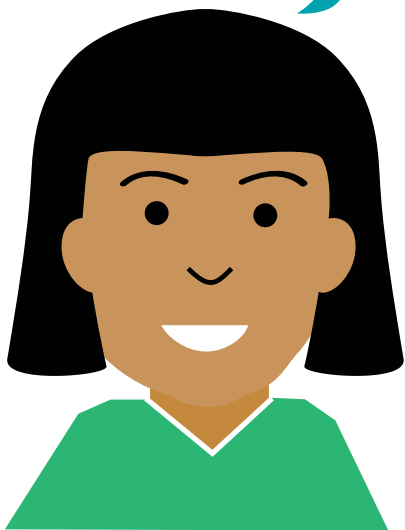
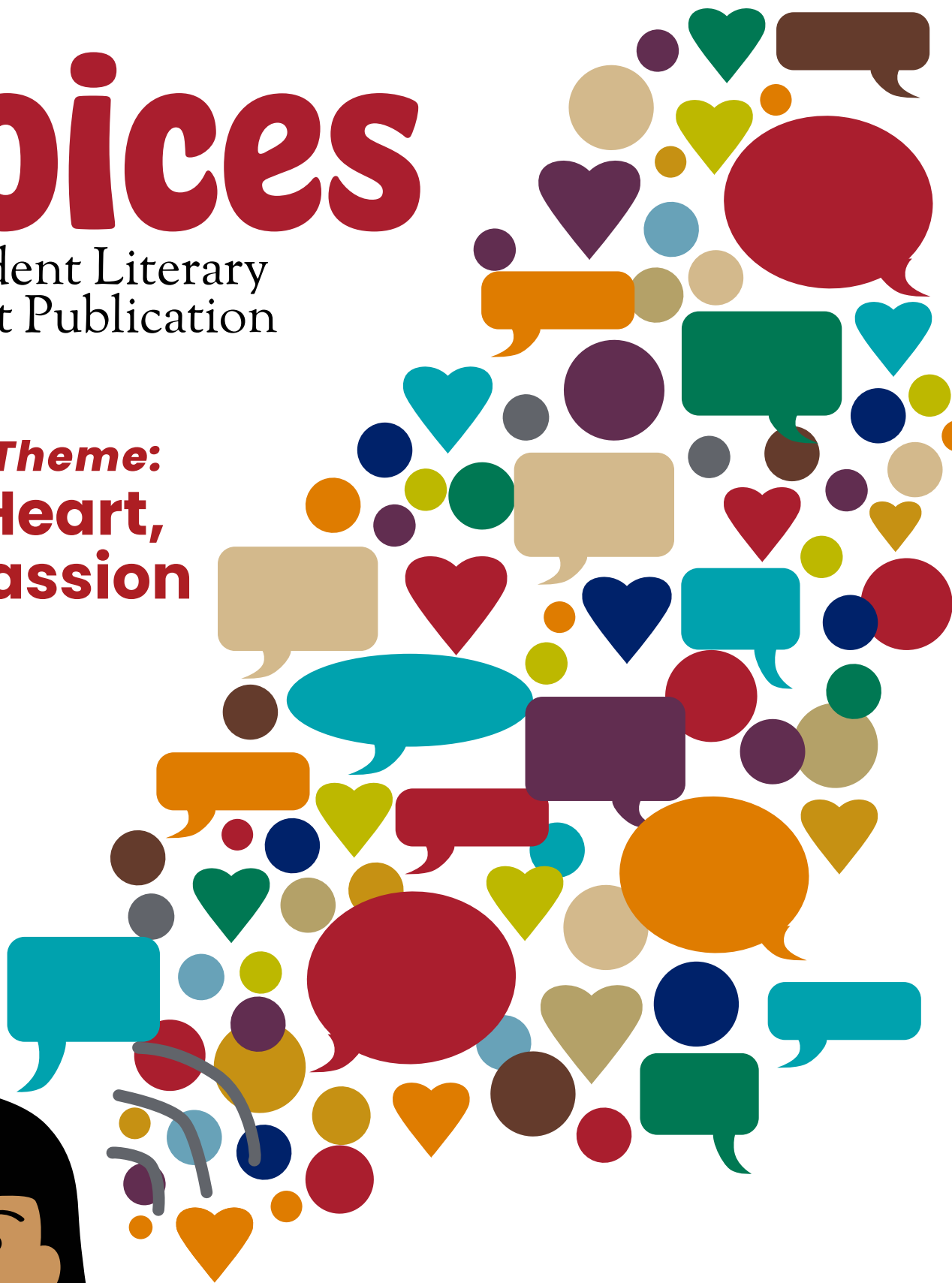


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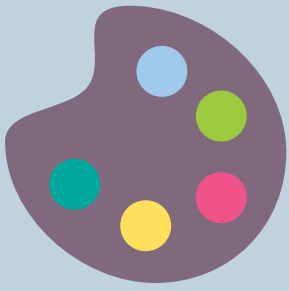
# Voices

A Student Literary  
and Art Publication

**2024 Theme:**  
**My Heart,  
My Passion**



Roseville  
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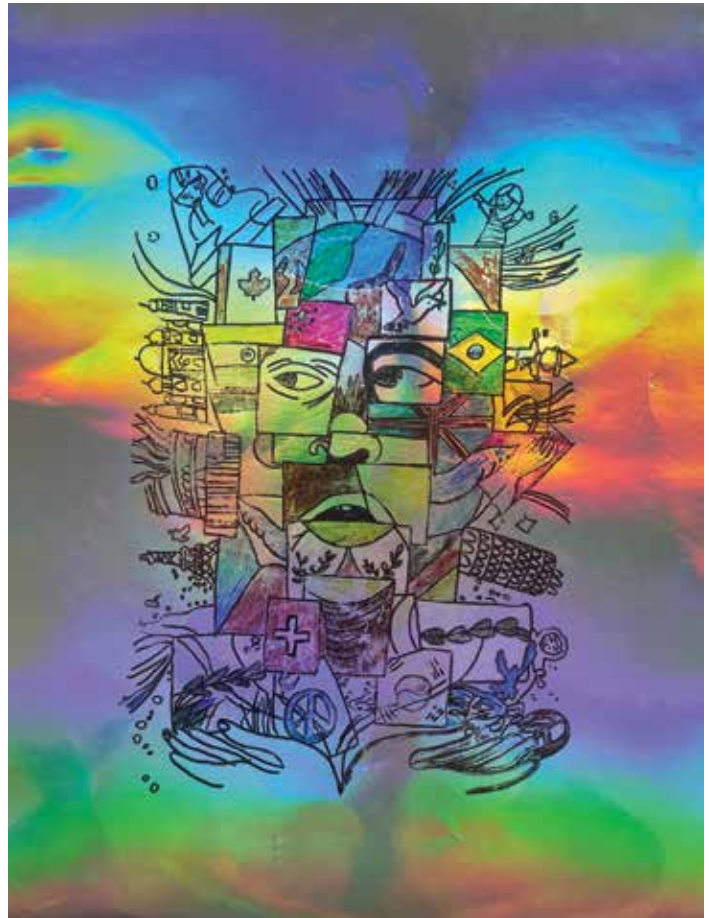
## Welcome to 2024 Voice!

Welcome to this special issue of Voices, Roseville Area Schools' annual student literary and art publication in which we showcase the incredible talents and heartfelt expressions of our students. The theme for this edition is "My Heart, My Passion," a celebration of what we love, what is important to us, what excites and moves us, and what inspires us each day.

Our students have poured their hearts into creating pieces of writing and artwork that reveal the core of their passions. As Leah from Little Canada beautifully articulated, "My heart is pumping my passion throughout me." This vivid imagery eloquently captures what you will discover in this issue—a glimpse into the unique interests that not only shape individual lives but also enrich our collective experience. Through sharing their passions, our students enrich their academic and social pursuits, and cultivate empathy, understanding, and appreciation for diverse perspectives.

We hope you enjoy this year's issue of Voices!

Emily Bloomquist & Trina Hira  
Editors



### **The World All Around**

*By Juan (Emmett D. Williams Elementary, Grade 4)*

My heart and passion is seeing people learning together in all places.

### **Bubble and Grow**

*By Kylie (RAMS, Grade 7)*

My heart is where my feelings start  
They bubble and grow til they overflow  
And when I start to feel a bit nauseous  
I then start to be overly cautious

So I take these feelings that bubble and grow  
And I put them into something I know  
Things like art, books, music and fashion  
I put it together and find my passion

When these feelings bubble and grow  
I create something where my feelings show  
I'll do the things you can only imagine  
And let myself shine through this thing called  
Passion

Disclaimer: Selected pieces were chosen from work submitted by teachers and students in spring 2024. Due to space limitations, not all submitted pieces can be included. More Voice submissions can be viewed online [isd623.org/learning/voices](https://isd623.org/learning/voices). Also, in a few cases pieces have been lightly edited from their original form.



### A Piece of My Heart

By Emalia and Lucy (Parkview Center School, Grade 6)

Our artwork is showing each of our hands holding a heart with words and pictures that represent things we both love.

## Falcon Heights Elementary

By Eliza (Falcon Heights, Grade 6)

School sweet school  
Inside it's always cool

They teach us how to keep and make friends  
I hope they stay until the end

My teachers focus on education  
But ensure time for recreation

Gym, Music, Art  
With those I cannot part

I love sitting at my desk writing poems  
Ha! That'll show 'em!

I strongly enjoy all the encouragement  
With my stack of stories, you don't know  
how much it meant

I keep this specific one close to heart  
Even though it is just one part

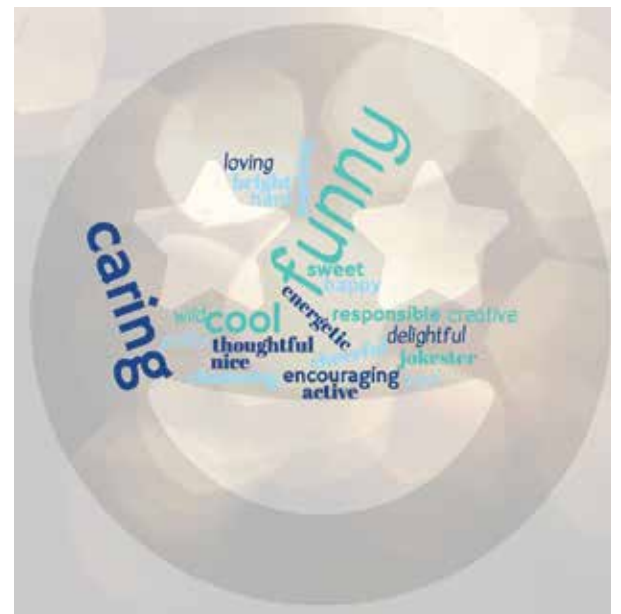
My puzzle stories and dreams  
I promise you, Falcon is more than it seems



### Hope

By Skyla (Roseville Area Middle School, Grade 7)

The girl in the picture is drawing and she is doubting herself and her skills. People judge her about her talent, hobbies, what she supports. But she still sees the light to her road.



### My Awesome Family

By Kamarre (Edgerton Elementary, Grade 5)

My family inspires me to work hard and keep my head up. The traits of my family are listed in my artwork.



## Do What You Love, Never Give Up

By Bila (Roseville Area High School, Grade 10)

I choose basketball as my visual to this theme of my heart and my passion. Basketball is a common sport that people play but it is also symbolic: I like to think like the hoop in the game is an accomplishment that we make after failing over and over to get into the hoop. I love the concept of running around until we make something that we want to feel accomplished even when it's small.



## Pride

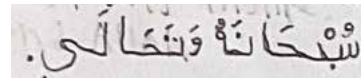
By Ava (Parkview Center School, Grade 8)

Being part of the LGBTQIA+ community is something I am proud of and am glad to support even if I'm judged for it.

## Equality

By Hasan (Parkview, Grade 7)

To me and my own Muslim brothers and sisters,  
What matters most and inspires us is Islam and Allah.

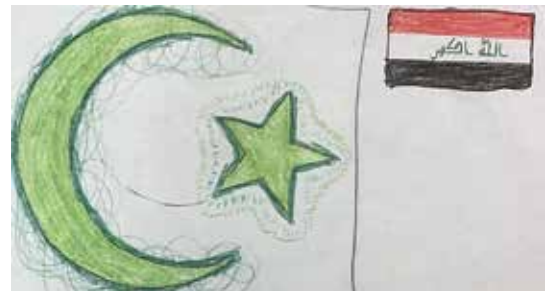


(Glorious and exalted is he.)

The Qur'an, my religion, my friends, my family, and  
the 5 Pillars of Islam, and the 6 Pillars of Faith.

Every time I am successful or memorize a Surah,  
it excites me.

I believe that everyone is welcome and  
should be treated respectfully and fairly.



## My Friends

By Heba (RAMS, Grade 7)

They're my friends  
I wonder what I'd do without them  
I hear them laugh  
I see their beautiful smiles  
I want to always have them by my side  
They're my friends  
I pretend we're a family  
I feel happy with them  
I need them  
I worry I'll move away  
I cry thinking I'll lose them  
They're my friends  
I understand we'll have problems  
I believe we'll figure them out together  
I dream to always be happy with them  
I try to put a smile on their faces  
I hope to always enjoy life with them  
They're my friends

Inspired by: *The girls who always stayed by my side*



### Black Lives

*By Malaysia (Fairview Alternative High School, Grade 11)*

### Spring Morning

*By Boden (EDW, Grade 2)*

Worms stirring in the ground,  
 Many birds to be found,  
 I hear their peaceful song,  
 I hear them singing and saying,  
 Won't you sing along?

Damp beautiful spider webs,  
 Quite sparkly in the grass,  
 And a little cloud of raindrops,  
 Won't you let them pass,

New pollen in the air,  
 Smells like honey,  
 Quite sweet and fair.

Alas, Alas  
 We must take cover,  
 For I hear the sound  
 of lightning and thunder!

And while the storm is  
 Raging outside...  
 We are safe and comfy  
 In our sweet, cozy home.



### Everything I Love

*By Eavan (Parkview, Grade 8)*



### Art Class

*By Karl (Brimhall Elementary, Grade 4)*

This drawing shows how Roseville Area Schools  
 has taught me art and I love art.



### I'm Passionate About...

By Lillian (Falcon Heights Elementary, Grade 4)

It is a heart with all my favorite and most passionate things in the middle.

### Part Of My Heart

By Elise (Falcon Heights, Grade 4)

My family is Part Of My Heart  
 Loving me, caring for me, encouraging me  
 They're always there for me  
 My friends are Part Of My Heart  
 Playing, laughing, joking  
 They cheer me on!  
 Reading is Part Of My Heart  
 Fiction, faith tales, mysteries  
 A new world with every book  
 Gymnastics is Part Of My Heart  
 Flipping, dancing, tumbling  
 Getting up when I fall  
 Figure skating is Part Of My Heart  
 Jumping, spinning, FLYING!  
 Better each day with help from my coach  
 Art is Part Of My Heart  
 Painting, drawing, writing  
 Beautiful art makes people happy  
 Baking is Part Of My Heart  
 Sweet, savory or salty  
 Measure carefully!  
 These things make me  
 Me!  
 There's no one else I'd rather be.



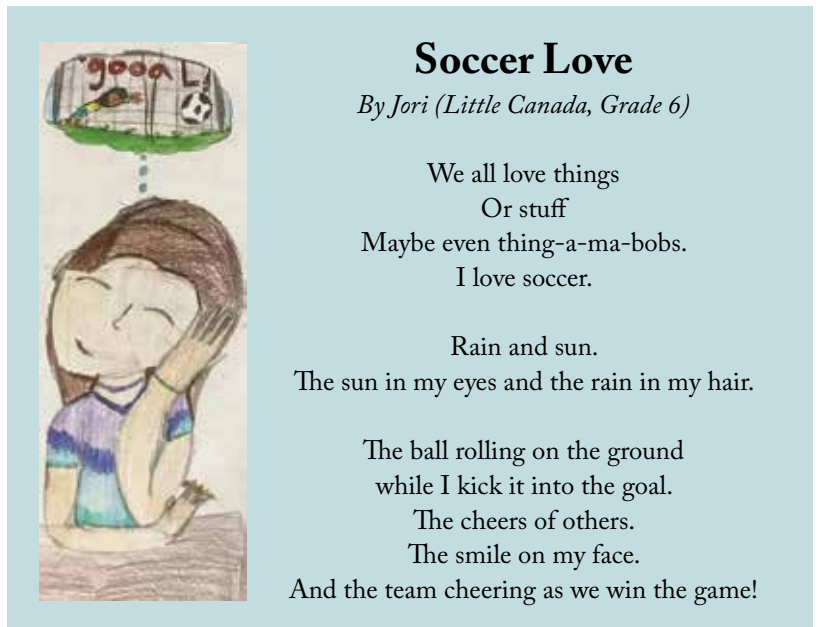
### My Passions

By Maria (Fairview Alternative High School, Grade 11)

### Mine

By Zoe (RAMS, Grade 7)

My heart  
 My passion  
 My love  
 My body  
 My choice  
 My option  
 My heart  
 My passion



### Soccer Love

By Jori (Little Canada, Grade 6)

We all love things  
 Or stuff  
 Maybe even thing-a-ma-bobs.  
 I love soccer.  
  
 Rain and sun.  
 The sun in my eyes and the rain in my hair.  
  
 The ball rolling on the ground  
 while I kick it into the goal.  
 The cheers of others.  
 The smile on my face.  
 And the team cheering as we win the game!



### Cats and Rainbows

By Eden (Parkview, Grade 7)



### My Life

By Leah (Little Canada Elementary, Grade 6)  
Just as blood in veins gives us life, I replaced the blood with words that I am passionate about so my heart is pumping my passion throughout me.

## My Heart, My Passion Haikus

By Jaak, Colin, Rose, and Evelyn (EDW, grade 2)



**Books**, by Jaak (EDW, Grade 2)

Word jump out at me,  
Leaping, spinning, hopping.  
They make me happy, too.



**Art**, by Colin (EDW, Grade 2)

My desire it makes  
the world go round and round, it  
is awesome, it's love.



**My Grandma**, by Rose  
(EDW, grade 2)

I always love her  
She will always play with me  
She always loves me



**Nature is Amazing**, by Evelyn (EDW, Grade 2)

Great smelling flowers!  
Sunshine makes me feel happy!!  
Ohhhh cute animals!



**Dragon Life** by Maddie (Parkview Center School, Grade 6)  
I like dragons. They are misunderstood. I drew them to show you that they are kind creatures.



### Fencing in Nature

By Rosa (Emmet D. Williams Elementary, Grade 2)

I love to learn about nature, and I love to fence. So I decided to make that into an artwork.

### Not Giving Up

By Izzy (Edgerton, Grade 6)

Why give up?

Why not try?

Not doing what you like  
Will make you cry.

Things take time  
Wait and you will see.

You will see how far you've gotten  
Watch and see how far you've come...

Try now and become better than you've been  
for your whole life.



### My Passion and Culture

By Jayden (Edgerton Elementary, Grade 5)

My sister inspires me to do Hmong dancing.

## My Heart, Mind, and Body

By Molly (RAHS, Grade 10)

My heart, mind, and body  
All remember this feeling  
Feeling so many feelings being pent up

With the amount of courage  
I was willing to do the unknown  
I was scared but I found the right feelings  
To do what was pulling me  
I was always told "you won't make much money"  
But it makes me happy  
Was I supposed to throw away my hopes and dreams  
To fulfill your broken desires?

I'm not one to be forgotten and be buried  
I will shine and shine brighter than anything  
You will see and you will trust me

I want to do art  
I want to do music  
It makes me me  
My heart, mind, and body  
Already know what they want

The stars will align to my very own constellation  
To help guide me  
Through thick and thin  
I hope to make you proud and happy  
I will choose the best path to achieve  
My goals and yours

Please put trust in me and my abilities  
As my heart, mind, and body have been aligned  
My courage and passion blossom

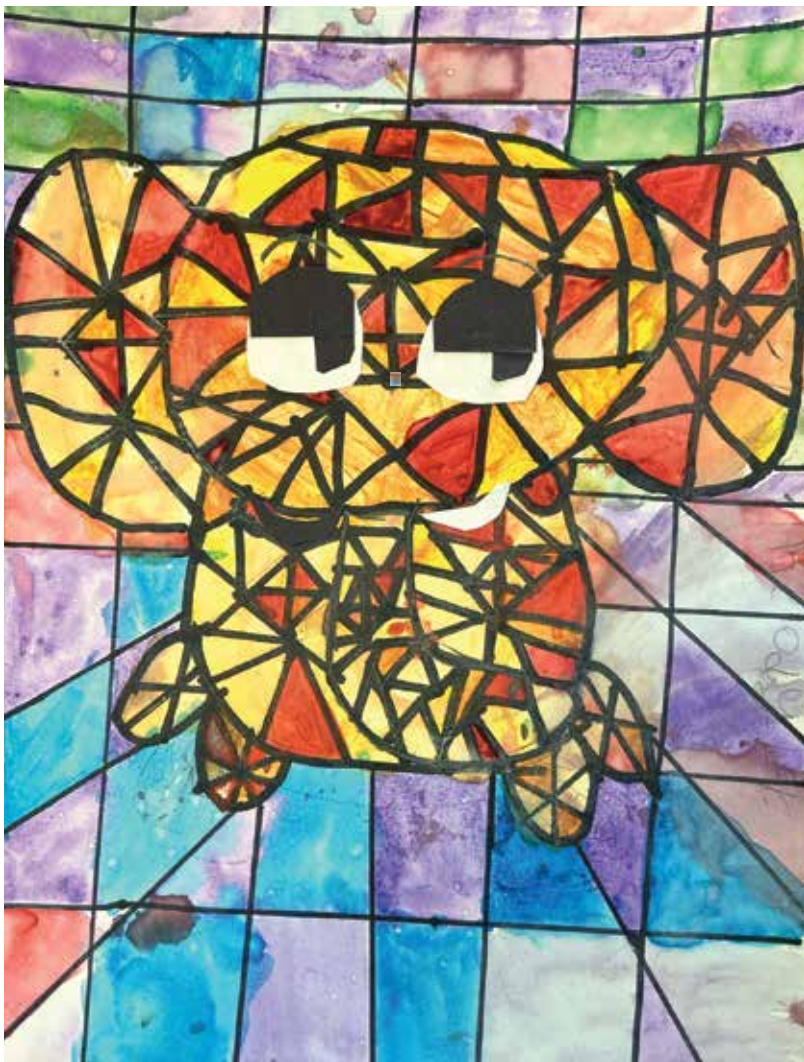


### Drawing is My Passion

by Gotham (Harambee Elementary, Grade 5)

I like to draw things because it makes me feel talented and happy. The more I draw, the better I get at it. I started by drawing an eye and it made me think of all the things I see.





### Fire Elephant

By Melody (Edgerton Elementary, Grade 4)

Making artwork warms my heart.



### Coconut Grove in the Philippines

By Hazel (Edgerton Elementary, Grade 5)

I am really interested in the Philippines because my ancestors are from there.

### Water In My Veins

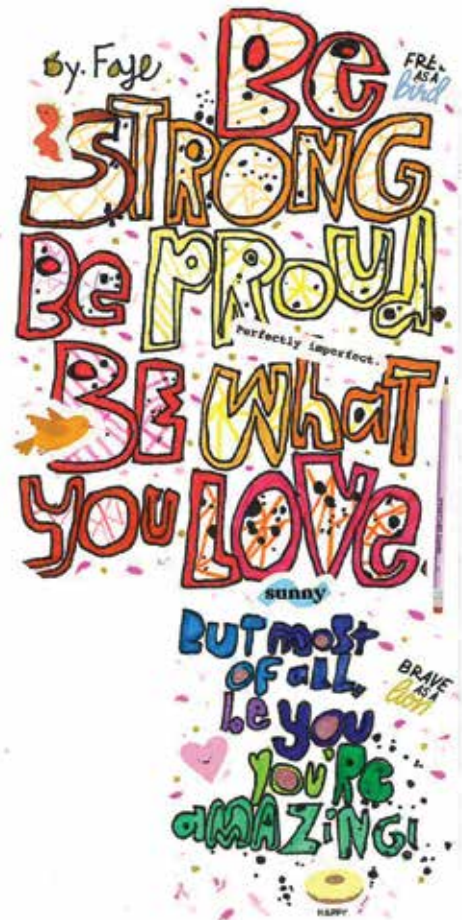
By Quinn (Little Canada, Grade 5)

I step up  
 Waiting for the whistle.  
 My body tingles.  
 My heart shakes and I am ready to race.

I hear the crowd  
 I get charged up.  
 I jump off the starting block.

I swim and swim until I touch.

That touch made my dream come true.



### Peaceful

By Faye (Emmet D. Williams Elementary, Grade 3)

I love making art and inspiring other people with my work and making them feel good about themselves.



### I Gently Open the Door

By Asha (Roseville Area Middle School, Grade 7)

This art depicts a girl holding her face. I can feel her passion.  
What is she passionate about?

## The Emotion Issue

By Vanna (RAMS, Grade 7)

A long time ago I was informed  
that emotions come from the brain,  
not the heart.  
That the heart is merely for pumping blood and nothing more.

The brain,  
which is charged with many other tasks as it is,  
is where emotion comes from.

And that sounded wrong.

The heart is nearly the center of your body.  
Your heart is your soul, your core.  
After all, isn't the term "broken heart" and not "broken brain"?  
If there were no heart, there would be no  
personality,  
individuality,  
excitement,  
pain,  
grief,  
fear,  
joy.

For without these things,  
without creative expression,  
without passion,  
without emotion,  
is a heart even a heart?



### Live the Life You Live

By Gao (Fairview Alternative High School, Grade 12)



### Notebook

By Maya (Brimhall Elementary, Grade 4)

I love creating art with drawing for my whole life.  
It is my favorite passion and hobby.



### Inside Out

*By Norah (Falcon Heights Elementary, Grade 4)*

Anyone can be whoever they want to be so don't keep it inside. Let it shine bright.

### The Mind of a Cellist

*By Kenzie (Little Canada, Grade 5)*

The sound. The vibration.  
The music. My cello.

When I play you feel the music in your heart.  
I get creative with music.  
I feel the sound.  
The vibration.

I see the horse hair on my bow and see it slowly coming off.  
I see the strings shaking side to side with a slight blur.

I started playing cello because out of all the string instruments only the cello caught my eye.

The cello inspires me by the sounds because the cello range is deeply layered and rich and timbre.

Deep low sounds.  
Warm, living tones.  
Rich sounds.



### Art is Passion

*By Sabiqa (Brimhall Elementary, Grade 4)*

I have always liked art. It is a fun thing to do to get away from everything when I draw.

# What is Passion?

By Ella (RAMS, Grade 8)

What is a passion?

A wish?

A hope?

A thought?

What is it to me?

A dream?

A goal?

An ambition?

What does it mean to have a passion?

To feel a sense of purpose?

To have a reason?

To know your heart?

A passion is more than a dream

It's your being,

It motivates,

It drives,

It controls you and you alone

It makes you, you

And what makes you, you

Is more important than any

Trophy on a shelf.

It's your essence

Your being

An inspiration

A message

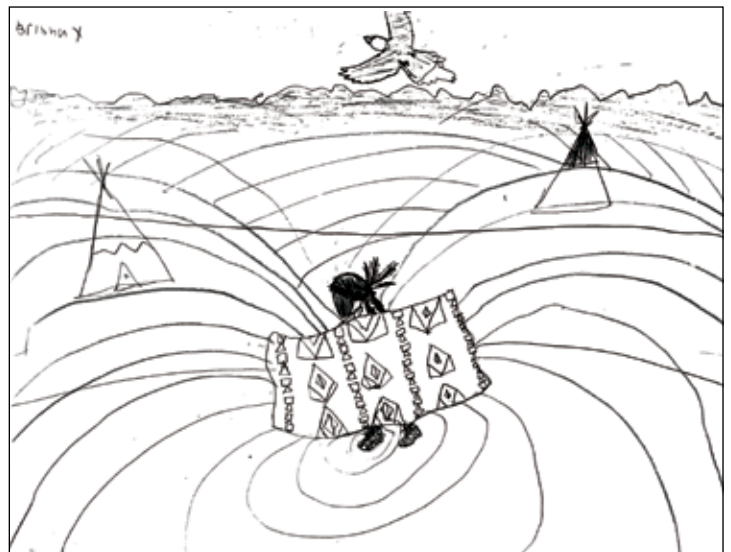
A want

It's you



## Passionate About Soccer

by Luis (Fairview Alternative High School, Grade 11)



## My Culture

By Brishay (Edgerton Elementary, Grade 5)

I find passion in Native dancing.



## The Galaxy of Love

by Savien (Parkview Center School, Grade 7)

My art relates to this topic because I like the earth and it is important to me.



## Passion Project

by Katie (Fairview Alternative High School, Grade 11)



### Together

By Ingrid (Emmet D. Williams Elementary, Grade 4)

I want the world to feel like anyone can be anyone or anything they want to be.



### Book of Love

By Neha (Roseville Area Middle School, Grade 7)

Write and read what you love about yourself and how you feel about you!



### My Passion

By Grace (Falcon Heights, Grade 6)

The crowd roaring,  
 5 seconds on the clock.  
 It's now or never.  
 One shot is all it takes.  
 It's her and the goalie.  
 She shoots and it's like time stops.  
 It's good!  
 She scores!  
 The crowd goes wild!  
 It's #87 with the winning goal!



### Love Contains Everything

By Cooper (Brimhall Elementary, Grade 4)

I love all the different things my family does to help all the people around them.



## Art

By Reina (Falcon Heights, Grade 3)

## My Passion

By Ella (RAMS, Grade 8)

A pen, a paper  
Words flowing naturally  
A story is forming

It could be long  
Or it could be short  
Or it could even be in between

What matters not is its size  
Only what it represents  
Something more than words on a paper

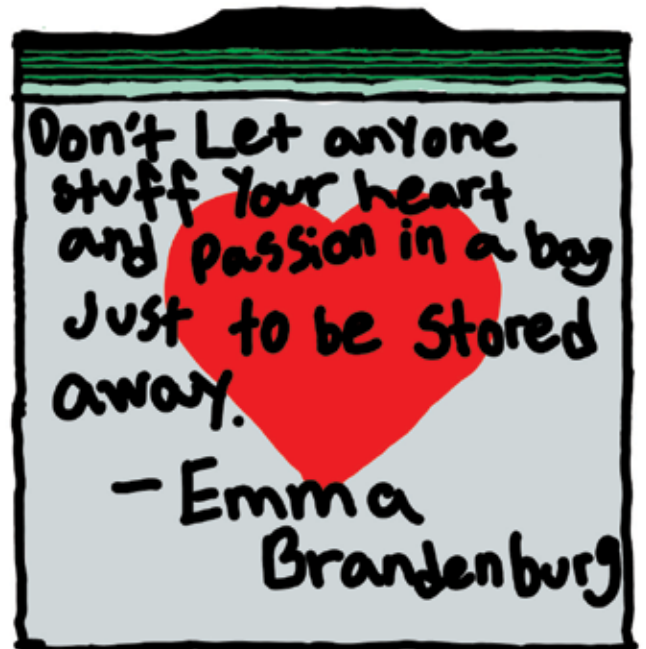
It represents my heart  
My life  
My passion

## Helping

By Olivia (Falcon Heights, Grade 4)

One of my passions is  
helping people in need.

Some are swimming  
Some are writing  
But some are suffering  
Trying to find a home  
Need help  
Need love  
Need you and me



## Heart in a Bag

By Emma (RAMS, Grade 7)



1821 - 1913

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

acrostic poem

<b>H</b>	<b>ELPED OVER 300 SLAVES</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>LWAYS WAS HARDWORKING</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>EALLY WAS AN GREAT LEADER</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>ACED TO THE NORTH</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>S AN AMERICAN HERO</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>SCAPED FROM SLAVERY</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>UBMAN IS AN AMERICAN LEGEND</b>



## TUBMAN

### BY CONRAD



**Harriet Tubman**

*By Conrad (Edgerton, Grade 2)*



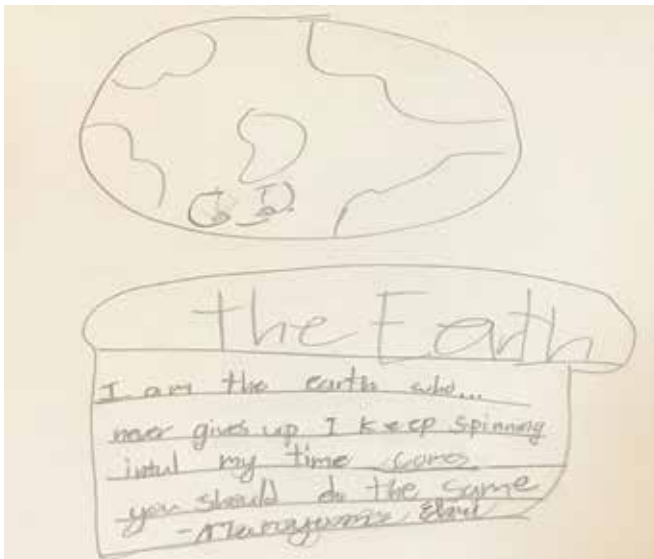
**Passion for Video Games**

*By Esias (Little Canada, Grade 6)*



**What I Like**

*By Cameron (Parkview, Grade 7)*



**Never Stop Spinning**

*By Maryam (Brimball, Grade 4)*



**Sunset**

*By Isaiab (EDW, Grade 1)*



**Paassion**

By Lilia (Harambee, Grade 3)



**All About Me**

By Melody (Edgerton, Grade 2)



**What I Care About**

By Kaiden (Falcon Heights, Grade 5)



**Paassion**

By Victor (Harambee, Grade 4)



**All About Me**

By Magnus (Edgerton, Grade 2)