculpture



Jesssica Chen, Grade 6 — Bird Sculpture



Abby Kahn, Grade 6 — Old Fashion Camera Sculpture



Esther Chon, Grade 3 — New Year's Celebration Collage



Thalia Sabit, Grade 4 — Times Café



# GREENBRIAR WEST ELEMENTARY

FROM PAGE 9

## The Best Friends

A good friend is an important part of life. Without some, your life becomes sad and lonely. But you need to know which are good and which are bad (are they bullies, bad friends, not reliable, etc.) Some examples are, are they funny, are they fun to play with, and do they treat you well? If they are funny they make you laugh at their jokes. If they are fun to play with, you have fun doing things with them. And if they treat you well by not hurting you and not

hurting your feelings. Then they're a good friend.

— CHRIS ROSEND, 11,  
GRADE 6, MR. SMITH

## Sewing

I have always had an interest/fascination in sewing. When I was little, I would curl up next to my grandmother and watch her sew. I loved the idea of being able to make anything I wanted. 10 years later, I have learned so much about sewing. I can sew with no assistance. I love the fact I can impress people just by saying, "I made these

pants." Or "I made that pillowcase." I have made so many projects. I know a lot of people my age don't know how to sew. I am glad I have a unique talent.

— RENEE RITCHEY, 12,  
GRADE 6, MS. TERRONE

## The Basics of a Good Friend

My friends range from tomboys, to girly girls, but they all have a few things in common. They meet the standards of a great friend. I am not at all saying that this is everyone's opinion, but I think it's

pretty close. First off, they need to be good sports. Teamwork is the base of friendships, and gloating will get you nowhere. They also need to be able to listen to, if not understand you. This being said the most important thing is that they're unique, because in the end that is what counts most.

— ISHA MELIGE, 11,  
GRADE 6, MR. SMITH

## School Play

If I could change one thing about school, I would make sure each school did a sixth grade musical at the end of

the year. A musical would bring the students closer together, as students with different strengths work to produce something that would make them proud. Artists can work on sets, creative people can create costumes, and actors and singers can take part in the production. A production like this would give students self confidence, as they prepare to move into middle school. Having an annual school musical would have many benefits to the school and the students involved.

— MADELEINE LEBEAU, 12,  
GRADE 6, MS. PERSONIUS

## My Future

In life, I hope to accomplish many things. People always tell me, "Dream big or go home!" This makes me want to aim high in life and try my hardest to reach my dreams. I hope to be appreciated for finding amazing discoveries that will improve the world. For example, finding a new, more efficient energy source for all kinds transportation. I love soccer and I want to become the best player I can be. I want to win the soccer World Cup or the Olympics. I also want to achieve my dream of having a nice and happy family. I would want two kids that are outgoing and active, but very polite. I would like a wife that loves me for who I am and supports me in hard times. I will also adopt a fun pet that can be easily trained to do tricks.

— TOBEY PHAN, 12,  
GRADE 6, MR. SMITH

## My Favorite Animal

Dolphins are my favorite animal. When I was little, I got a stuffed animal dolphin I absolutely adored. I started liking dolphins more and more. What really made me have them be my favorite animal was when I went to the Baltimore Aquarium. My dad took my sisters and I when I was a Grade 4. I had an absolutely amazing time. But, the best part was the dolphin show. They did amazing tricks that I thought dolphins could never do. I was so blown away, I had to make dolphins my favorite animal.

— GLENN HOGAN, 11,  
GRADE 6, MS. TERRONE

## Tentacles!

One of my favorite animals is the octopus. I like it because it is very smart. If it is being chased by a predator, it can squirt black ink to get away. It can also break off a tentacle if a predator is hanging on to it (It will eventually regrow it). My teacher said that octopuses are so smart, that they can unscrew a jar, and take out what's inside of it! Did you know that a female octopus can lay 100,000 eggs at a time? As you see, I find octopuses very intriguing.

— JUSTIN CASOTTI, 11,  
GRADE 6, MR. SMITH

## Flames

Me and my best friend, May, were playing chess in my apartment. Then suddenly, the fire alarms blared loudly and flashed brightly. As soon as I heard them, I grabbed May's hand and ran towards the apartment door and tossed it open. We ran to the staircase nearby and sprinted down them. I jumped over and helped her dodge the flames too. When we got to the carpeted lobby, both

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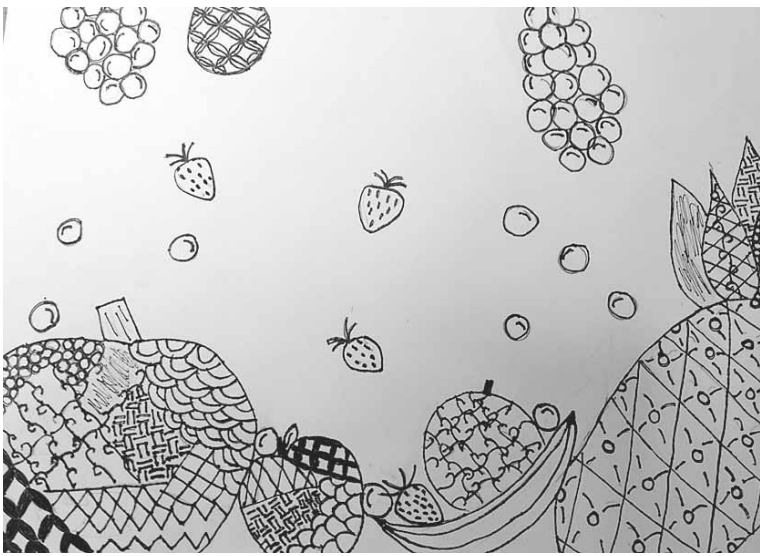
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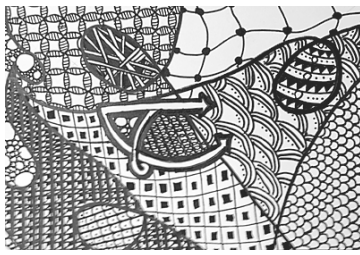
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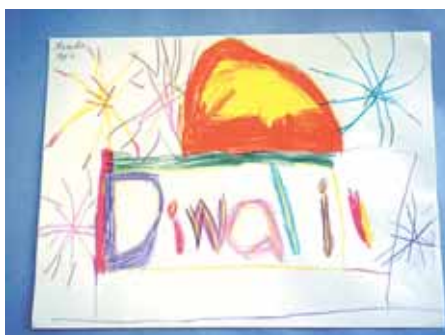
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Julia Han, Grade 5



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## Rose

My old cat, named Rose,  
Had humongous dry nose.  
Once she got dirty, she would wheeze  
Rose also had a lot of fleas.  
I came to my dad  
I asked him: "Please,  
Help us get rid of  
These big, brown fleas."  
My dad bought some cream,  
I wanted to scream.  
The smell of the cream  
Was very extreme.  
The next day I said:  
"Come here, Rose,  
Let me touch your  
Big, black nose."  
The nose was big but it was wet.  
It made me happy and I said:  
"Finally, my Rose can breathe!"  
Also, she's free of her fleas.  
Rose is not sick now  
But she's not quick.  
She was outside  
For a whole mighty week.  
My cat was looking for  
Big and fat mice.  
If she would catch one  
It would be nice.  
I pet her and said:  
"Rose, stay healthy and clean.  
Try eating some veggie  
With your protein."  
My best friend, Samantha,  
She also agrees:  
It's not fun to be sick,  
Have lice, or have fleas.

— SOFIA D'ORAZIO, 9,  
GRADE 3, MRS. WIEDER

## Bug Out Bag

Is there anything that bugs you?? I used to get bothered by a few things once in a while.

For example, I don't like to be bored when I'm in a car on a long trip and there is nothing to do.

Also, I don't like to feel pain. When something hurts I need a quick fix or something that will make me feel better right away.

Sometimes I get scared of the darkness because I still believe in monsters. Even in my room I check under the bed and inside of the closet to make sure there is nothing besides my dog who likes to make strange noises.

Last winter when I was staying home on a snow day I came up with a great idea.

My mom and dad have a survival back pack with things we might need in case of an emergency. I took their example and made my own bug out bag. I made this bag to feel comfortable when something bugs or bothers me.

In my bug out bag I put crayons, a coloring book, a couple of reading books to keep myself busy when going somewhere. Also with other things there are a lot of band aids, a flash light, comfort foods, a soft blanket, and of course, my panda bear.

I think everyone should have a bug out bag because it helps you to feel safe and comfortable in difficult situations, it will help you to get from one place to another, and you can pack it for any emergency or a bad snow day.

Now, if I get bothered with anything I take my bug out bag which is like a tiny safe house for me and I feel very happy.

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## The Daze of My Life



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Every three weeks I have chemotherapy. Every three months I have a CT Scan. And every three months – after that scan, I have an appointment with my oncologist to discuss the results. And before any of the above, the Wednesday before my Friday infusion, I go for my pre-chemo lab work to determine if my levels are up to protocol standards in order to allow me to even get treatment two days hence on Friday. Accordingly, I live my life in three-week/three-month cycles. And after each infusion/appointment, the cycle begins all over again. Unlike a credit card expiration date that renews for three years, my expiration date, such as it is presumed to be, renews for only three months – or shorter if my scan results and lab work are discouraging. And I can live with that; I have been living with that. But short-timing like this can play mind games, as I alluded to in last week's column. Though I usually know whether I'm coming or going, I don't always know whether I'm standing pat or betting on a future.

And since I'm not a betting man – or much of a gambler, I usually stand pat and act as if life will go on as it sort of has: with fits (not literally) and starts, with some good results – and some not so good results. On balance though, my results have been above and beyond the expectation of my oncologist. And in a peculiar way, that's what I sort of live for: to surprise my doctor. There's no better feeling I have than to see my oncologist smiling back at me, almost inexplicably, as to why I've been able to live for as long as I have. Though I've always maintained a positive outlook and kept my sense of humor, I can't really speak to whether these two traits would have convinced my oncologist that my initial "13 month to two-year" prognosis was merely a starting point, not the end game that he had predicted. Moreover, given the severity of my original diagnosis: stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer; metastasized, inoperable, terminal; and supported by all the less-than-encouraging, life-expectancy-challenged statistics from your favorite cancer society, I am in fact living proof that what has gone around is not always what goes around. Patients are different. Lifestyles are different. Drug/medication interactions are different. Commitment levels to alternative methodologies are different. In general, there are many variables. As bad as the diagnosis/prognosis was, I never gave up hope, never gave in to my disease – emotionally.

Now whether there's a rhyme or reason to my exceedingly good fortune – or whether I'm just incredibly lucky, I can't say for sure. Certainly I don't have any definitive keys to the kingdom, so to speak, that have enabled me to live free and not die. I just try to take each day as it comes, and not expect too much and not overreact to what symptoms/feelings I may be experiencing. As my father used to say, every day that he would wake up is a good day. And since I've been waking up now going on five years, in spite of my many three-week/three-month intervals, I'm happy to say: keep those intervals coming; it may very well be what's been keeping me alive.

*Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.*

## GREENBRIAR WEST ELEMENTARY



Lucy Blazquez, Grade 5 — Autumn Still-Life Drawing



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of us were coughing a lot. I saw the front entrance and bolted out the door after more dodging, when I realized her hand had slipped from mine.

— MEGAN KUO, 11.  
GRADE 6, MS. TERRONE

## Friends

What makes a good friend? I think that a good friend is made up of many things. A friend is not a bad one if they get mad at you, or say something they don't mean. A good friend is someone that you can trust. They're always there for you, and you can be yourself around them. An example of a bad friend is someone that's your BFF one day and your enemy the next. Good friends are people who stick by you no matter what happens even if you make a mistake.

— VICKY THOMAS, 11.  
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## Besties?

Hi! What makes a good friend? Hmm... I think they should be smart, nice, thoughtful, and respectful. Well, what does that mean? Friends are there for you when you need them, and they stick up for you. I think if I had to find the perfect friend, I would write a checklist. Although a checklist can't do much, I would think of it in my head while I decide. I think a thoughtful friend will know your emotions, and how you feel. A nice friend will stand up for you and will be trustworthy. A respectful friend would listen to two sides of a story carefully! A smart friend would be handy to know

if something is the right choice or not. Are those good reasons? Well I think they are!

— LAUREN LEE, 12.  
GRADE 6, MR. WISEMAN

## My Dream for the Future

When people think about what personality they have, it can be very clear or very hard to understand. One thing that really stands out about my personality is that I love to be outgoing. My dream job would be a news reporter because they are always going out there, into the unknown to tell the world the truth. I really want to tell what is actually going on, instead of lies just to make the story more interesting. People want to know the truth and I'll give them the truth when I achieve my dream of being a news reporter.

— CHAEWON KIM, 11.  
GRADE 6, MR. SMITH

## Horseback Riding – The Best Thing in the World

From the first time I got on a horse, when I was four, I knew I had found my passion. Now, nine years later, I'm soaring over jumps. I think that cantering around the ring, with the wind in my face, and time seemingly standing still, is the feeling of success. When I'm on a horse, all I can see is the jump, perfectly framed by my horse's delicate, pricked ears. I love all the challenges that are thrown at me, because they just push me to work harder, and achieve my goals. Horseback riding is my life.

— CAITLIN MOWRY, 11.  
GRADE 6, MS. TERRONE





# 2013 FCFT President's Award



*for Outstanding Advocacy  
for the Employees of FCPS*

**Megan McLaughlin (Braddock District)**

**Elizabeth Schultz (Springfield District)**

**Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill District)**

**Patty Reed (Providence District)**

**Sandy Evans (Mason District)**

**Dan Storck (Mount Vernon District)**

**Tammy Derenak Kaufax (Lee District)**

**Ryan McElveen (At-Large)**

**Janie Strauss (Dranesville District)**

**Pat Herrity (Supervisor: Springfield District)**

**Kaye Kory (Delegate: 38th District)**

## **Other Award Winners:**

Phyllis Pajardo (FCPS)

Louise Epstein (FEC)

Michael Hairston (FEA)

Erica Hendry (media)

The Fairfax County Federation of Teachers would like to thank all of the 2013 award winners listed above for their consistent advocacy, proactive communications, and support of our workforce over the past year. We publicly acknowledge their efforts to make a difference in the lives of FCPS employees. Thank you for caring about us; it matters and is appreciated.

