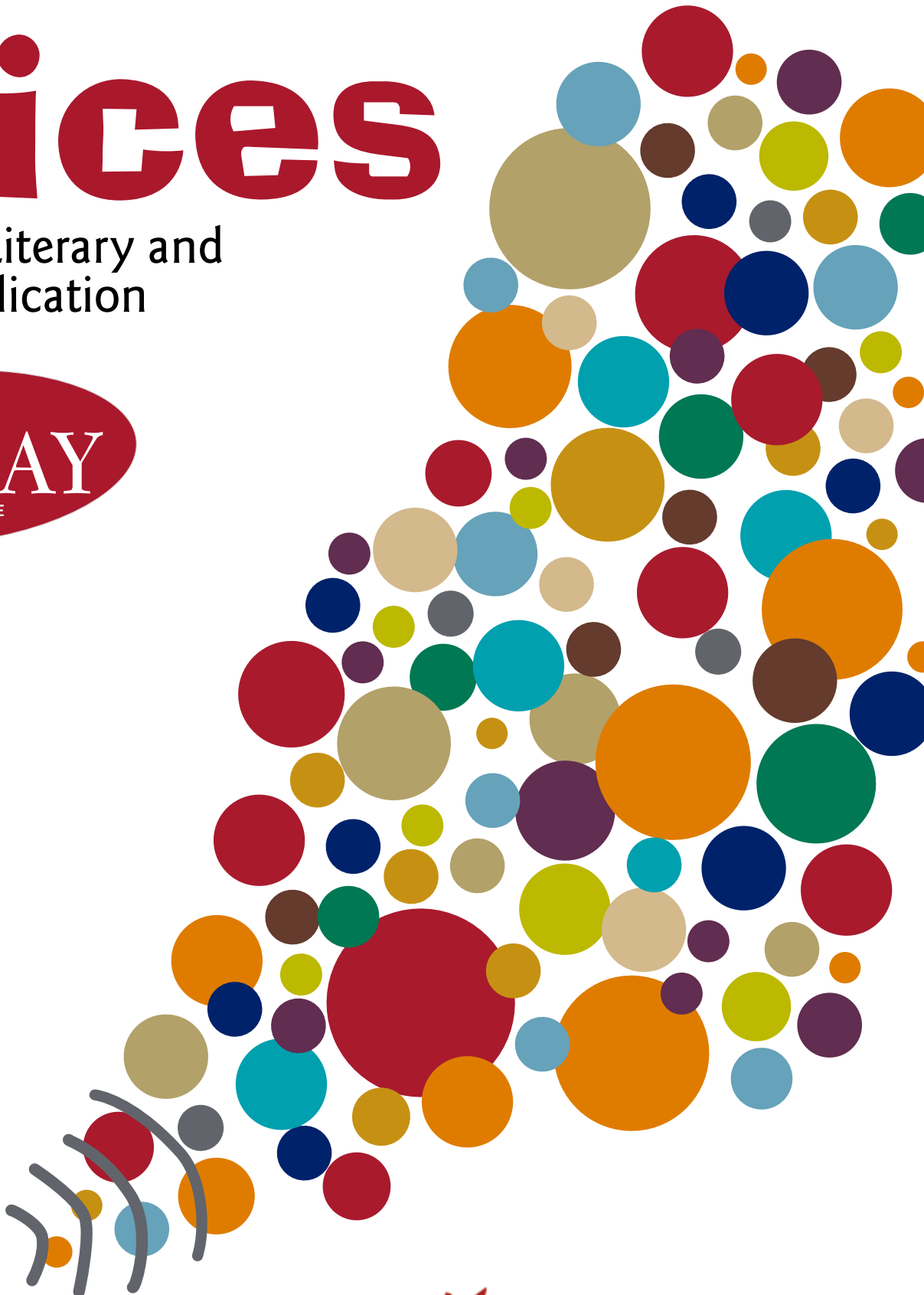


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# Voices

A Student Literary and  
Art Publication



Roseville  
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## Dear Friends of Roseville Area Schools,



Welcome to our 2022 issue of *Voices*. Roseville Area Schools is proud to publish *Voices*, our student publication of writing and art, each year. We want to

share our students' voices and talents with you through these pages. This year our theme is COURAGE.

We all witness and perform large and small acts of courage every day. The past few years, we all have had to be especially courageous. With everything going on in the world, it can be easy to feel despair, but as a Roseville 5th grader wisely reflects, *We are Courage*. Together we can face these obstacles; we are often braver together.

This issue of *Voices* will hopefully inspire you to reflect on the courage in others as well as the courage within yourself. We honor the strength and fearlessness of our students and community through hearing their voices. Here, we are happy to share that with you.

Jenny Loeck, Ed.D.  
Superintendent



*Climbing Mountains by Kylie, Grade 5*

## Courage

*By Maya, Grade 7*

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Many people have to find it their way

That might be found by standing up to the mean  
Or raising your hand and being seen  
Like kids telling a teacher when something is wrong  
Or singing a solo in a song

Courage can be found in everything  
Like in a movie when a knight saves the king  
Or in a different country when you try a new food  
And courage can affect everybody's mood

When I look to my left and to my right  
I see courage that is shining bright

Disclaimer: Selected pieces were chosen from work submitted by teachers and students in spring 2022. Due to space limitations, not all submitted pieces can be included. Also, in a few cases pieces have been lightly edited from their original form.

## [Born a Coward]

*By Gow Nong, Grade 8*

You were my courage.  
My strength  
my sunshine  
my heart  
for without you,  
I would've been  
nothing.  
For you only appear before me  
as a heroic persona,  
I still remember the you who  
crouched on the floor  
crying.  
You cried just like me.  
You hiccuped and  
hid your eyes.  
With your palms placed  
against your eyelids  
and your breath hitching  
you looked helpless  
as if you were a child once again.  
If I could be reborn  
as a person with confidence  
pride  
courage  
rhyme and reason  
I swear I would  
for you.  
But I wasn't so  
I ran from you and  
tried to forget your crying face as  
the image danced beneath my  
closed eyelids.  
I was scared of  
hurting you even more.  
But either way  
my existence has stunted you  
and no matter what I did  
I could never become more  
than just  
a coward.  
So you continue to be my crutch.



*Courage by Charlotte, Grade 5*

You explain me  
so I wouldn't have to.  
With my name and identity  
memorized within your mind as if  
it was yours.  
For we are one, but  
you had never saw me  
that way.  
You would shatter your bones in  
hopes of being stronger  
for me.  
A weak me.  
A coward.  
Solely because that was  
who I believed I existed as.  
For when the inner child in me  
chases you until you escape from  
my line of sight,  
I am forced to give you up.  
So I comfort my inner child  
who had never been alone  
they defied loneliness  
simply because  
it was scary.  
I bid them a goodnight  
because as much as I love you,  
I would never learn how  
the world shakes and hurts  
if you sheltered me so.  
For you were never my courage  
because my courage was  
letting you go.

# Courage is a Rising Sea

*By Gwennyth, Grade 6*

Courage is a rising sea  
Full of ups and downs.  
Ever changing.

Courage is intrepidity  
Or you could call it  
Dauntlessness.

Courage means to  
Be brave  
Empower.

Courage is something  
Great to have  
If you have just the right amount.

Courage is self-love  
Audacity,  
And kindness.

Courage means  
Different things  
To a lot of different people.

Courage can be  
As small as a mouse  
Or as big as an elephant.

Courage builds up  
As you go  
Getting bigger, and bigger.

Courage gets smaller  
The less you think  
About the good in everyone.

Courage means  
A lot of things  
Try to think of them all.

# Impossible

*By Kiy, Grade 6*

Impossible is  
what others want you  
to be  
or do  
You want to be you

Sometimes I feel like  
I have to be what people  
want me to be

NO I want to be something better

I want to be Me.  
Not you.  
Me

So if you feel like  
you have to be someone else  
don't be,

be the impossible you.



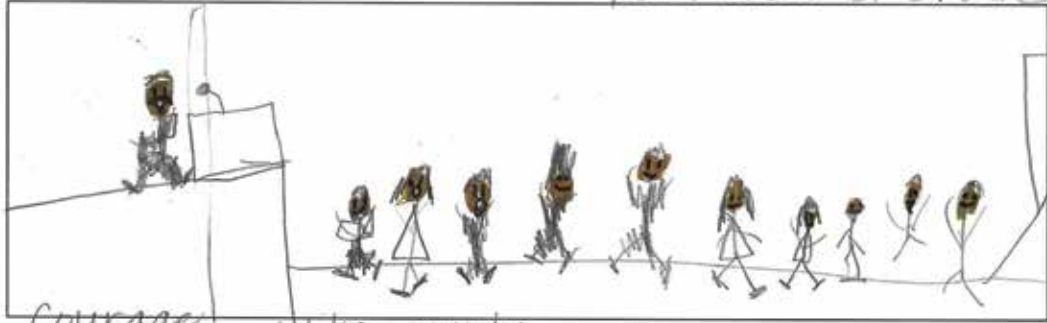
*Angell, Grade 1*

# Courage Award

*By Angell, Grade 1*

Courage is like going on a humongous, steep hill,  
even when you are afraid.

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Parkview 1st Grade



Courage  
(courage) is like words  
that change things. Dr. King used words to talk  
about laws that weren't fair. Louis  
Braille invented braille. He wanted  
to change things for people who  
were blind. Change takes courage.

Narrative - Unit 1

Graham, Grade 1

## Courage Could Be You

By Briony, Grade 5

Courage can take many,  
Sometimes only one.  
There are different kinds of courage  
It could be one small word,  
Or it could be many loud ones.  
It could be a small act,  
Or a really BIG act.  
Courage can be a big task,  
It could even be a small one.  
Courage could be one small voice,  
Or many big voices.  
Courage,  
Could be you.



Courage Climber by Flora, Grade 4



Courage like an Eagle by Keira, Grade 6

## Courage Is

*By Jack, Grade 6*

Courage is  
Everyone in the world,  
The military,  
Health workers  
You and me,  
We are all examples  
Of unity.

Courage is  
Charity,  
Hospitals,  
Your local donut shop  
Courage just will  
Never STOP.

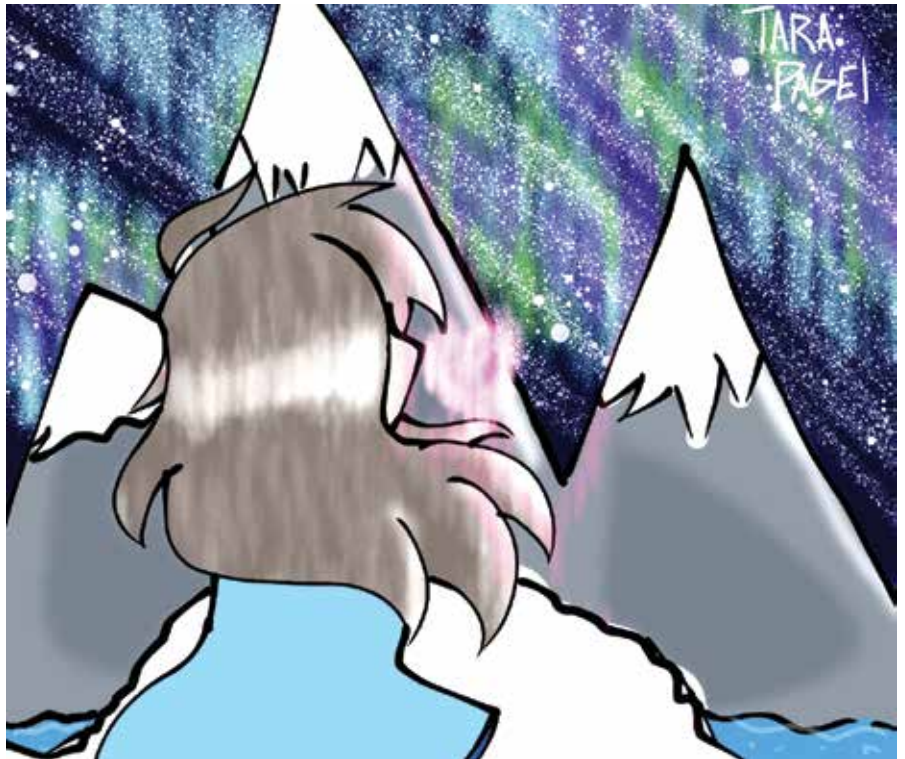
Courage is  
Being strong,  
Fearless,  
Brave,  
Teamwork,  
And playing!

Courage is  
The new 2022  
And all the new  
Voices  
Ready for me and  
YOU!

## More Than Brave

*By Leilani, Grade 7*

Courage might be mistaken for bravery, and I can see why. I understand why. Bravery is when someone does something dangerous, courage is the ability to do something that frightens one. Courage can be speaking up for yourself or standing up for someone, but I see it as so much more than that. It can be going to school with dirty shoes, or ragged clothes. It's doing your best even when you know it's not enough, or playing a sport even if you can't, maybe just going to school or being in public, people are insecure and courage to me is overcoming those insecurities.



*It Takes Courage by Tara, Grade 7*

## Courage Is

*By Samantha, Grade 6*

Courage is  
Being brave and taking risks.  
Being determined and holding onto your ideas  
Until they turn into amazing things.

Courage is  
Sticking up for others,  
Even if they aren't your friend.  
Courage is chasing your dreams,  
No matter where they might take you.

Courage is  
Being a hero,  
Who doesn't wear a cape.  
Walking with the people you love,  
'Til the sidewalk ends.

Courage is  
Being confident,  
And not being afraid of judgements,  
Letting your personality shine.

Courage is being yourself.



*Courage While Playing by Reina, Grade 1*

## **Fleeting**

*By Ryley, Grade 7*

I don't know how to write a poem about courage  
 A poem requires to know  
 To know the experience you are speaking of  
 Courage is a fleeting experience  
 Although Ambition now rising with the sun  
 Courage is new  
 Looks different  
 Like a shadow casted over a puddle  
 Shifting  
 Poetic  
 Courage fleeting like the breeze  
 Leaving us gone  
 Inside without breeze  
 But  
 Fleeting doesn't mean it's gone  
 Fleeting like the last reminder  
 Of a friend far gone  
 Move from the past  
 Requires courage  
 So not fleeting  
 Maybe here  
 In over packed hallways  
 Smelling of summer

## **Courage Is**

*By Caroline, Grade 4*

Cool  
 Optimistic  
 Unreal yet  
 Real  
 Adapting  
 Generous  
 Empathy



*Courage Is by Oiana and Eliana, grade 4*

## **Courage Is**

*By Oriana and Eliana, Grade 4*

Courage is being brave,  
 Helping others,  
 Standing up for what is right,  
 And doing things no one else will.

Courage is staying on your own page,  
 Getting help when you need it,  
 Being you,  
 And facing your fears.

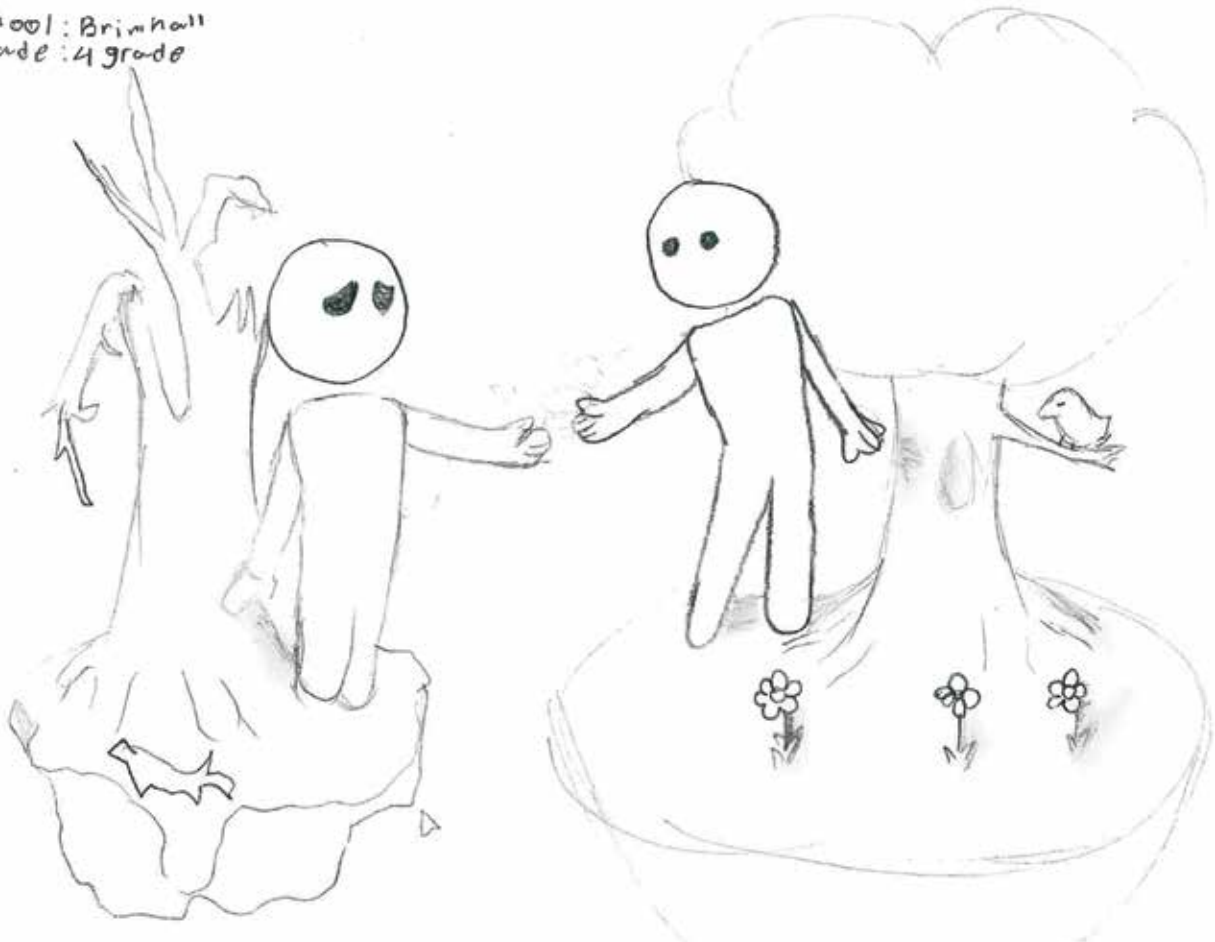
Courage is making change!

## **Do I have the courage?**

*By Gemma, Grade 5*

Do I have the courage to make sure I am ever really heard?  
 Do I have the courage to sing before a crowd?  
 Do I have the courage to stand for what is right?  
 Do I have the courage to speak what's on my mind?  
 Do I have the courage to reach the sky?  
 Don't be afraid to try.

By: Briza M.G - artist  
help of: MS Plana  
School: Brimhall  
Grade: 4 grade



*Courage by Briza, Grade 4*



*Courage Wins by Ruby, Grade 1*

## **Courage Wins!**

*By Ruby, Grade 1*

Courage is bravery.  
Of course, courage is wonderful!  
Uneasy as it is, you still do it.  
Redoing your work is courage.  
Anyway, courage is brave.  
Good to have courage.  
Everyone has courage in their heart.

## **We Are Courageous**

*By Nora, Grade 5*

COURAGE  
IS THE STRENGTH AND BRAVERY  
TO BE WHO YOU ARE  
NO MATTER THE  
SHAPE,  
SIZE,  
OR COLOR.  
COURAGE IS THE POWER TO TRY  
EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD.  
WE ARE COURAGEOUS!  
WE ARE ROSEVILLE!



# What is Courage?

By Ella, Grade 6

Courage isn't always jumping over a canyon, Courage isn't always swimming in a rapid river. Courage isn't always skydiving, Courage isn't always climbing a tall mountain.

Courage is telling the truth even when it's hard, Courage is facing people that scare you.

Courage is standing up for what you believe is right, Courage is saying "NO" to what is wrong.

Courage is doing what you are afraid to do, Courage is something you can find on an inner quest. Courage is deep inside you.

It has always been there and will continue to be there until,

You discover it and choose to have courage.

Courage can be a powerful force.

But discovering it depends on you,

Do you choose to have courage?



*The Slaying by Miguel, Grade 4*

# What It Means to be Courageous

By Cora, Grade 4

What I think it means to be courageous, is to have bravery.

Face your fears.

Live in the moment.

Stand up for people who can't.

Tell the bully to back off.

Don't be afraid.

Superheroes have courage. Be your own superhero!

If you stand up for people who are getting picked on, you'll be their superhero too.

The next time you're feeling fearful, don't let it get the best of you.

You have more in you than you think.

# The Two Sides of the Sea

By Hazel, Grade 6

A tidal wave of worry

Crashes over me

Salt and sand in my eyes

Makes it hard to see

I'm standing in a sea of despair

My heart, worry's newest catch

While everyone seems to walk around without a single care

I am fighting my hardest match

But I am strong

I will make it through

You also might be feeling down

But guess what? You are strong too

So go, dear, let your hair be free

Go scream, and laugh, and shout

Remember just to BE

For the sun is just starting to come out

*Stand Up for Courage  
by Nawal, Grade 6*



# We Are Courage

By Sofia, Grade 5

Courage.

That is me.

I'll help you speak out, say what you need to say.

I'll help you stand out, show your true colors.

I'll help you face your fears, no more needing to be scared.

Yet I'll slowly slip away, but you keep on going.

You speak out.

You stand out.

You face your fears and more.

All you needed was to find that courage inside of you.

That is you.

Courage.

# Courage is Strength and Persistence

By Nawal, Grade 6

Courage is many things to many people. Courage can be bravery or boldness, but to me and especially after learning about poverty, I believe it is about strength and persistence and never giving up. Someone who is considered wealthy or medium class in society may buy a medicine they need, It seemingly won't be troubling or hard to get, but for someone in poverty or has low income they may need to pick up extra hours from work or spend less on other needs. This may result in getting sicker or spending less time with family or loved ones. This is one of the reasons I believe people in poverty are courageous and deserve to be praised.



Up the Mountain by Gatrice, Grade 6

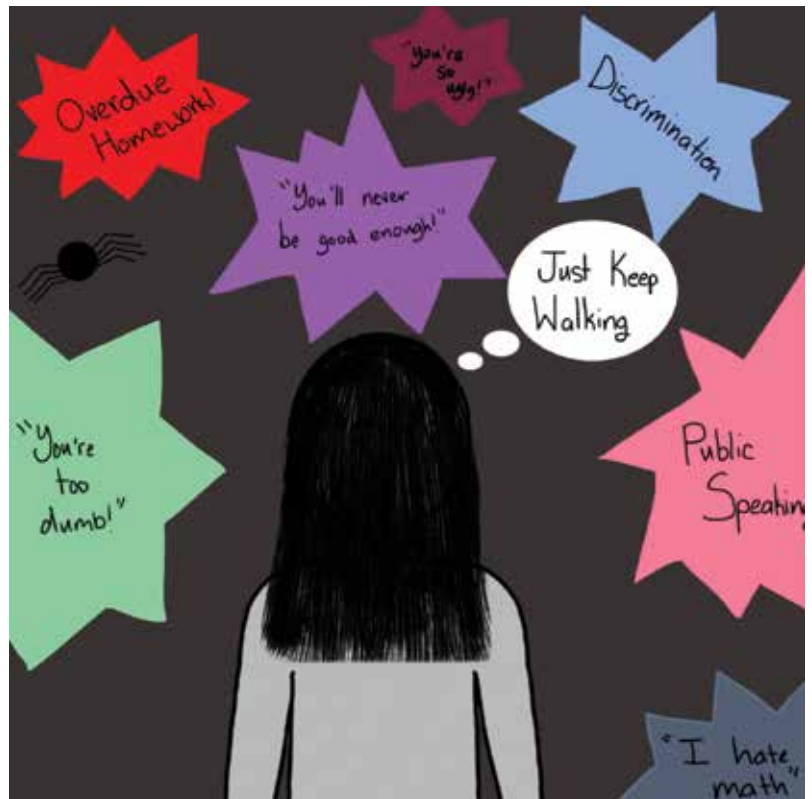
## Courage Isn't

By Callie, Grade 6

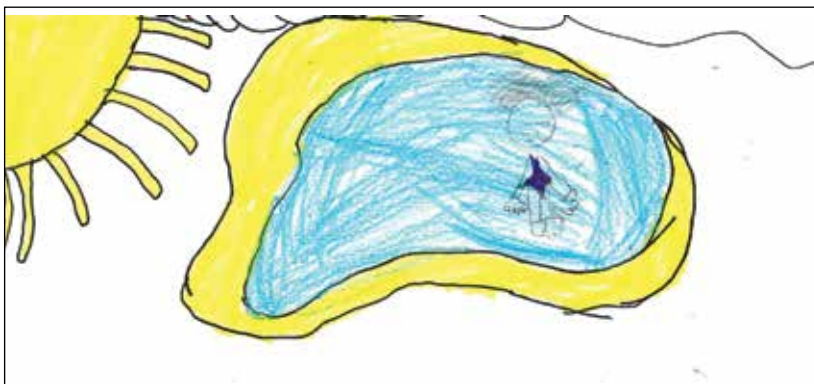
Courage isn't just being brave  
Courage is not just looking away  
Courage is instead helping in some way

Courage isn't just wearing a cape  
and flying through the sky  
Courage is helping others

Courage isn't just a trait  
Courage is something you show  
And once you do  
everyone will know



Just Keep Walking by Makayla, Grade 7



Showing Courage by Emanda, Grade 1

## Showing Courage

By Emanda, Grade 1

I showed courage when I went  
underwater with no goggles!



*Believe by Ilhan Abraham, Grade 4*

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## Courage Means

*By Chase, Grade 6*

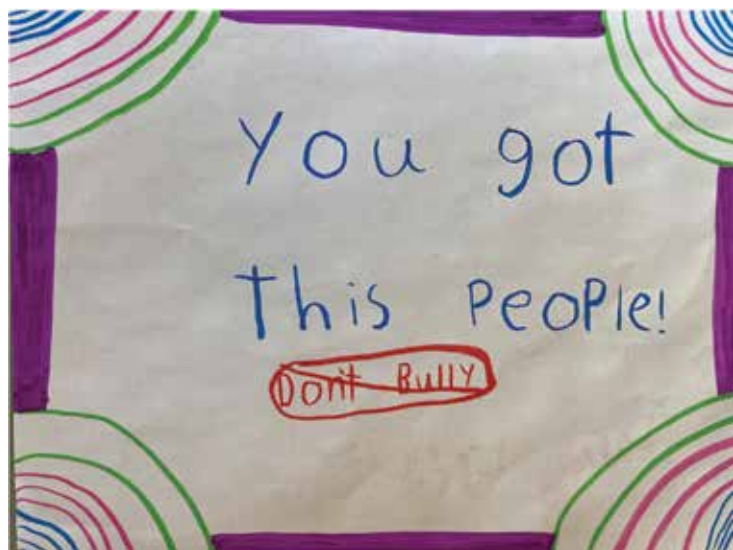
Courage Means  
Living life on the edge  
Have some fun  
It means not letting things stop you

Courage Means  
Going after it  
Set goals as crazy as  
Soup sandwiches  
And going at it

Courage Means doing hard things  
So hard they seem impossible  
But not for you

Courage means doing something that frightens you  
Something scarier than  
Doing your own homework  
It means not being scared of anything  
Even when it's hard

Courage means being yourself  
And not being anyone else  
You are courage.



*You Got This by Lydia, Grade 4*

## Courage Poem

*By Sara, Grade 6*

The one thing everyone has is courage!  
Veterans have faith in all of us.  
Doctors help us get better.  
Parents encourage us.  
Students make the world a better place.  
Coaches lead us to success.  
Police help us and make us feel safe.  
Teachers help us at school.  
If you can be anything, be fearless.  
If you can be anything, be peaceful.  
If you can be anything, be brave.  
If you can be anything, everyone else is taken!  
If you can be anything, be courageous.

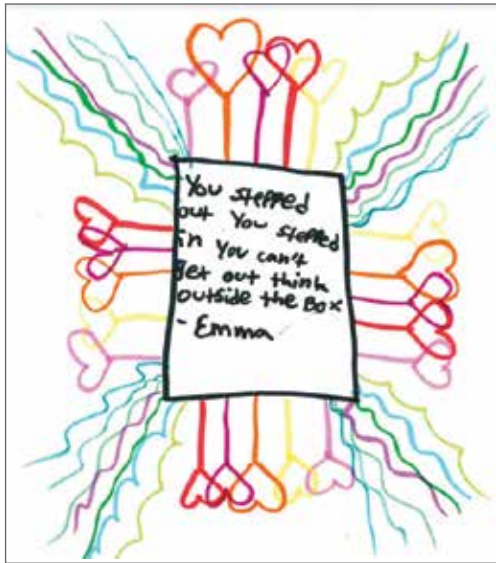
# I Showed Courage

By James, Grade 1

I showed courage when I rode by bike down a big hill with no training wheels.



*I Showed Courage by James, Grade 1*



*Hot and Cold by Emma, Grade 5*

# Forest

By Makayla, Grade 7

Who will be the one  
To visit the forest after the sun?  
"Not me" everyone says  
They say, "We'd like to keep our heads"

Who will be the one  
Who'd sacrifice their life and fun  
To go down the dark path  
And face the empty walls

Who will be the one  
Who'd die for their son  
To take their place  
In the forest of disgrace

Who will be the one  
That will guide everyone  
To learn the secrets of Mother Nature  
And the beauty that costs some danger

If there is courage within you  
Confidence will help you through  
At the end of the dark long road  
There will be shiny gold

# Finding Courage

By Spencer, Grade 6

There once was a child  
No older than 5  
He was shy, and he cried  
He never did things  
other children loved to do  
Instead he would watch from under a tree  
Never created attention did he?  
Years passed yet he was still the same,

During graduation, it was time to stand  
His teacher asked him what he accomplished  
He thought and stuttered, and even gagged  
But nothing came out, he couldn't not think of anything he did,  
No awards, no talents, no hobbies  
He began to think there was something wrong  
So he decided to walk out, embarrassed that all his classmates did something!  
Yet he had nothing to show.

When he went home  
He decided to change, to stop being the child he was  
It took long, and took some mental power  
But he finally discovered something inside of him  
To help him do things, and led the way to something new  
Courage!



*Up the Mountain by Gatrice, Grade 6*

## The Podium

By Reyna, Grade 6

Line lifted from the song "I Am Woman" by Emmy Meli

Standing behind the podium, all I hear is my **voice**  
I block out all the sounds **of**  
Hatred and hurt **The**  
Crowd dies down as someone says " You will lead the **future**  
Of young adults" **I speak**  
**To**  
My heart soft and sweet **Me**  
And the person next to me are smiling big as the podium  
Speakers make my voice heard, not soft, not mean, but **kindly**  
**And bold**



Courage by Lucy, Grade 6

## Sands of the Hourglass

By Anneke, Grade 6

I take a flower from a blossom tree.  
The plant so bright, it's hue is blinding me.  
I hold it in my hand, plucking petals.  
Does she miss me, does she not?  
We were never rude to each other, we never fought.  
But the petals land on the latter every time.

Even though I miss you, old best friend of mine.  
I hold the broken flower in my hand.  
Never to be put back together, like a torn rubber band.  
The petals are the good memories,  
The stem the bad.  
Like the time you told me what happened to your dad.  
The stem was long ago cast away, lost to time.  
The petals are brown now, the future has not been kind.  
You yourself decayed them, deal old best friend of mine.



Lava Courage by Latreese, Grade 2

## Remember To Be Courageous

By Gaby, Grade 4

Courage is kind of like a friend that's always with you. Just like a friend, it encourages you. You all needed some courage to try something new, like a new sport or rock climbing. You also need courage to stand up for what's right, like ending animal abuse and climate change. You might not realize it, but you use courage in your everyday life, like saying no to bullies and yes to friends. Courage may seem like no big deal, but it is. Think about what life would be like without it. So next time you do something new, remember this story and remember to be courageous.



The Maze by Leo, Grade 4



*Courage Is by Abigail, Grade 1*

## Courage Is

*By Abigail, Grade 1*

Courage is like getting a vaccine, even when you know it is going to hurt. It is healthy for you and it will help with not getting sick.

## Courage Story, 9/11/2001

*By Alexander, Grade 6*

Jack heard a crash. *What was that?* For a second, everything was calm, but suddenly it wasn't. But what was it? She wanted to know, so she ran up the stairwell. She felt like she had climbed up the whole tower, but she checked her watch. It was 9:00 in the morning. Couple of minutes later, she saw in horror a plane and a fireball coming from the South Tower. She realized something as a plethora of people trampled over her. *We're being attacked!*

Around 10:00, she finally made it to the mall. On the ground, she saw many injured people and people jumping the Towers. Jack felt sad for those people and thought: *Why are these people doing this? Why are we under attack?* Everything was dark. Jack could feel but she felt guilty for running from her parents. Jack ran out of the mall, felt fresh air but something was different. The South Tower had vanished.

Suddenly, the structure began to crumble and she realized the North Tower was collapsing. Jack ran her heart out because she might be crushed but knew she was the strongest person she knew. Jack ran to her house to see her parents waiting and crying. She ran into a barrage of hugs and her parents saying she was the strongest and bravest person of all.

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Jack was mad. The day was more beautiful than 20 years ago. Since the day that changed her life. She also met her husband that day. *Why?* She hated the memories on that day but it changed her family. They were in college thriving as teachers but was she mad? Jacob held her hand. Jacob was her husband and as they stood in the sunrise, Jack felt strong.

## Showing Courage

*By Arthur, Grade 1*

I showed courage when I rode my bike up a steep hill.



*Showing Courage by Arthur, Grade 1*



*Courage Is by Jaxzyn, Grade 1*

## **Courage Is**

*By Jaxzyn, Grade 1*

Courage is when you see a wasp and you are scared, but you don't scream or run, you just walk away and stay calm. I'm not afraid of bumblebees, they are pollinators and they try not to sting!

## **Sing**

*By Fenniver, Grade 4*

I stood in front of the mirror and hummed quietly to the tune of "This Girl is on Fire," my favorite song. The door flung open, and my mom came barging in. "Amber! You've got to get ready for school!" Later that day as I walked through the hall, I noticed a group of girls giggling in front a piece of paper taped to the wall. The paper said, "Talent Show!" "Laurie Brown," one of the girls said, as she erased the name! I glared at them. "What are you doing?!" The girls walked away from me in a snickering, giggling group. I sighed and wrote "Laurie Brown" back, and then below it, "Amber Finn." As I was eating dinner that night, I glanced at my parents. "Guys," I said, and they looked at me. "I signed up for a talent show at school." I said it as fast as I could because I was scared, but my parents gasped in delight. "Are you going to do a dance routine?" "Are you going to play your cello?" "I am going to sing," I said quietly. "What?" said my mom. "I'm gonna sing," I repeated. "No," my dad said, "You can't become a singer. It's not useful to the world." I suddenly felt hot tears sting my eyes. "Okay," I whispered. I went up to my bedroom and cried. But I was determined to sing, no matter what my parents said. On the night of the talent show, a knot grew in my stomach. The announcer called "Amber Finn," so I walked onto the stage and tried not to look at my parents. I grabbed the mic and started singing "This Girl is on Fire," and as I reached the last note, clapping broke out and people screamed for more. Who was clapping loudest of all? My parents. The End

## **Puppies Find the Meaning of Courage**

*By Abe, Grade 1*

One day there were two puppies. No one really knows their names, but I just call 'em Puppy and Puppy.

That very same day Puppy and Puppy decided to be courageous.

They didn't know really what that meant but they thought the word sounded a lot like "cats" so they tried to find cats. They looked at the park, around the block, and they finally found a cat. It was sitting at their neighbor's house. By then it was dark and rainy. The cat looked very scary (because it did have sharp claws and whiskers that looked like swords). The puppies were terrified.

Puppy said, "Maybe we should turn back."

Puppy replied, "Well we did come here for cats."

They looked at each other. They just noticed that they knew what courageous meant. It meant what they were doing.

Puppy says, "It's raining and we found the cat so we should get home."

The End

# Stop Animal Abuse

*By Charlotte, Grade 4*

I really want to stop animal abuse. Animal abuse is really bad. People are treating animals like non-living things, like things without feelings. The worst part is animals get hit, slapped, kicked or yelled at when they bite, snap, bark or howl. It's so wrong.

I hope people take a stand for what is right since animal abuse is so wrong. I need people on my side. To join me, just do the things below. All animals deserve to be treated well. Take a stand for what is right.

1. Eat less meat.
2. Donate to animal shelters and rescues.
3. If you are adopting a pet, get it from a rescue. I recommend R-Paw. It is a great rescue!
4. Bring stray animals that you find to animal shelters.

Please have the courage to help animals!



*Never Heard a Story by Ashwinn, Grade 4*