Children’s & Teens’ Connection 2018

By Lucy Biesecker, Lake Anne Elementary
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Poetry Corner

By fourth grade students at Flint Hill School, Oakton, submitted by teacher Lori Emerick.

Where I’m from
I am from games, electronics nature woods sleeping Spouses TV Books Super Mario
Yeah - that’s all about me.
— Demetrios Demetriou

What am I?
I’m round and orange
I’m quite smooth
I scare the little ones away and I glow
I have very very triangle eyes I have a round nose
And I have a scary smile.
You can make pie out of me You can smash me up
You can technically make anything you want out of me.
— Mira Dunn

It’s Halloween!
It’s Halloween, It’s Halloween
Everyone is filled with cheer, tonight will be a special night
Because they are coming to haunt you here.
They will steal all of your candy, without any second thoughts on why
to do it or how
But keep in mind to be careful, because it could happen right NOW!
— Erin Doran

Fire
You roar like a lion with your mane so bright,
you keep me warm on this cold, winter night
You might give people a fright
but I know that you want to make things right
You glow in the dark as you start as a little spark
You do so many wonderful things as you go help others in the snow
You get bigger as you grow
I love you and I hope you know
Fire is what you are, from a spark you are born a star.
— Olivia Parham

Red
Red is as red as a tomato.
Red smells like a raspberry.
Red look like red twirlers.
Red sounds like a war raging on.
Red feels like a strawberry in the sun.
Red tastes like a juicy watermelon.
Red is a strong color.
— Ben White
Welcome

Dear Readers:

This week, the Reston Connection turns over its pages to the youth and students. We asked principals and teachers from area schools to encourage students to contribute their words, pictures and photos for our annual Children’s & Teens’ Issue.

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

We appreciate the extra effort made by school staff to gather the materials during their busy time leading up to the holidays. We’d also like to encourage both schools and parents to mark their 2019 calendars for early December, the deadline for submissions for next year’s Children’s & Teens’ Connection. Please keep us in mind as your children continue to create spectacular works of art and inspiring pieces of writing in the coming year.

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

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

— Editor Kemal Kurşpahic

By Maggie Ryan, Lake Anne Elementary

By Jamie Banton, Grade 5, Hunters Woods Elementary

By Alisa Kasemi, Grade 2, Hunters Woods Elementary

My Cozy Room by Angelina Lin, 7, of Reston, Grade 2 at Academy of Christian Education

At the Airport, by Sophia Wang, 9, Chantilly, Grade 4, Academy of Christian Education, Reston
Poetry Corner

Loki
An obese cat
rolls around on his bed,
kicking his rabbit-like feet.
Loki.
— Maya Callahan, 13, Reston
Grade 8, home school student
of Kathy Kaplan

Snowflakes
The snow is falling, falling, falling, down.
I can see the snowflakes, all around.
The snowflakes never stay the same.
It's almost like a game, of no copycats.
The snow is falling, falling, all down.
All around,
I can see the snowflakes.
— Sasha Callahan, 10, Reston
Grade 5, home school student
of Kathy Kaplan

The Senses of Fall
In the Fall, out of doors is a great place to be.
There are so many beautiful colors to see.
The great showers of leaves that cascade from the trees,
Are like snowflakes; so gorgeous, and each one unique.

When the leaves on the ground make a crunch when
you walk,
And you brush the rough trees up and down the whole
block.
When the wind tugging you is a friend out to play,
This is the feeling of cool Autumn days.

The distinct tastes of Fall emerge on a cold day,
With a freshly made donut devoured on the hay,
And a hot mug of cider that thaws frozen limbs,
And a pie made of pumpkin and fresh cinnamon.

It's the wildly wet whip of the whispering wind,
And the hoot of an owl 'neath the moon slightly dimmed.
It is these that are sounds that make us think of Fall,
They're the noises inviting us out with their call.

When the crisp, cool, dry air of an autumn breeze blows,
It brings with it clear smells of wet leaves to your nose.
Along with the warm smell of a recent lit fire,
With the golden-brown marshmallows toasting on wires.

— Maggie Novak, 12, of Reston
Grade 7, homeschool,
Mrs. Holcomb's Poetry Class

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Terraset Elementary

Submitted by Mary Wehle, art specialist

By Anya Bishop, Grade 4

By Hadleigh Wallin, Grade 3

By Brooke Flores, Grade 4

By Gracia Retzer, Kindergarten

By Leila Grunspan, Kindergarten

By Aleecia Johnson, Grade 5

By Sophie Smurda, Grade 5

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Hunters Woods Art Gallery

Artwork submitted by Norma Morris, Art Specialist, Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Art & Sciences, Reston.

By Jamie Banton, Grade 5

By Claire Verburg, Grade 3

By James de Bruijn, Grade 3

By Jesus Garcia Ferrufino, Grade 6

By Violet Sleeper, Grade 2

By Bunyodbek Shamurodov, Grade 5

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Lake Anne Elementary

Submitted by Adam Kidder, art teacher at Lake Anne Elementary and Pine Spring Elementary.

By Lucie Cloney

By Margot Ripley

By Caroline Hernandez-Recino

By Lola Riesco

By Elizabeth Hu

By Diana Yudkovsky

By Karen Vasquez

By Juliana Aguirre-Martinez

By Adam Kidder, art teacher at Lake Anne Elementary and Pine Spring Elementary.
Sunrise Valley Elementary

Submissions from students of Eliza Brown, Art Specialist

By Hanna Ye, Grade 4
By Sofia Molnar, Grade 4
By Sienna Alexander, Grade 6
By Julie Hsiung, Grade 1
By Jake Burton, Grade 1
By Quinn Randall, Grade 2
By Damawi Mitiku, Grade 5
By Soojin Park, Grade 3
By Lena Kappatos, Grade 2
By Liam Grisard, Grade 2
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By Liam Grisard, Grade 2
By Ella DeGraaf,
Great Falls, Grade 4

Children Connection

Created by Chris, Brian and Will Wacker of Reston in the summer of 2007 in the Outer Banks.

Balloon Girl by Angelina Lin, 7, of Reston, Grade 2 at Academy of Christian Education

Colvin Run Elementary

Artwork submitted by Art Teachers Lauren Grinon and Rachel Wiseman.

By Ella DeGraaf,
Great Falls, Grade 4
**Think**

Inhale, Exhale
Breathe in, Breathe Out
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Close Your Eyes
Remember Your Past
See your Future
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Learn From Your Mistakes
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— Sophia Beeland, 13, of Great Falls
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For more information, please contact LaTanja Jones, RCC’s Collaboration and Outreach Director at 703-390-6158.

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