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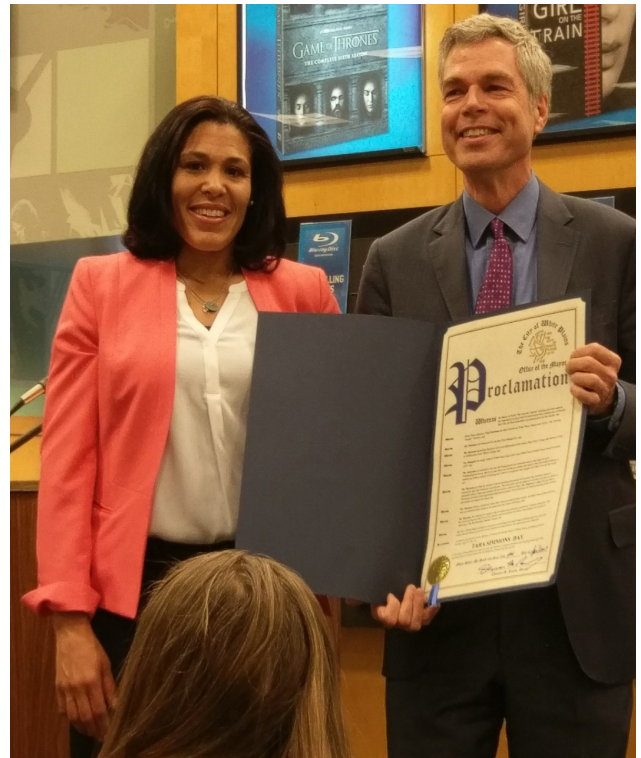
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## Highlands Teachers Win “My Favorite Teacher” Contest



L to R: Honoree Mrs. Simmons, WP Mayor Roach, EV principal Mr. Cloherty, and Honoree Mr. Baldasaro



Mayor Roach proclaimed Tuesday April 4th “Tara Simmons Day!”

Dear Ms. Simmons,

Many teachers teach a class, and don't get any recognition for it. Teaching middle-schoolers is hard! We are going through many transitions in life, and can be unsure, at times, of who we are. I want to thank you for being my teacher, and a friend. You have influenced my life, as you have guided me through my learning journey. You are a great teacher, whom I have know since I started my 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. You might not know it, so I am going to tell you now, I am extremely grateful that you are my teacher.

You value education, and you value your student's education too. Each day you teach us to use each minute of the class learning. You don't waste a minute of class and you know what is best for us. By putting education first, it teaches me to put education as my top priority.

Your positive attitude each morning helps me start my day, and sets me off on a good foot. Even when something isn't going my way, you help me remember there is something good in any situation.

You support us, each step along the way. If we need help, then we know we can depend on you. You insist that we come to you for clarification, the second we don't understand something. I am thankful that I have someone to look to when I need help. The math that we are learning is challenging, and you make sure that we understand the material and get the assistance we need.

You are more than just a teacher. You are a friend, and a mentor. You have a special connection with each student, and we can joke around with you. You joke around, and we know that you are a teacher who is on our side. You are a friend, someone I am comfortable around.

You teach us more than just math; you teach us important life lessons too. You teach us respect, accepting others, picking ourselves up when we fall down, and not to “jump off a bridge if everyone else does.” When we don't do well on a test or quiz, as a class, you tell us that we have a chance to pick ourselves up and learn from it. You create an environment that is more than just a class, it is a family.

Having you as a teacher is very special. You are someone I can depend on. Having you as a mentor, and a teacher means so much. You have been a great teacher, and you don't even know how much you have influenced my life for the better. Thank you for being the best person you could be, and imparting your knowledge to the Double Advanced Math Class and me. Your outlook on life has helped me prepare a growth mindset for my future.



Mrs. Simmons and Rina Stanghelli, who wrote the winning essay (featured at left)

## Congratulations to Mrs. Simmons and Mr. Baldasaro!

# Winning Essay about Mr. Baldasaro

Dear Mr. Baldasaro,

I am about to break the super, double-secret, teenage code and acknowledge the following three things:

- 1) I enjoy coming to your class to learn.
- 2) You teach me how to think and how to dream.
- 3) You are my favorite teacher.

Since I'm breaking the code, I am going to do it LARGE by letting you and the world know that you are awesome! I am nominating you because I want you to get recognized for all you have done for me and my fellow students. Let's begin with my previous thoughts on ELA— 'necessary and boring.' I understand my ability to think, speak, and write is important, but the topic never seemed exciting. Now, I feel that ELA is one of my most important classes, and it's all because of you. You make learning fun. Imagine a teenager calling something that does not involve PS4, a phone, or hockey, fun? Yup— you do it

every day, every week, and every month! You always have something new and exciting to teach in ELA, and you are always challenging yourself to get through to us. Not so easy!

I have lots of great teachers, but you are by far my favorite teacher. You are always willing to ask how our day is going, and you really care. Every day you are outside of your classroom waiting for our class. You greet us with enthusiasm and are excited to have us all in your class. I love the fist bump you give everyone— that makes my day a whole lot better. We are all so comfortable in doing this because you have taught us to accept others' ideas and respect them. This is why you have changed my view on ELA, and this is why you are my favorite teacher.

Sincerely,

Sebastian Andrade— 8<sup>th</sup> grade teenage boy

# Fame or Just a Game?

By Louis Goldberg

As many of you may have heard, the Ball family has attracted significant attention over the last year. Their oldest son, Lonzo Ball, a star basketball player for the UCLA squad, is projected to be a first round draft pick in this year's NBA draft. Li'angelo, the middle man, gets the job done on the court and has committed to UCLA for next year's NCAA season. L'amelo is the youngest of the three boys. Like Li'angelo, he is a key starter for Chino Hills Varsity. Melo, as he is called, is a young basketball prodigy who recently shocked the nation, dropping 92 points in a high school game. The high school sophomore is so good that he committed to UCLA when he was only 13 years old! Chino Hills, one of the best high school basketball teams in the country, has recently been in the spotlight. Last year's Cali State champs and almost two seasons undefeated, the nationally-ranked school is exactly what the press wants to cover. But their outstanding success is not the only reason the Ball family is so popular...

Lavar Ball, a former college basketball player himself, is the proud father of the Ball brothers. Lavar was flirting with the media even before the boys were any good. Owner of his "Big Baller Brand," Lavar is one of the most infamous trash talkers in all of sports, and has forced his way into the headlines along with his three sons. He believes his sons are larger than life, and that he is even greater than his sons. According to Lavar, he could beat Michael Jordan in a one-on-one game, his son Lonzo is better than basketball superstar Steph Curry, and his sons deserve a ten-year shoe deal worth one, wait no, he changed his mind, three billion dollars! His sons are good no doubt, but this man needs to stop talking. Michael Jordan is not only the

greatest basketball player to ever live, but also one of the best athletes to ever walk this planet. Lavar was a decent player in college, at best, averaging just over two points a game for Cal State. Michael Jordan scored more points than Lavar could dream of each game! Jordan was also the star for Division 1 UNC before leaving to start a legacy with the Chicago Bulls. Look, I can't even see Lavar beating MJ getting off a couch, so winning a one-on-one with the man himself is highly unlikely.

Steph Curry, the star player of the Golden State Warriors is one of the best, if not *the* best basketball player in the world. Lonzo is great and everything, but he's just a kid. It's his first year in college and he's off to a great start, but give me a break. Steph Curry would end this kid's career in three seconds, and in fact he might, once Lonzo gets to the NBA. Last but not least, the man wants three billion dollars for himself and for his sons. I don't know if I had a stroke while I read this, or if he had a stroke when he said this. There are only two athletes to ever sign for a billion-dollar shoe deal, and that is soccer star and model Cristiano Ronaldo, and basketball legend Michael Jordan. Not even LeBron, the king himself, is worth that much. So do you think three kids who can't even drink yet, including one who has barely gone through puberty, are worth 1 bill a piece? Lavar has a huge house in California. He sells three-dollar tee shirts and thirty-dollar shoes for hundreds of dollars, all a part of a brand he created, named after himself. Along with "Big Baller Brand," stories about the outrageous things that the family does and says have blown up on social media, fueled countless news pieces, and have even translated into a reality TV show starring the family. So... people start to wonder. What is the Ball family really after? Fame, or just a game?

# Highlands Rolls Out New Trash-Sorting Program

Statement Courtesy of Anna Giordano from Wefuturecycle

We are pleased to announce that Highlands Middle School has joined the other White Plains schools and your children were introduced to the We Future Cycle source separation (recycling & composting) program in their lunchrooms. Students learned in grade level presentations about the detrimental effects of garbage in our environment and the social cost attached to it. They also learned that simply sorting the materials into recyclable and compostable categories makes a huge difference.

Instead of dumping all their lunch waste into the garbage, students have started sorting. This program has REDUCED LUNCHROOM WASTE BY 96%, from 271 lbs of waste every day to only 12 lbs of trash!! 62 lbs was excess liquid that went down the drain, 161 lbs were food waste and compostable trays that will be composted at a commercial composting facility. Four large bags of recyclables were sorted out to go to the Westchester County Material Recovery Plant by Stew Leonard's to be sold back to industry for considerable

funds that will benefit Westchester and its communities.

Participating in this program helps teach our kids to be environmentally-responsible and we are very proud of your children adapting to the new system in record time.

What can you do to help?

1) Learn how the source separation program works! Look at the chart of the lunchroom source separation system, and ask your child about how they sort their leftovers in the lunchroom.

Try to reinforce the learning by applying the recycling practices at home!

2) When you pack your child's lunch and snack, go waste-free! Sandwiches and fruits that are packed in plastic baggies and foil often get mushy and then the food gets thrown away. Using reusable plastic containers helps keep the food fresh and also keeps baggies out of the trash.

Thanks to Principal Spatafore, the district administration, and the many teachers, custodians and aides who are working to make this shift in how we manage waste at Highlands.

Any questions? Contact Anna Giordano at [anna@wefuturecycle.com](mailto:anna@wefuturecycle.com)

# Summer Safety Tips

With Summer rapidly approaching with its warm weather, longer days and unstructured time, there is a lot of fun to be had! But let's not overlook that Summer fun could be impacted by just a few unsafe choices. Here are some tips to ensure you are able to get the most out of the Summer time as safely as possible.

1. Have a conversation with your parents or trusted adult about a code word or phrase that you could text to them or say to them over the phone that indicates you would like them to come get you. This way, if you find yourself in a peer pressure situation that is making you uncomfortable you have an out.
2. Practice your refusal skills in advance! Remember- say "No" firmly and maybe suggest an alternative activity if your friend or friends are trying to get you to engage in an unhealthy choice.
3. Stick to your curfew. Your parents know what they are talking about when they say "nothing positive happens past midnight".
4. Always have a buddy with you, don't venture out on your own.
5. Trust your instinct! That pit in your stomach that is telling you that something or someone is making you feel uncomfortable is probably right.

# Eighth Graders Travel to Ellis Island

By Anna O'Hanlon

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, the eighth grade class visited Ellis Island, where we saw an immigration museum, and also visited Liberty Island, where we saw The Statue of Liberty. Ellis Island was an immigration center that immigrants went through in order to come to the United States to have a better life. Ellis Island was the largest immigration center in America. Over 12 million immigrants have come through! Everyone who came through had to go through an inspection process, if they didn't pass they were put back on a boat, and were sent back home. The whole process took anywhere from three to seven hours to complete.

Our class first took a boat to Ellis Island where we saw The Immigration Museum. The museum showed how immigrants came to our country. It was really interesting because it showed how people lived in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and how difficult it was to come to this country. We then took a boat to the Statue of Liberty. It was pretty incredible to see how big the Statue of Liberty actually was in person. It was 305 feet tall! I had been to the Statue of Liberty before but it was a while ago, so it was fun to go back, again.

Overall, it was a great trip, and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the future will really enjoy the trip!

# Highlands' Student Selected to Play for NYSAHA Organization

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. – Dante Palombo is 13 years old and a seventh grader at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. He was recently selected to participate in the New York District Hockey Player Development Program for Boys. The program is run by the New York State Amateur Hockey Association (NYSAHA) which is one of 12 sections around the country of the United States Hockey Association, the governing body of youth hockey in America.

Over 400 boys from different NYSAHA sections took part in four different tryouts around the state. Only eighty elite players from across New York State were invited to this camp. A total of 48 Forwards (Dante is a forward), 24 Defensemen and 8 Goalies were selected to participate in this unique opportunity at this District Camp. Participants will be exposed to an intense daily schedule of both on and off-ice instruction by high-level coaches from prep schools, colleges, USA Hockey National Team Development Program (NTDP) and professional levels. They will play competitive

games during evening ice sessions. The week's schedule will include practice sessions focused on individual skill development, game concepts and team strategies and the off-ice lectures will concentrate on Modern American Hockey concepts, nutrition, strength and conditioning and other essential aspects of competing at the highest levels. Dante is one of only four players selected from Westchester County who have been invited.

This all is part of USA Hockey initiative with its twelve districts around the county to develop the most promising players in the USA and step one in identify potential prospects for USA Hockey's NTDP which brings the top players in the USA at 16, 17 and 18 years old to live in Plymouth, Michigan and train.

Last year as a sixth grader Dante was selected to represent New York Rangers organization on its pee wee team at Tournoi International de Hockey Pee-Wee de Québec hockey's Little League World Series.



## Congratulations on your achievement Dante!



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## Editorial: Should Foreign Language Be a Requirement?

I personally believe that students should be required to take a foreign language course. I think that it is important because you have a better chance of getting a job, and being accepted to a better school when applying for college. I take Spanish in school and especially here in the United States, Spanish is an important language to know. Since so many people speak Spanish, it could really help you to communicate with many people. I polled a few people to get their opinions on this subject. Here are their responses. Lisa Dodell says, "Yes, knowing two languages has a lot of benefits and helps with getting a job." Ilea Wunder says, "Yes. By knowing multiple languages, you broaden your horizons and expose yourself to new cultures and allow you to see into another little piece of the world." Sakshi Gawde said, "Yes. Foreign language will make you stand out among the common people. Being able to speak other languages demonstrates your ability to interact with people of different backgrounds. Language is how you get your ideas across. Every idea should have a chance to be heard and understood." Finally, another student said you can get good jobs with a high salary. This student also says that she knows this hedge fund where each of the employees know two to three languages, and they each get paid a good amount. She also said that you can get into exchange programs. All the students I interviewed think it is a good idea to learn a second language.

# Highlands Ball



# ent Show 2017



# Music Moments

Highlands Middle School presents

# 13

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Highlands Auditorium  
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Adults \$10 | Students \$5

Tickets will be on sale March 13th-17th during lunch periods or at the door.



**On Thursday May 25th, the Select Choir went out on a singing tour of White Plains. Performances were held at Ridge-way Elementary School, Eastview School, and the Galleria Mall. Our Highlands students spoke to the audiences of their younger classmates and informed them of how much fun being in Select Choir really is. Ayden Williams and Momo Nakada spoke about juggling sports and choir, while Sam Scafidi and Amy Madelbaum also told the younger students what it was like to be in the spring musical. Guest performers were WPHS students Ben Covello on piano, Alex Sanchez on beatbox, and Rena Zisser on ukulele. It was a fun and fantastic day of inspiring younger students to sing!**



# Teacher Spotlight

## Ms. Grossman



Ms. Grossman teaches Critical Literacy at Highlands and Eastview

*Tell us about your education. Where did you go to college and/or high school?*

I grew up in Yorktown Heights and graduated from Yorktown High School. I have a Bachelor's degree from SUNY New Paltz in Adolescent Education with a concentration in English, and a Master's degree from Manhattanville College in Literacy Education.

*What job did you have before you became a teacher?*

Before I got my first teaching job, I worked for a local theater company that produced musicals in many schools throughout Westchester. I also worked for the same company every summer at their camp. I started performing with this company at a very young age, which is why musical theater holds a very special place in my heart. If you saw or heard about the recent production of "13" at Highlands, you already know that I am a true Broadway nerd!

*Why did you become a teacher?*

In high school I had the same English teacher in 9th and 10th grade. While he was very intimidating and strict, he was one of the few teachers I had that put in the effort to make the content relatable to myself and my peers. He had many phrases and jokes that I still remember today! I truly valued his dedication to making a connection with his students, and I was inspired by him to do the same thing. Hopefully my students will remember some of my jokes too. 😊

*What do you like most about teaching?*

What I like most about teaching is bringing my own creativity into my lessons, and being able to do what I love every single day. Someone once told me that if you love what you do, you will never "work" a day in your life, and I agree!

*What advice do you have for your students? What message would you like your students to remember?*

The advice I have for my students is to never give up, even when something seems impossible. There have been so many times I felt like giving up when something seemed too hard to achieve, but when I remembered how much I wanted to reach my goal, I knew giving up was not an option. The message I would like my students to remember is to always keep your dreams close, and never lose sight of what you want to accomplish.

*What do you like to do in your free time?*

I LOVE food and cooking! I am a true foodie and I am always reading cookbooks and looking up new restaurants to try out! I love to cook for my friends and family, and I am pretty good if I do say so myself!

*If you weren't a teacher, what would you be doing in your life instead?*

If I weren't a teacher, I would love to own a restaurant! I would name all of the signature dishes after my close friends and family.

*What is your favorite topic to teach in your subject area?*

My favorite English topic is Shakespeare! Since I am a theater person, I loved reading his plays in high school and college. After learning about Shakespeare, I was so interested to find out that some of my favorite movies were based off of his stories! I don't teach it to my students now, but I hope I can in the future!

## Mr. Bart



Mr. Bart teaches Art at Highlands

*Tell us about your education. Where did you go to college and/or high school?*

I grew up in Somers where I went to high school. I went to college first at Binghamton University and studied philosophy and art, and then went to Brooklyn College to study art education.

*What job did you have before you became a teacher?*

Before teaching, I worked in a music store selling and maintaining guitars.

*Why did you become a teacher?*

I became a teacher to share the source of inspiration that has led me to become an artist in my own right. I believe the creation of art is a way for everyone to grow stronger and happier, and to experience an awesome way of contributing to the world.

*What do you like most about teaching?*

I like the opportunity to share the insights I have learned in my own life that have made me a stronger and more creative person. These communications with students build real community and have a rippling effect in the world.

*What advice do you have for your students?*

*What message would you like your students to remember?*

My advice to students is to trust yourself, and that expressing yourself where you are honest and inspired will make you a stronger and happier person, even if it sets you apart from others.

*What do you like to do in your free time?*

In my free time, I practice meditation and martial arts, and I love to play guitar and create my own artwork.

*If you weren't a teacher, what would you be doing in your life instead?*

I would be creating art and/or music to share with the world.

*What is your favorite topic to teach in your subject area?*

I love to teach all kinds of drawing, because that is what I do and it is the most fundamental kind of visual art.

*Who is your hero, and why?*

There are many great leaders in the world today, and I believe that the Dalai Lama is among the strongest and most courageous of them. His message of compassion and meditation provides a clear solution to the problems facing our world, and I believe we all are benefitting from his relentless kindness and wisdom.

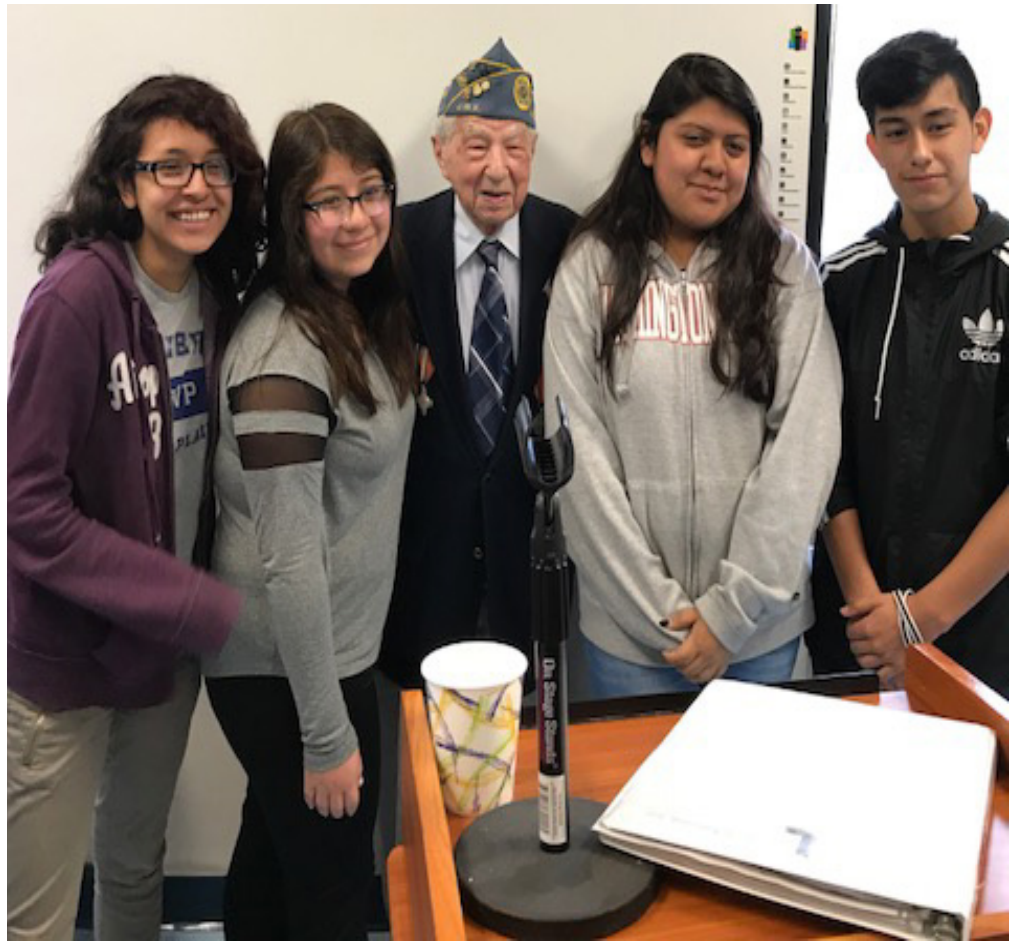
# Highlands

## 7th Grade Trip to Philadelphia





# Happenings



On April 27th and 28th, Eighth grade students had the opportunity to attend presentations from Holocaust survivors. The speakers included: Mr. Bernhard Storch, Dr. Moshe Avital, Mrs. Bettina Graf, and Mrs. Agnes Vertes. Pictured here are students from Team 8A with Mr. Storch.

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Jonathan is eleven years old and lives in Highland Mills, NY with his mom and dad. He was diagnosed with T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) in August 2015 and is currently receiving maintenance chemotherapy treatments.

Jonathan loves everything about science and technology. He and his family are planning a trip to Pearl Harbor in Hawaii next summer so that he can see all the planes, boats and helicopters stationed there. He spends hours making and building the most advanced and intricate LEGO sets he can find. Jonathan also enjoys baseball and football, and he just rejoined his Little League team for the spring season.

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**Mrs. Mouzakitis' students created these butterflies to honor children who lost their lives in the Holocaust. They were added to the collection of 1.5 million butterflies at the Houston Holocaust Museum.**

# Eighth Graders Enjoy Washington D.C.

By Anna O'Hanlon

On Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Eighth grade went to Washington D.C. We had to wake up very early to be at school at 5:20. We were on the road heading off by 6:00 or so. The bus ride was about 4 hours or so. While driving we passed scenery which was pretty cool! This was my first time going so I really enjoyed it, and would be willing to go back with family at some point.

Once we got to D.C we went for lunch. After that we went and started exploring D.C. One of the first things that we did was to go to Arlington National Cemetery. I personally think that was one of the coolest experiences. I really liked how for the most part all of the grave stones were made out of the same rock and had the same shape as well. I really liked how organized and "perfect" everything was. It was amazing to see and think of all the soldiers who fought for and gave their lives for our country. After going through the cemetery we went to watch the changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown soldier. I thought that was also exciting because they had to take the same amount of steps going back and forth a certain number of times. Something else that I found pretty surprising was the Vietnam Memorial. It was unbelievable to see how many people died while fighting for our country. There were names everywhere of the peo-

ple who served and died for our country in Vietnam.

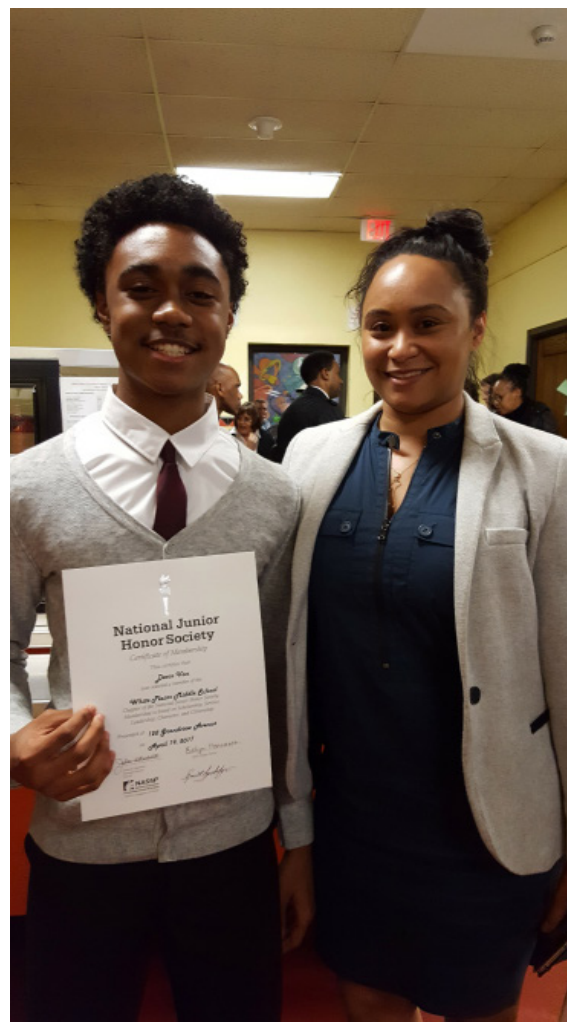
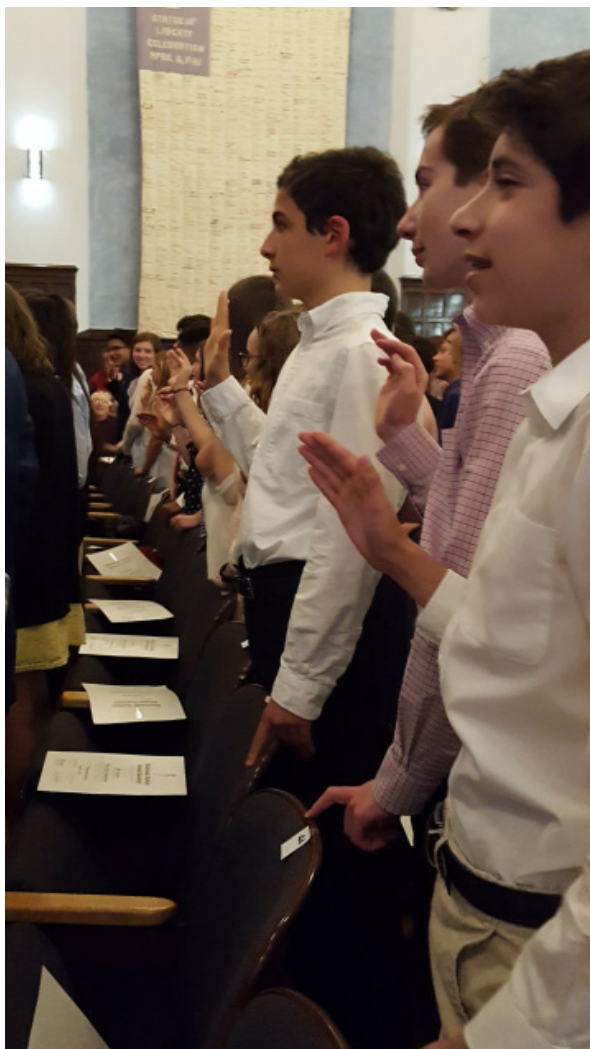
We went to two museums which were pretty fascinating. We went to the Museum of Natural History and also the Archives museum, which was particularly interesting. I thought it was pretty awesome to see the Declaration of Independence in person. However, considering it is so old, most of the ink had faded away so you could barely read any of it. We were also able to see the Constitution of the United States, and also the Bill of Rights. In the History Museum there were lots of fossils, and explanations of which animal it came from. It also showed the evolution of how both animals and humans used to look like versus how they are now.

We also saw the National Mall and the Capitol Building. I thought it was amazing to think about how the whole National Mall was completely filled when MLK gave his "I Have a Dream" speech. It was also pretty interesting to see the place where Congress meets.

We went to many monuments such as the Washington monument, Lincoln Memorial, FDR monument, and MLK monument. It's hard to believe that we saw so many sights during one overnight trip. We all got wet the first day, but all of us had a great trip. I didn't see anyone who didn't have a good time. We all will recommend this trip for next year's Eighth graders!



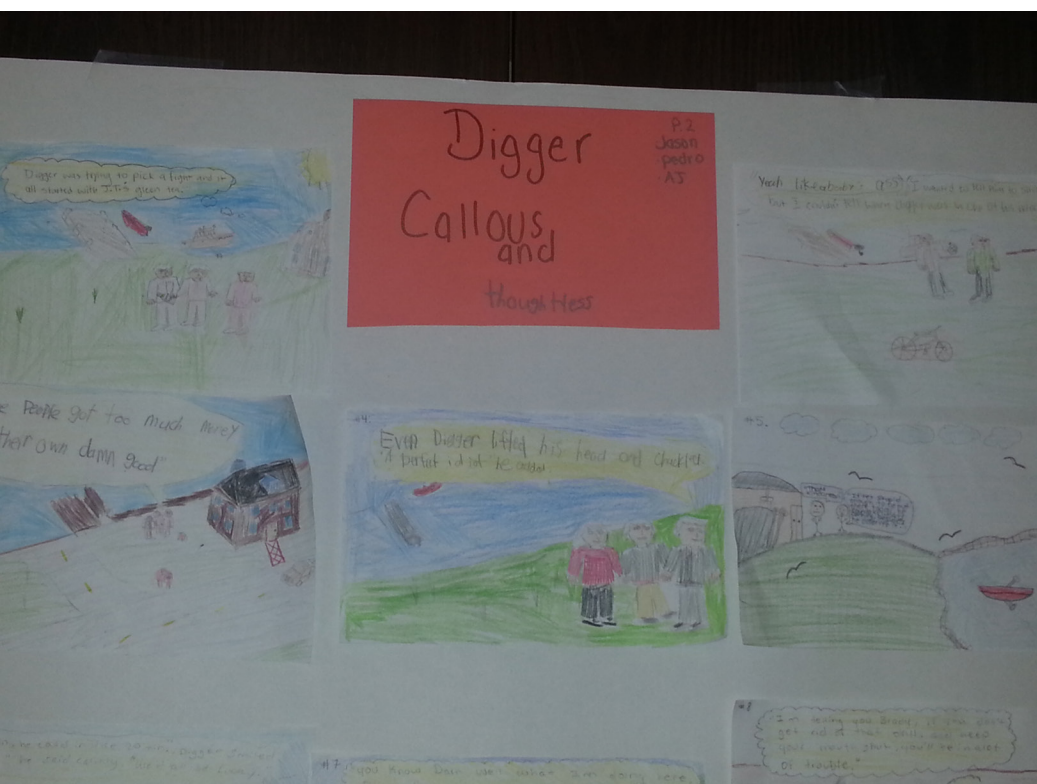
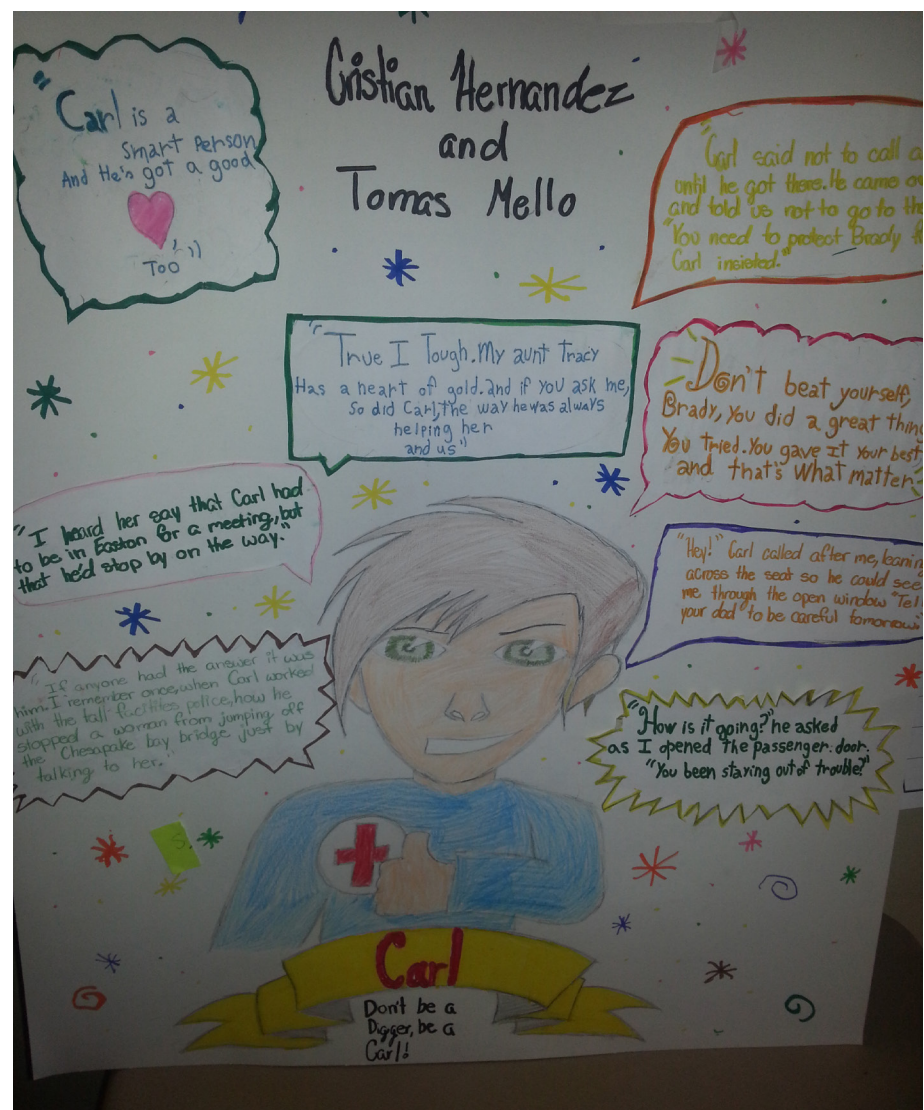
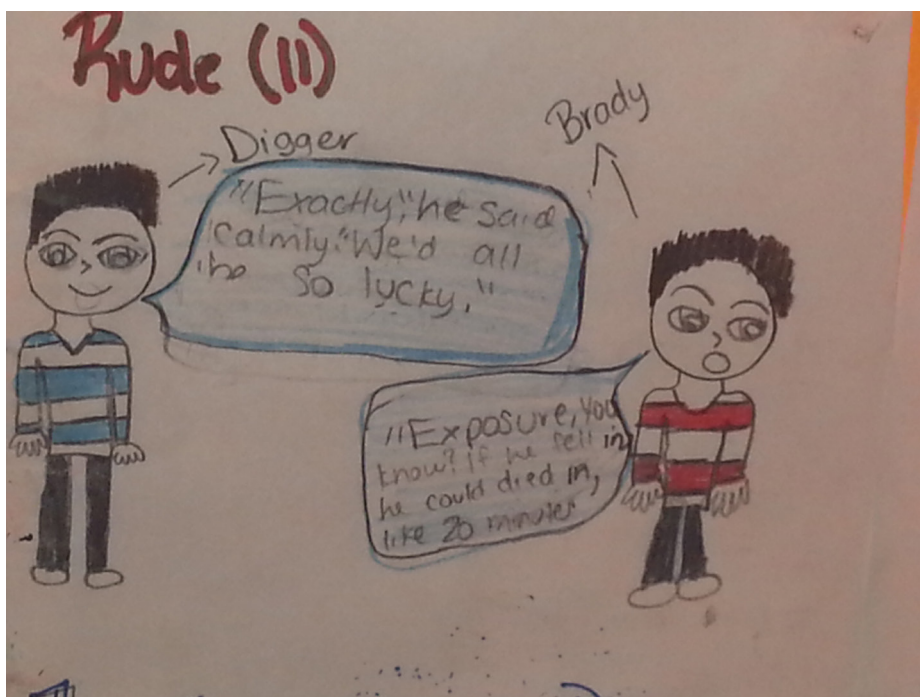
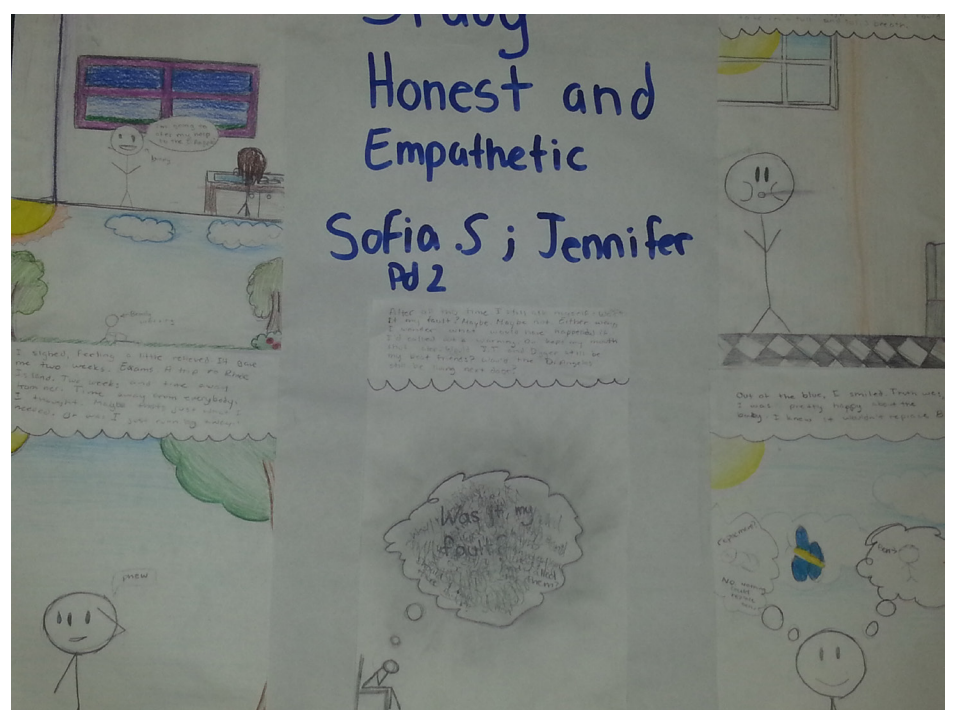
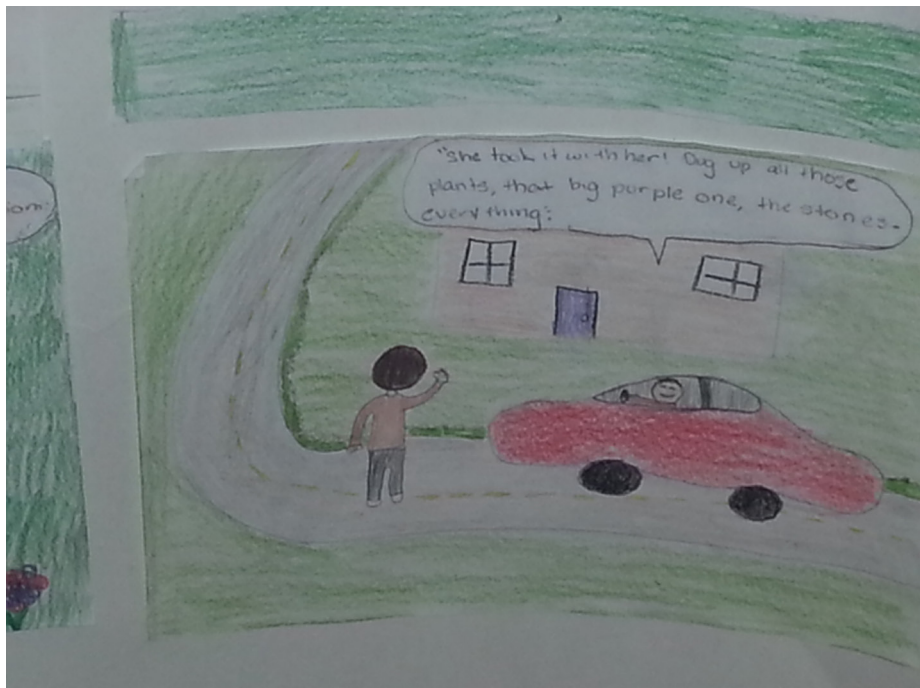
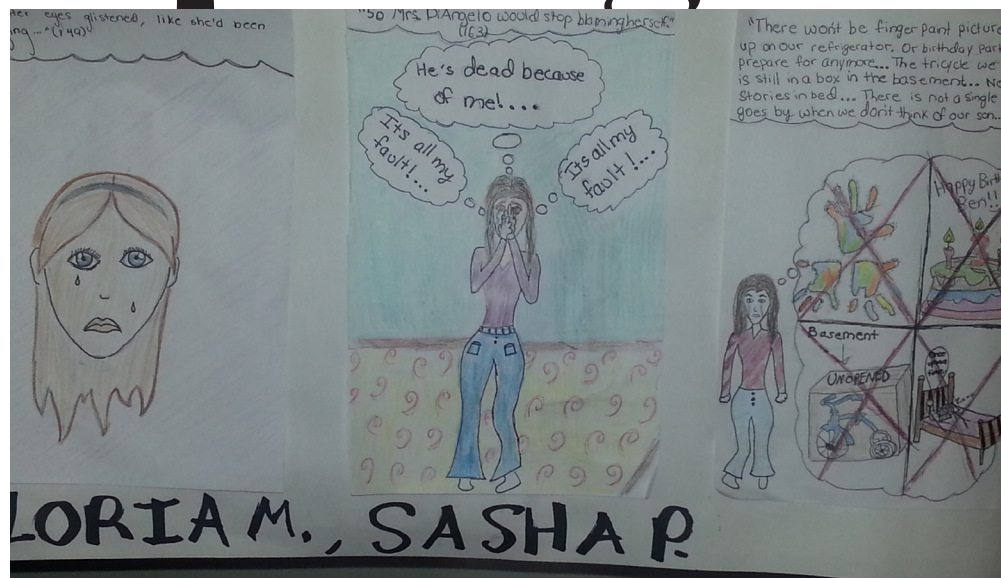
# NJHS Induction Ceremony



Congratulations to all of the NJHS Inductees!

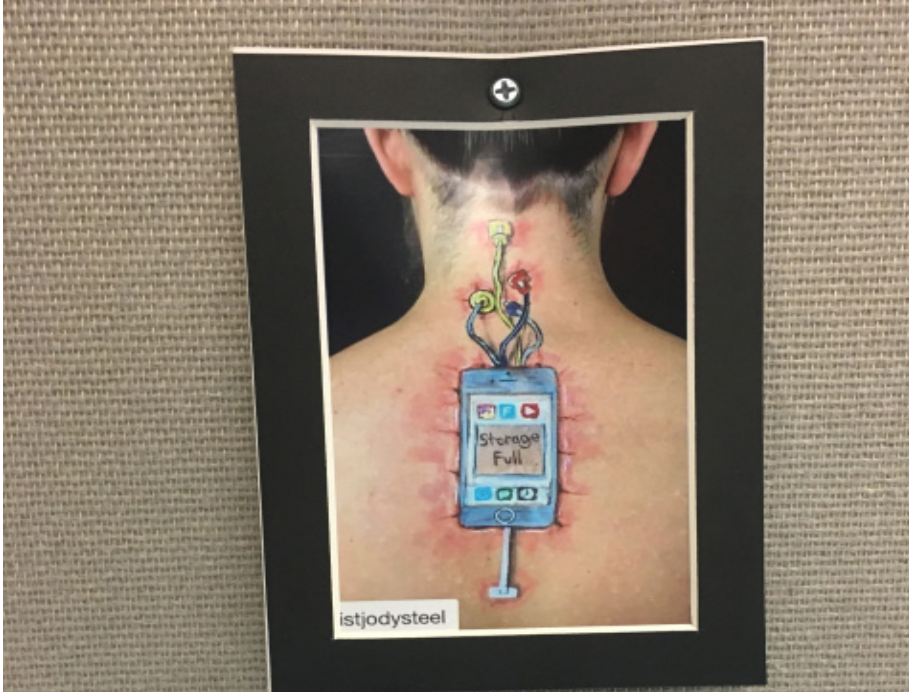
# Spotlight on

After completing the novel, *Red Kayak*, by Priscilla Cummings, Ms. Drabek's and Mrs. Rondinelli's ELA 7B students worked in small groups and illustrated specific character traits from the novel, using text evidence from their character of choice. The students were able to capture the essence of indirect characterization with the use of a comic-strip-style format that included thought bubbles, captions and detailed sketches of their character.





# Humans of Highlands: A



istjodysteel

Connected  
Amanda Jorge

Generation Z should be depicted as a group of people who spend their time using technology. My artwork shows a person being controlled by their phone. I got my picture from Jody Steel's Instagram page. This photo represents that we are driven by technology. To further add, my artwork shows a social issues. It tells us that we spend too much on our screens, instead of focusing around the world around us. Also it represents that we spend too much on social media, as you can see all the networks he has in his neck. My artwork truly helped depict what generation z should look like. Also it helps show that we are zombies when using technology. What I learned while doing this project is that some of us rely on our phones and that we worry about what people us.

Who is Generation Z?  
Loud, insecure, lazy?  
or  
Tech-savvy, entrepreneurs, realistic?

in the world could fit that description.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Ms. Hart's and Ms. Melendez's classes learned that there are various mediums people use to express themselves. Mediums include speeches, photographs, videos, articles and much more. Photographs can be used to showcase and project a variety of emotions. Each person can help shape the truth to a story with the popularity of smartphones.

The students learned how to conduct research to determine if their medium was a credible and reliable source. After finding three to four reliable sources, the students determined what the positive and negative characteristics of their generation were to help them create a written statement which highlighted their understanding.

Have you ever stopped to wonder whether these images reveal the truth of a story or provide an inaccurate picture?

With the help of Mrs. Ciofola and Ms. Cáceres, the students created the Humans of Highlands photo gallery to present a more accurate portrayal of their generation's story by analyzing the role various mediums play in depicting Generation Z. Each photo had an artist statement which let the reader know why the student decided to take the photo.

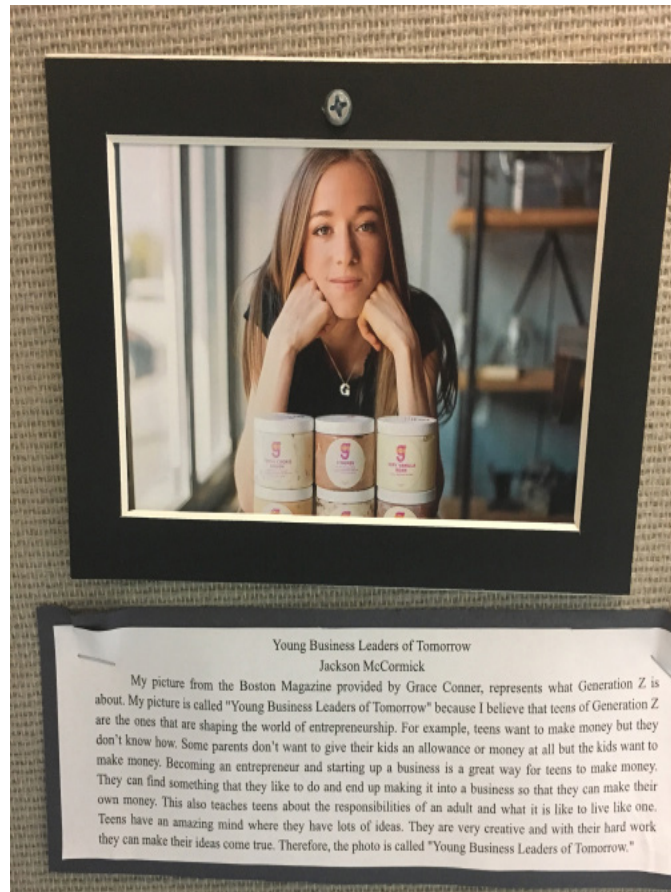
Depending on the medium society views you through, society may view you as entitled, media-obsessed, loud, lazy and insecure. For today's teens, or **Generation Z**, society sometimes labels teenagers with these negative connotations. However, there is no way that every single teenager

As they walked around, each student reflected on their classmates' work using Padlet or Google Forms using an iPad.



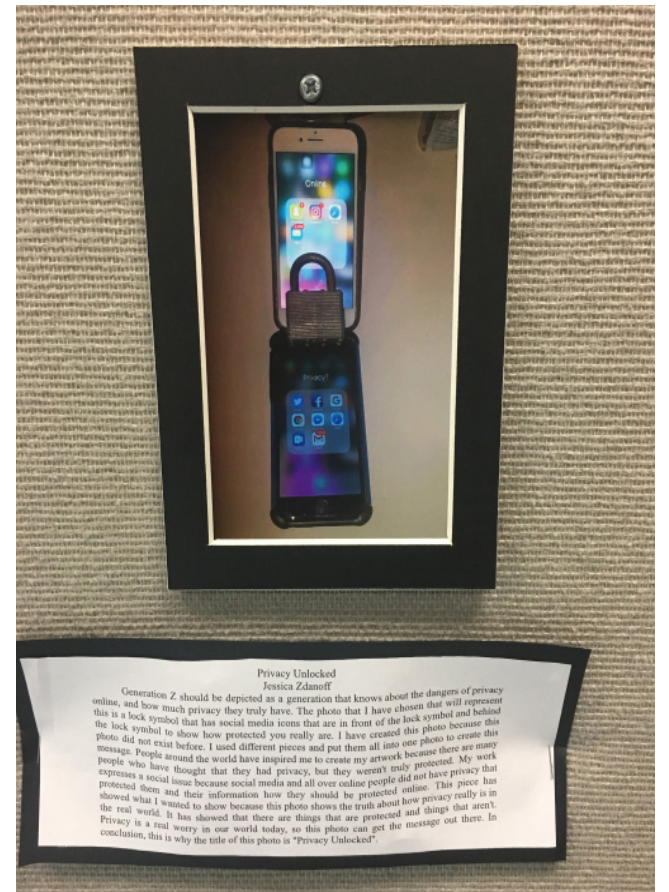
"Parents are Gen z's Future"  
Joshua Tejada

The photo that was shown was my mother comforting my little brother Misael who was bitten and in trouble in school and my mother talked to him about it. This would be an example of how without parents generation z would not be how it is now completely change. Those kids who didn't have their parents or just had one parent seem to act negative or just don't seem to come out as a optimistic person so it would be important for parents to be there for their kid because it could decide on how the child will end up. However parents don't just have to be there for the kid, they would have to be good parents because if parents always curse, argue, or just act plain negative around the children then it would be no surprise that the children will act that way. So overall, without parents, generation z wither you think of them as a positive or negative generation wouldn't be who they are now without their experienced guide, their parents.



Young Business Leaders of Tomorrow  
Jackson McCormick

My picture from the Boston Magazine provided by Grace Conner, represents what Generation Z is about. My picture is called "Young Business Leaders of Tomorrow" because I believe that teens of Generation Z are the ones that are shaping the world of entrepreneurship. For example, teens want to make money but they don't know how. Some parents don't want to give their kids an allowance or money at all but the kids want to make money. Becoming an entrepreneur and starting up a business is a great way for teens to make money. They can find something that they like to do and end up making it into a business so that they can make their own money. This also teaches teens about the responsibilities of an adult and what it is like to live like one. Teens have an amazing mind where they have lots of ideas. They are very creative and with their hard work they can make their ideas come true. Therefore, the photo is called "Young Business Leaders of Tomorrow."



Privacy Unlocked  
Jessica Zdanoff

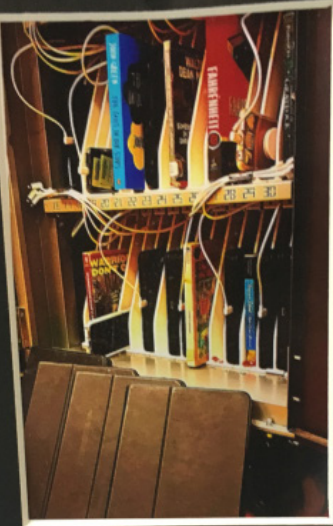
Generation Z should be depicted as a generation that knows about the dangers of privacy online, and how much privacy they truly have. The photo that I have chosen that will represent this is a lock symbol that has social media icons that are in front of the lock symbol and behind the lock symbol to show how protected you really are. I have created this photo because this message did not exist before. I used different pieces and put them all into one photo to create this message. People around the world have inspired me to create my artwork because there are many people who have thought that they had privacy, but they weren't truly protected. My work expresses a social issue because social media and all over online people did not have privacy that protected them and their information how they should be protected online. This piece has showed what I wanted to show because this photo shows the truth about how privacy really is in the real world. It has showed that there are things that are protected and things that aren't. Privacy is a real worry in our world today, so this photo can get the message out there. In conclusion, this is why the title of this photo is "Privacy Unlocked".

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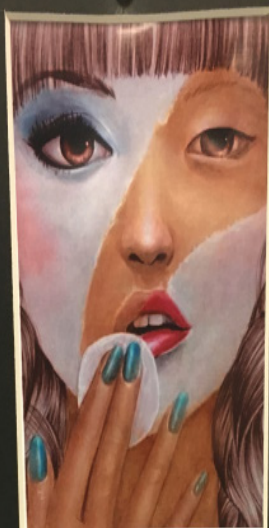
An Unfixed Problem With Gen Z  
Kieran Daly

My artwork is a photo taken of me looking at a negative text message on my iPhone, and is meant to represent cyberbullying and the extent of which it is rampant. I took my picture in my room on my iPhone, then added a dark filter. The dark filter was meant to reveal sad and dark emotions about Generation Z. I made the title "An Unfixed Problem With Gen Z" since cyberbullying has only grew since Generation Z and is left alone. With this image, I hope to shed light on a big part of Generation Z that has been left out: bullies and their victims. My goal for this image was to show people that this is a generation where cyberbullying is all too common and an ongoing problem. My goal as an artist was to inform people, with one image, about a big part of Generation Z.



Plugged into More Than Phones  
Max Galkin

My picture is a photograph taken with my phone and edited. It depicts how generation Z is not technology obsessed, as the stereotype goes. I took books, phones, and educational I-pads in an I-pad cart plugged in. This represents how we are also plugged into our books, and into education. I also edited this photo to enhance the meaning of it. With this photo, I hope to change others judgements about gen Z, from positive to negative. This piece helped enhance my claim about generation Z in many ways. A picture is worth a thousand words. And so, with this and my picture, I give you "Plugged into More Than Phones."



A Swipe Of Natural  
Amaya Velez

Generation Z is a generation that I'm proud to be in. In my eyes, I think Generation Z is outgoing, full of happiness and we are full of life. But with happiness comes sadness. In this picture that was entitled "Happy Things" shows the meaning of beauty without words. She is a girl that has a lot of makeup on and a swipe of her face is her without makeup. The side with her with makeup shows how she has to look beautiful for other people and the amount that she has to put on. But on the side without makeup shows her true beauty and to get underneath all that makeup. She's trying to send a message to young people that you are beautiful no matter what people say. And I am trying to send a message to Generation z that we care so much about what people think. We need to be happy with ourselves and not let other people point out our flaws. We are perfect just the way we are. We Generation Z are a group of people that don't care what people think. It's time for us to step up and show the world who we are and raise awareness for beauty standards. Your your own kind of beautiful, don't let other people tell you different.



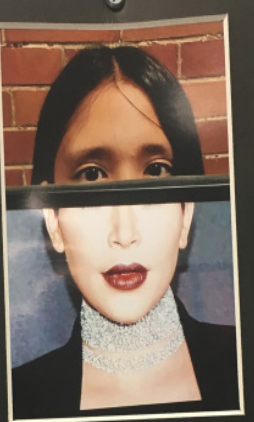
Jazmine Garcia  
Artist Statement

In this photograph, there are two students that are working in two different ways. It also portrays how the students are working together to get things done. I took this photo with my phone and I edited it a little by using the app, VSCO. This photo was inspired on how Generation Z uses technology to study and how we use different ways to interact. I wanted this picture to show the positive impact Generation Z has made and how we don't always use technology for a negative thing. Even all the positive and negatives I learned. I think my photo represents the positives of Generation Z.



Differences  
Shea Kramer

My artwork looks like construction. The subject matter is that people in our generation are making differences in the world, which is symbolized by construction. The title of my work is "Differences" because it shows that people in our generation are making changes in the world and making it better. An element that is obvious in my work is their process of the construction getting to be the workers work harder. My photo was taken from an iPhone. I used the grid on the camera on my phone to get the perfect shot of the construction. My do my artwork in downtown White Plains, where they were doing construction. Something that inspires me to social issue as Generation Z is making differences in the world. My photo expresses a social issue as Generation Z is making differences in the world. I tried to express hope in my artwork to show that Generation Z is making great differences in the world. My goal as an artist is to show that Generation Z isn't as media obsessed as other generations believe we are. This piece helped me reach my goal because it helps me show what I wanted to express in the photo. By creating this artwork, I learned that Generation Z is not a completely negative generation and that we are not "doomed" from our generation is old enough to be the world's leaders. This piece will influence future artwork because I feel I was able to show my idea and my goals and express them.



Someone I'm Not  
Caroline Schwarz

My photograph is a representation of many teens in Generation Z. This photo was taken with an iPhone, and it shows a teenage girl trying to fit the beauty standards on social media. She is holding up an image on the iPad to her face, which shows Kim Kardashian. She is attempting to make herself someone she's not just to fit in with the women girls all over social media. Originally, I found a picture online of a girl doing this with a Barbie doll image. I thought it almost seemed a little outdated because teenagers don't typically use dolls. So, I thought Kim Kardashian was more of a well-known person who is a contributor to these images on the media. The object of this picture was to truly reveal how girls really feel about themselves. The truth is, they shouldn't feel as bad about their image as they do. Girls should be taught to love themselves not hate who they are. My goal with this picture was to make people aware of how girls truly feel on the inside. Media stars shouldn't be posting to boost the self confidence in teens and not bring it down. These stars definitely aren't intentionally posting these images, but they might not realize the effect they have on young girls. My artwork is titled, "Someone I'm Not" to demonstrate girls putting a mask on themselves because they do not believe they are good enough for society. Generation Z is taking small steps to change the beauty standards in our society.



HIGHLANDS PRESENTS

# TEDx THIS I BELIEVE

By Gabriela Cabrera

Teachers, guardians, parents, and family; they will tell you the same thing, "Do not go into a stranger's car or house." You give attention and listen, but forget: what's the probability of you getting kidnapped or being asked to go into a stranger's car? It's not very common. Or is it? According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, about 800 thousand children are reported missing each year. That's 2000 each day! I believe people should feel safe anywhere they go, without one single problem.

My parents always told me: "Don't go into a stranger's car." I never thought I would need to take that advice. I thought wrong.

It was 2014. I was just a ten-year-old girl coming out of a school performance. My mom said she was coming in few, since she had to finish her job. Anyways, eventually I went outside, and I didn't see her car. So I called her again, and she said she was finally out in the parking lot. I went to look for her, hoping for a whistle, a car horn—anything -- so that I could get into my mom's car.

As I was searching, I heard a whistle. I saw a man-- a Hispanic man, about 35 years old-- sitting in his navy blue car. I pointed at myself to see if he was talking to me, and he nodded. He asked in Spanish, "¿quieres ir a dentro de mi carro?": "do you want to go inside my car?"

I was frozen for a second or two, and then I ran as fast as the superhero named Flash. I ran to the doors, and there was a teacher, a mother, and a daughter. I pounded the door as hard as I could, thinking that the man was right behind me.

As I was inside, I was so relieved, but not happy. When I called again, my mom said that she was outside but for real, but I asked if she could come inside. She asked multiple times, "why should I go inside?", but I ignored the question. I was so eager

By Julia Vargas

An author by the name of Dean Koontz once said, "Once you have had a wonderful dog, a life without one, is a life diminished." This "wonderful dog" to me is my dog, Francesca. I believe that my dog teaches me, every day, to appreciate everyone and everything in my life, so that I don't take things for granted.

When I first got my dog, I was going through a lot in my life. My parents had just gone through a divorce, and it was kind of a lot to deal with for a 12 year old. I was really stressed and sad most of the time during and after the process of the divorce.

But as I got to know Francesca better, I realized how much of a happier person she has made me. She has changed my life for the better in so many ways. She has distracted me from everything going on in my life by making me more responsible to

to tell her, but I was scared. So I just agreed to go outside, my plan was just to run to the car.

I went to the entrance, and still saw the car outside, so I started to cry. My friends and a teacher saw me, and I nervously explained to them what happened. So the teacher called my mother and asked her to come inside and speak to the principal.

While I was inside, I felt like I was in shock. Thinking about the whole experience made me shake. I couldn't stop. The principal dialed the police, and did everything he could to be sure I was okay. But my shaking was so bad that the he said if I was like this for a few more days, I would have to see would have to see a therapist.

I felt so lucky, because the teacher who helped me made me feel so safe. For days, I would go to her room, and explain how I felt. I'll never forget how she cared for me, and she made me feel like I could just be myself again. Thank you.

What I went through is common. It might not have been a big thing, but I was terrified. And I know that my story ended the best way possible because I had family and friends to support me, but there are a lot of girls who go through the same thing, and their story doesn't end so well. I want to tell all victims and their families that everything will be okay. Talking about your emotions to a trustworthy friend, teacher, and parent will make you feel good. I know it helped me.

To conclude, when you go through something similar like this, write down your thoughts on journal, or talk to somebody you trust. Even if you're nervous, scared, or embarrassed: tell somebody! If you're scared to go outside alone, go out numerous times with someone until you feel comfortable and safe out in public. That's why I believe that people should be able to go anywhere without feeling fearful.

walk and feed her, and more understanding if she chews up something or has an accident. I knew I needed patience with a puppy, so I tried my best to understand her because she is just a puppy. And I know I have to appreciate her because she is always there for me, even when I'm mad at her. She can just change my mood from being upset or mad to being content and happy. That's what I love about her.

But more than a year later, as I look at her, I realized how much time we've spent together. I've also realized how one year went by so fast. It honestly didn't seem like that long ago since I've gotten her. I learned that I have to appreciate her much more than I already do because of how positively she has impacted my life. And if I don't, I will probably feel regret.

Dogs, or specifically pugs, only live up to 15 years. So, they don't really live that long compared to how long humans can

By Dwayne Edwards

There are two major things that I believe: 1) sports can change your life for the better, and 2) if you are able to take action with your life you will be able to prove your "haters" wrong. With this, you will have the ability to become stronger as a person, and you can possibly help others with your kindness.

When I was about 9 or 10 years old, I used to eat food 24/7 and play video games all the time. Lots of kids can fall into this habit; it's an easy trap to fall into, and some kids still probably struggle with it now. This was a bad time period for me because it's like every time I came outside, I was made fun of. In my mind, I tried to block out all negativity, but it was just too much for a 9 year old to handle.

One day, a kid decided to tell me about all my flaws. He said some really terrible things to me, but I decided I wouldn't let it bring me down anymore. I decided to change my life for the better.

I decided to choose a sport that will make me stronger and help me to lose weight. I signed up for football. When I first joined my football team I was very scared. I didn't know what would happen on my first day at practice. I always thought to

By Antonio Ramirez

Have you ever gotten sick before, and really couldn't do anything? Maybe you had the flu, so you couldn't go to school? Or maybe you had a game, but couldn't go because you had a bad cold? Or even worse, maybe you had the stomach flu, and you couldn't do anything, like eat your favorite food, or do anything active? We all had that feeling before, one time or another. But just imagine that you're sick and couldn't do anything-- but almost every day. That's similar to the sickness I have. As a kid I always got really nauseas, and I still do today.

As a kid, I always got nausea. It all started in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. When I was younger, it was way worse; I always went to the nurse. They gave me water, crackers, or told me to use the toilet. But nothing seemed to work. I told my parents, and we went to the doctor. They gave me medicine, but nope-- nothing. I even had to go to the hospital because they were going to shove a freaking camera down my throat! Can you guess what was the answer? "He's fine, we didn't find anything wrong with him." To this day, my family and me still don't know what's wrong with me. Just because I get nauseous, I don't let that stop me from living my life the way I want. I don't let this sickness choose the way my life goes. I believe that your sickness shouldn't hold you down. Live your life the way you want.

So when I was a kid, I was going to the nurse a lot, like two to three times a week. Because of this, I couldn't do a lot of things like running around, and playing with my friends. I couldn't do sports, or, well, anything active.

live. So, what I'm trying to say is that you should appreciate the time you have with someone or something, because time just goes by so fast.

Honestly, you never know when someone or something will be gone. Anything can happen in a matter of seconds. And if something extremely horrible happens, you know you'll regret it. Especially if that someone or something has helped you better yourself.

One of the worst things that could ever happen to me is if I ever lost my dog, which I really hope I don't. This is why I always have to be prepared. If something like that were to ever happen to my dog and I didn't give her as much love and attention that she deserved, then I probably wouldn't be content on the terms that we ended on. But I hope that that never has to happen.

myself "what would people say if I mess up, what if I cost my team the game." But then I realized that I didn't have to worry about making mistakes because others did, too; my coaches motivated me to just play the game. This had a big impact on how I play the game now.

I was also inspired to improve myself because of my Uncle Dwayne, who I was named after. He was my favorite uncle, and he was also a great football player. Before I started playing, he was the only one who would really give me advice. He said that the world wouldn't be fair to me, and he said I have to block out what other people say because the world isn't perfect. Since he played football, he told me how to run the ball and breathe correctly. Finally, over the time of 1 1/2 years, I lost about thirty-two pounds by playing football; my new favorite sport. This is where I shocked the world.

Therefore, I believe that sports can change your life for the better, and that if you are able to take action with your life, you will be able to prove your "haters" wrong. After my long, enduring process, I was considered an all-star by my coach. He told me that I am going to go places, which made me proud. I hope I am able to make my uncle proud, too. May he rest in peace.

I told my parents, so they decided to make a doctor's appointment. That's when the doctors told my parents to sign me up for an endoscopy. That's when they shove a tiny camera down your throat! And I was in fourth grade when they did this! I was really nervous because 1) they were putting a tiny camera down my throat, and 2) the doctors might find what's wrong with me. But when the doctor checked me, they didn't find anything wrong. They were stuck as to why I kept getting this feeling when everything was fine. So they prescribed medicine for me to see if that would help. That medicine didn't help. They kept giving me different and different types of medicines, but once again-- nothing.

As I got older, that feeling didn't bother me that much. I found out that having a mint or a minty gum helped. Yeah sure, now I still might not be able to do certain things without feeling like I'm going to be sick. For example, I can't eat certain food, too much candy or junk food, even if I have little. I can't always do sports or active things. Even getting excited to go somewhere or getting something exciting can trigger this feeling. But I can better control getting nauseous. I know what to do, and what not to do; what to eat and what not to eat. But, thankfully, I can live my life the way I want, even if I still get this feeling.

That's why I believe that your illness shouldn't hold you down. Your illness shouldn't control your life. Live your life the way you want to live your life. Don't let some sickness hold you back, and choose the way your life goes.



By Sacia Matthews

You know me for making amazing jokes, so here's one now:

Knock Knock?

Who's there?

Daisy. Daisy who?

Dai-sy me rolling-- they hating!

You may not believe me, but if you laughed at that joke, you may have just extended your life. Now you're probably thinking "I don't believe that, this isn't a fairy tale," or "that's not true, because I haven't seen something like that happen." Some say to see is to believe, but a belief doesn't have to be something tangible. It can be a thought or a way of life. They can be right or wrong, but let's just quickly agree that no one can ever truly be the judge of that. If you think I'm serious now, prepare yourself-- it's about to get a little more serious. If you haven't figured it out, my belief is that laughing and jokes are the key to live a happy and healthy life.\*

People believe many things will get them a long life: medicine, exercise, eating right (there was even that one guy who thought 5 hour energy could give you eternal life. By the way, it would cost about \$8.7 million dollars for that to work. Only the rich could live forever it seems). However, laughing is the body's natural way of enlightening itself and extending your life. I don't really have any personal stories of my life being extended, but I do have a story about my life becoming happier from a little bit (a lot) of laughing.

I have a really bad habit of spacing out and starting to think of things I told myself I should never think of. But in the middle of a nice summer day, I started to think about all of the sad things. I thought of my relatives who have passed away, and how they must've felt being surrounded by all

their loved ones without being able to stay awake long enough to say a simple farewell. I thought of how desperate they must have been to keep their eyes open and I wondered if they just let it all happen. I don't know because I wasn't there. And next to that really sad thought, I also felt regret that I couldn't be there. I couldn't say I love you or anything, you know? (This took a dark turn, didn't it?) So, for at least a week I was thinking about all these feelings, so much that my head hurt and my sleep was getting affected, too. (I know you're waiting for the comedy part. It's coming, no tears!)

However, in my family the women are very perceptive and can see through anything you say or do. So my mom saw me moping about and not smiling (very unlike myself) and because my Mom is the best, she gave me a bunch of hugs, and gave me tons of my favorite food. Examples would be anything made by my mom. We were also watching comedies, like Lethal Weapon (the original, not the show). While I was watching the movies and laughing like crazy, I felt my mood change drastically. After the third movie we watched, I felt happy and energized and almost forgot the problems I had.

Laughing is just a great thing to me. I love to laugh, smile and joke around. I've told you to consider it a cure, but it's also an awesome feeling to experience. You should never miss the chance to watch a funny movie or do something silly. Even if you're having a *good* day, you should find time for yourself to make your day *awesome*, because the happier you are in life the healthier you become.

\*(Cheerios reference not intended).

opposite happened. I didn't score a point, whenever I passed the ball it went out of bounds or the other team intercepted the pass, and we lost. That day I vowed to my team, I would do better.

Again the opposite happened, we won one game the whole season, and I only scored 2 points. The summer came, and all I had on my mind was to get better. I vowed to work every day until I melted from heat. Next year, I was so much better; I was on a great rec. team with older kids in my league. I was a little scared since everyone was bigger, but I still gave my best. I had 5 points with a and one 3 point shot. The rest of the season we only lost one game and I scored at least 5 points or higher every game. We won the championship, and I feel like I had a great contribution to that even in playing in a league where I am the youngest.

This year I made the modified team which I feel proud of as an accomplishment. Just like LeBron and even my father when they were about my age, I put in the hard work. I want to be successful like them, and I believe that I will.

Russell Westbrook --no doubt the MVP-- passed "Big O," Oscar Robertson's, record of triple doubles, for a matter of fact he averages a triple double. In high school, Westbrook wasn't those big names such as LeBron and Zion Williams today, he was a nobody to be honest, but now he is a superstar who has no limits in scoring. He exemplifies the definition of ambition, and that's why I believe ambition is more important than ability.

By Sandra Ramos

Think of a time where you were mad at someone. Did they say something they weren't supposed to? Did they tease you? Or maybe it wasn't someone, or rather, something. Maybe about moving or about the weather. Whatever it may be, you've been mad about something in your life. The question is, do you hold on to that feeling, or do you end up letting it go? I've heard that a lot of kids get mad about their parent's divorces. Everyone goes through that period, it's reasonable. You don't always have to stick with that feeling though.

I believe that there is always an upside to parent divorces. I mean, you do get two of everything sometimes. That's kind of nice. There are multiple stages everyone goes through with family divorces. Not everyone goes through them all or at the same time. My parents separated from each other on February of 2012. Quite the birthday present. I officially moved in with my dad on April of 2012. Their separation didn't impact me or hit me as hard as I thought it would. I thought I would be extremely sad and mad. I should've seen it coming. They never talked unless in was to help with my homework. They didn't even sleep in the same bed. I guess I turned a blind eye to it. Which was really dumb on my part, if I'm honest. If anything, I was confused. Confused as to when it all started going downhill. I was curious too. Yet I never had it in me to actually ask out loud, 'why'. Three more months passed, and it finally hit me: I didn't have a picture perfect family. There wouldn't be any more dinners with each other. I hadn't had that in a long time actually. Those first seven months, my dad was extremely depressed. My mom, who knows. I hadn't seen her in so long. Or my brother. I was too scared to ask my dad about them though. I thought it would make my dad sad, or even mad. Then I saw him rapidly losing weight. He would barely ever speak to me. That's when I got really mad at what this separation did to him. Not only was he hurting emotionally, but physically as well. Yet, seeing what it was doing to my dad, it didn't cross my mind once to hate my mom. After everything, she was still my mom. She had cared for me for a decade of her life and my life. I was mad at the circumstances and how I, along with other kids, didn't have a mom and dad together anymore.

Then, I don't know how, but some-

By Sarah Sanzebin

When was the last time you glanced at CNN or BBC? Probably not recently. We are the next generation, yet we have little to no knowledge that is happening around us. New bills, new policies, and new rules don't mean much to us. At our age, many of us focus on things like school, sports, and friends, and most of us are content with that. But what if I told you that there is another world beyond this small town? Yeah, pretty shocking. We are all in a nice state of peace- it's called ignorance.

We are all educated individuals and we are still learning. But tell me, what's the use of being educated if you are not going to use your knowledge to change anything? We have people who believe that the Earth is flat and that global warming doesn't exist. Don't be one of those people; you are surrounded by technology- use it.

In ELA one day, a classmate voiced her opinion on our president. She defended him, and proudly supported him. I respected how supportive she was and how she was not afraid to voice her opinions. However, when I was debating with her, she had absolutely no idea on what the travel ban was. This proves how clueless we are when we choose to form an opinion. We form opinions without even researching or getting involved. I believe that we teens need to be more involved with more global issues.

We are the future, and what is the future if there is nothing of the past? The

thing started changing. About two years ago I saw my dad smiling more and talking with me more. He was getting better. Maybe it was because he got a raise. Or talking with his parents. The weather getting better could have done it too. All I cared about though was that he was getting better. I couldn't stand not knowing how my mom was and finally got the courage to ask if I could call her. I remember my dad saying no matter how he was doing, I could've asked sooner. After all, she was my mom. I had a right to know how she was doing. The same for my brother. Now, four years later, I see and talk with my mom at least twice a week and sometimes my dad comes along. They agreed not to be mad at each other forever and at least be in speaking terms for me and my brother. With a newly found sister as well. I am so thankful and happy that they made that decision for me and my siblings. I know that they won't get back together and that is absolutely fine by me.

I could've fell into a deep hole of sadness and anger, but I didn't. You don't have to either. I had the help of friends and family members. They attempted to distract me, and it helped more than I realized it did. I remember one time my aunts made me go to a pool house with them. I, being my moody self, didn't want to. I went anyways since I don't have it me to say no. Yet being there, I had a lot of fun and I was laughing. That's when I thought, "I never used to do this with my parents". They were trying to help me through emotions. From then on, I promised myself to try new things and find enjoyment in things I never used to do with my parents.

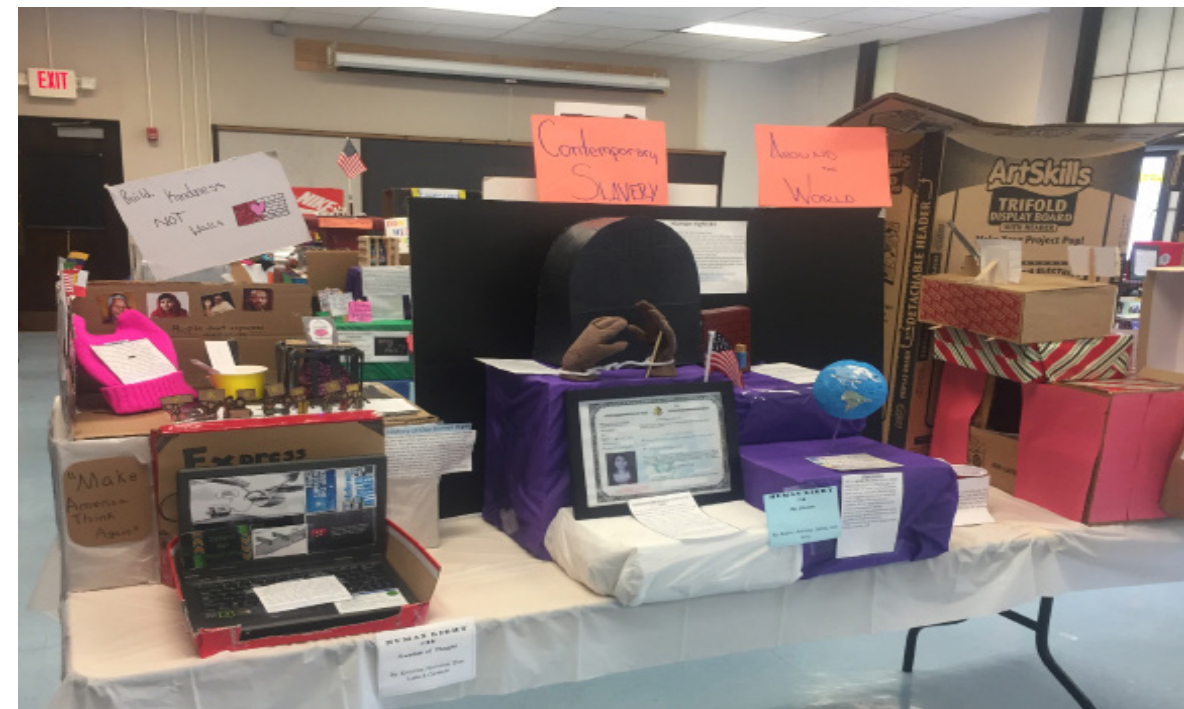
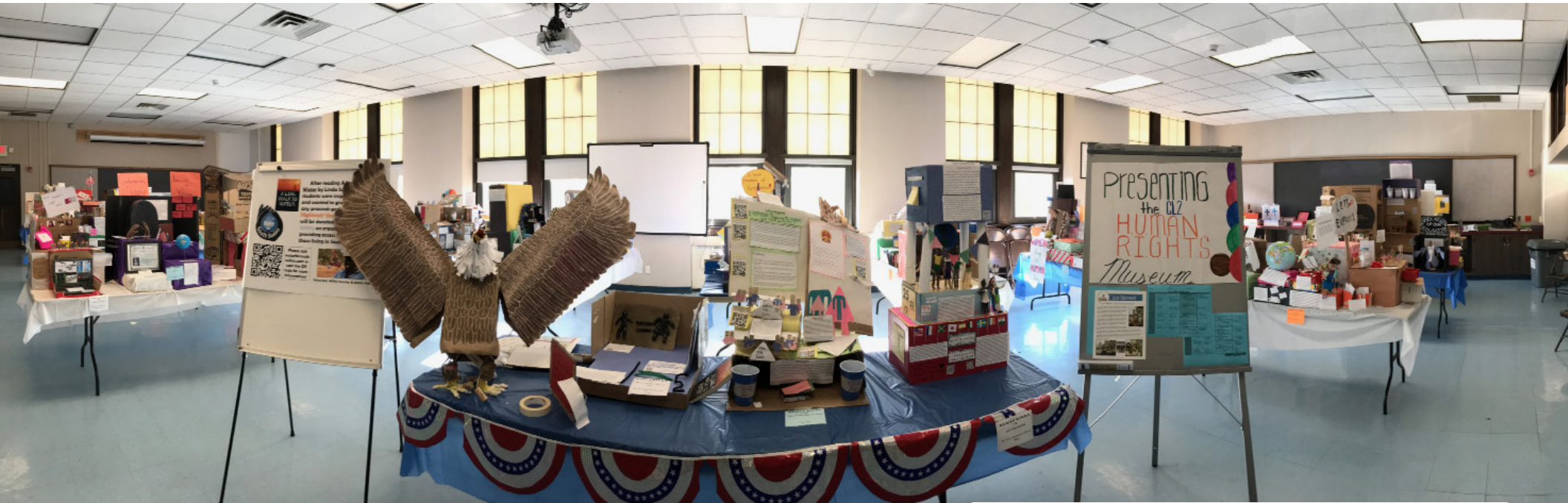
I know my parents aren't everyone's parents. Maybe yours are across the states from each other. Around the world, maybe. Regardless of where your parents are, I've found that the best way to get over something tough like a divorce is to use a distraction. At least that helps me. Having the thought always on your mind is a bad thing. Give yourself a break and go out with friends. Listen to music. Anything that replaces the anger and sadness with happiness. Over time, it will get better, and you won't be mad about the circumstances anymore. There should be a point and time where you finally forgive. Divorces shouldn't always leave you in the worst mind set. If anything, you should be proud you got through it.

world will change before us, and we won't realize what's happening. Once, another of my classmates justified him not caring about the news as it was "too sad". A lot of things in life are sad- you can't run away

from it. In November, there was a lot of hype during the presidential elections. Right after, no one cares of what's happening now. All that excitement quickly went away after the election was over. With us knowing about what's happening, we know what's going on and we know what our government is doing. You have a voice, and it's there for you to use.

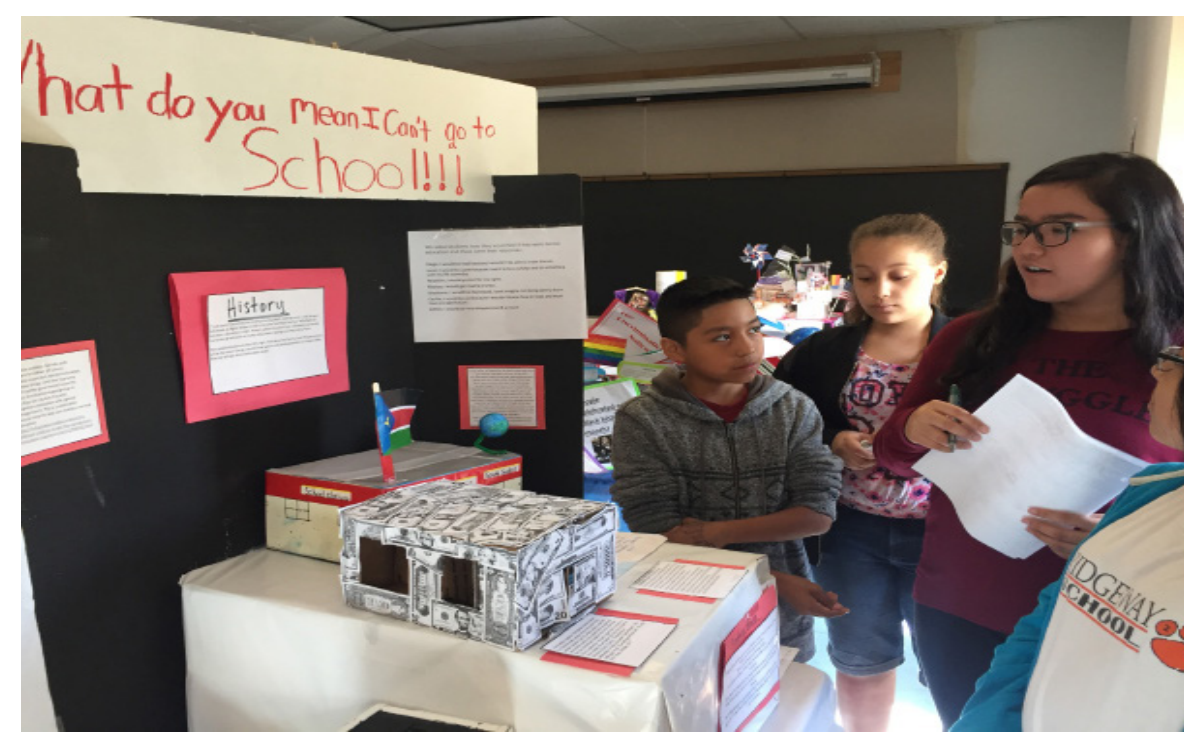
As teens, most of us here have cell-phones. If I asked you why you couldn't check the news, some of you will probably say that you are too busy. But really, are you that busy? If you have time to post on your story, or comment on anything, you definitely have some time to glance at the news headings. There's a lot of things happening right now. Gay men are being sent to camps in Russia, Republicans planning to take away free lunch for poor kids. Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, and pedophilia is all on a rapid rise. Are you okay with all this happening right under your noses? You are one person, but you can educate many others of what's going on. You can change something. You can be involved with petitions; even reading the news once in a while will do.

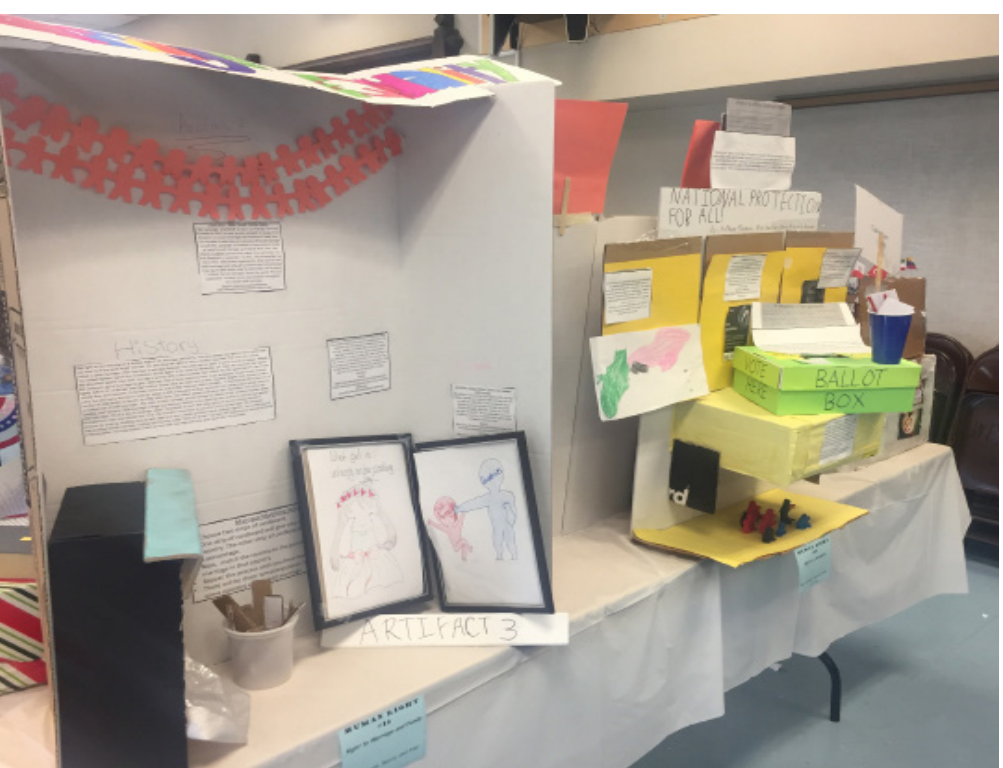
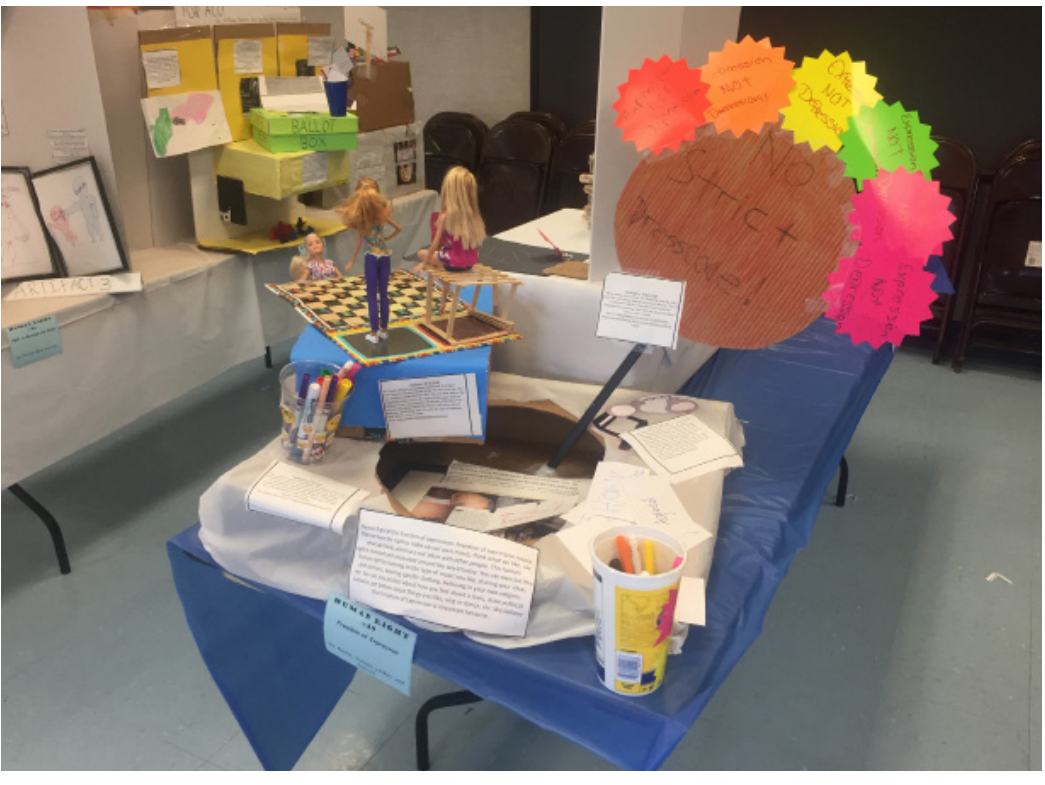
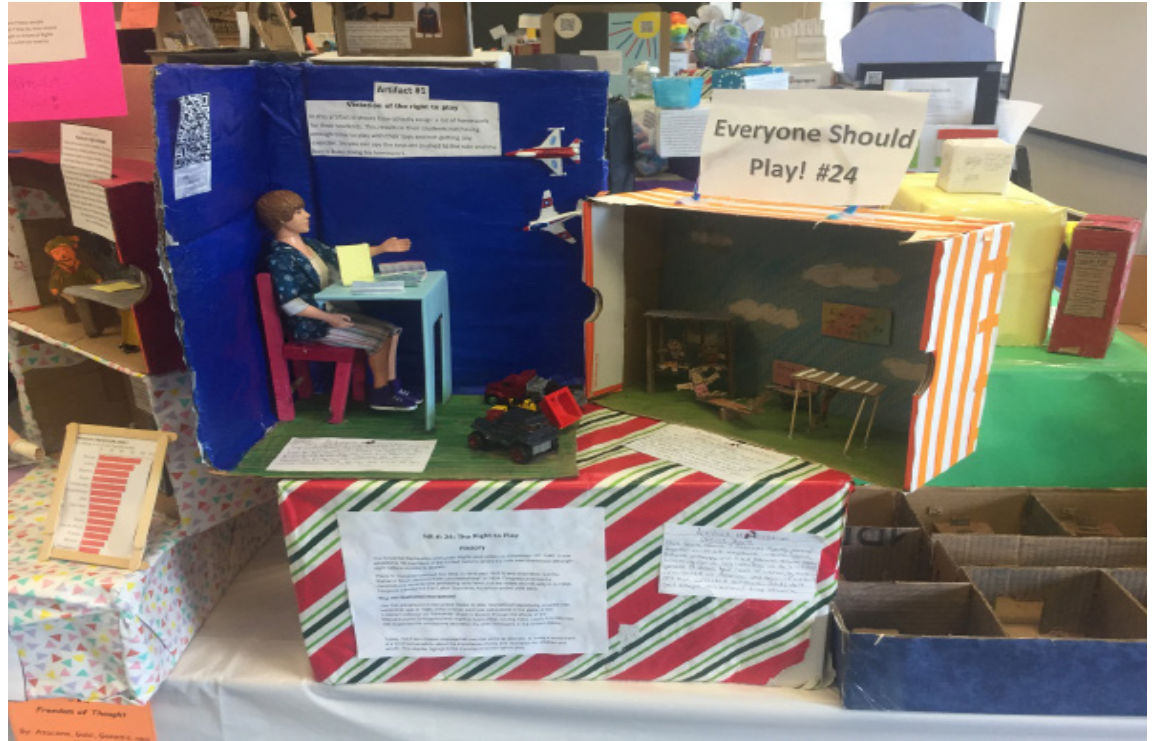
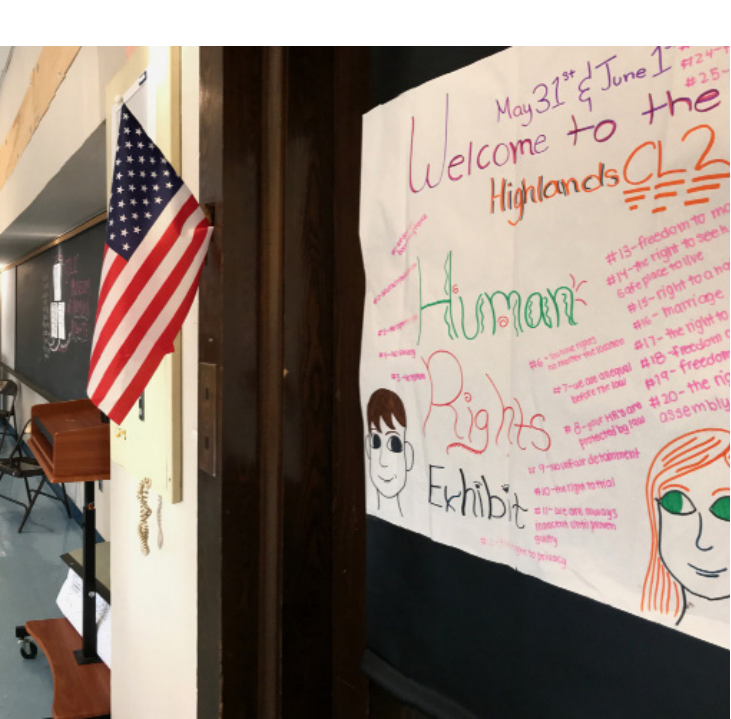
You have one lifetime to make things right. Let's start now.



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Our 7th graders created the Highlands Museum of Human Rights. Exhibits made of recycled material. Important issues addressed. Very impressed!





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