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# WINTER OLYMPICS 2026

by Giana Uebel, grade 7

The 25th Winter Olympics are coming soon! Whether you want to watch them for their figure skating or snowboarding, the Winter Olympics has something for everyone, but where and when did this grand tradition come from?

The Winter Olympics originated in Chamonix, France, in 1924 and were inspired by the ancient Olympic Games. They started by calling it International Sports Week of the VIII Olympia. There were 14 events for the participating 16 countries at the time, some of which were ice hockey, curling, skating, skiing, and bobsledding. Charles Jewtraw won the first event, the 500m speed skating, and brought home a gold medal for Team USA. The Winter Olympics were such a big hit that they kept bringing them back on a four-year cycle, and later, always two

years after the Summer Olympic Games.

This year the winter games will be held in a few places throughout Italy. In Milano, there will be figure skating, speed skating, and ice hockey. In

Finally, Val Di Fiemme hosts ski jumping, nordic combined, as well as cross-country skiing.

This year, we will be welcoming a new sport to the Winter Olympics, ski mountaineering (also known as skimo)!

Ski mountaineering started out as an ancient travel method to get over mountains more efficiently. It wasn't until the late 1800s that people started to recognize it as a sport. Wilhelm Paulcke became the father of modern ski mountain mountaineering, making the first documented mountain climb. The sport started having competitions in the early 1900s and has evolved since then to what it is today.

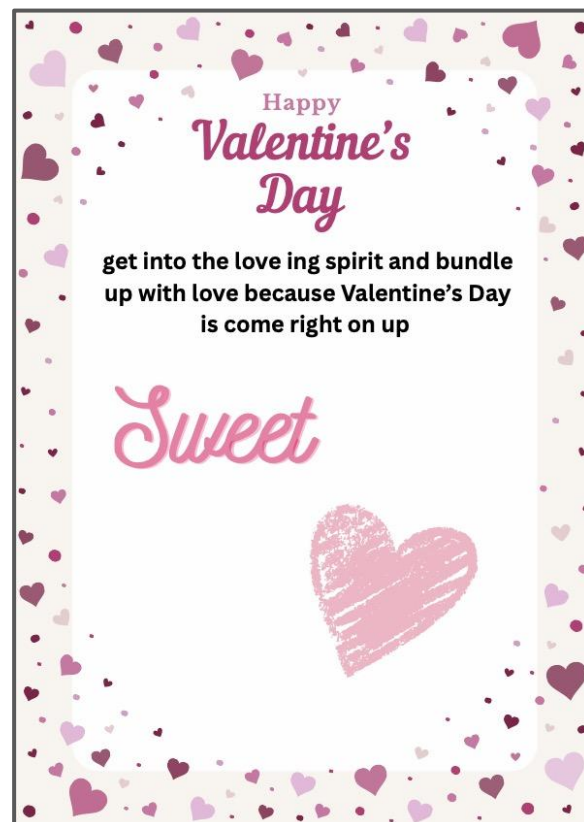
The Winter Olympics only take place every four years, so make sure to watch a few competitions - you might like them more than you think!



Valtellina, freestyle skiing, snowboarding, and ski mountaineering will be held. Cortina is hosting alpine skiing, curling, and other sliding sports.



by Chloe Bollman, grade 7



by Cassidee McSwain, grade 7



by Mira Oswald, grade 7

# IGHMS TEACHER IS AN AUTHOR?!

by Henry Nolan, grade 7

I managed to sit down with 7th grade teacher, Dan Gaisbauer, the author of *A Slap Shot in Time* and *History of Heartbreak: 100 Events That Tortured Minnesota Sports Fans*. Our conversation follows with minor editing to ensure clarity.

Q: What inspired you to write *A Slap Shot in Time*?

A: Honestly, I started creating a documentary about Minnesota sports and when I put it out there, someone on the radio said hey, come on the radio with me, I want to interview you. So I came on, and that was in 2017, and then a book publisher called me and asked to make a book. It kinda fell in my lap, is what I'm saying.

Q: What is your writing process?

A: Lots of research, I look at old newspapers. Kind of how I started. I don't look at random internet stuff, because I

looked at a website once, and the date was wrong, so I use old newspapers now.

Q: Have you done any other writing besides your 2 books?

A: I have a webpage, where I do historical stories, and I write when I find stuff that's interesting.

Q: What's your favorite part of *A Slap Shot in Time*?

A: My favorite part? That I got to meet some of the players. There's a movie based on this story and I got to meet some of the players. The goalie is actually a teacher and we became good friends, so he calls me during the day and bothers me. He wrote the foreword for the book.

Q: Do you have any tips for aspiring writers?

A: Write what you know, don't hesitate to put yourself out there. Comments can be harsh, be yourself, own it, and if people don't like it, who cares. I didn't want to become this, it was more like a side gig, like a distraction from the real world and daily life. It's almost like having a secret identity. I mean, I make a couple bucks a month for this. Do it for fun, not because you want to become a famous author.

If you're interested in reading his books, both are available in print and as ebooks on Amazon.



Memes by Anastasia Reeck, grade 6

## KPOP BEATS

by Gabrianna Bwoma, grade 6

Today's K-pop news is that Stray Kids just won album of the year at the MAMA (formerly Mnet Asian Music Awards) 2025 Award show. This was their first ever win as group. Stray Kids won seven awards in three days.

KATSEYE, a global girl group under the company Hybe, is being criticized by netizens for their new song, "Internet girl." They're saying putting a "baby" voice in a song like that is very inappropriate. The fandom is also getting hate for being toxic by going to other groups comment sections and spamming "KATSEYE's better." This is especially happening in GIRLSET, the first ever global group by JYP, who was created before KATSEYE. They were flooded with comments saying "KATSEYE's better." The fandom is also calling Daniela an "outshadower" because of a recent performance, and because she supports an artist that has a bad reputation.

Other than that, the K-pop industry is doing well. BLACKPINK, BTS, TWICE, and Stray Kids, the four biggest K-pop groups, are all having a tour and multiple albums.



# GLOBAL WARMING EFFECT

by Xaier McDonald, grade 7

We have less than 3 years left to help fix the earth. Please if you want to make a difference, read this.

## Things to STOP:

Stop using Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Stop using Google.

Stop taking long showers.

Stop using plastic water bottles

## Things to DO:

Take shorter showers.

Pick up trash.

## Facts about global warming:

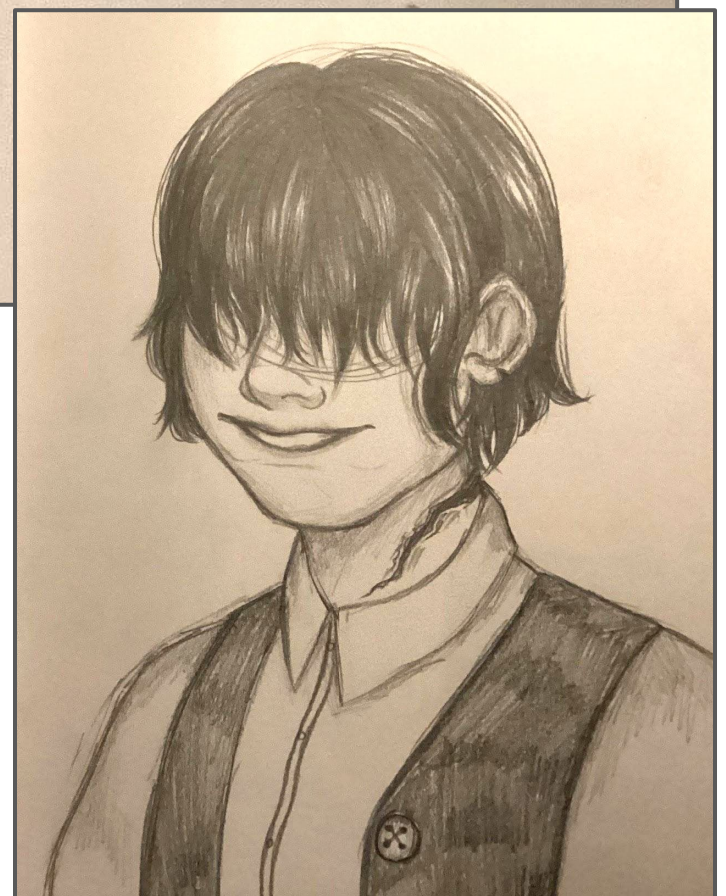
Using AI to make a prompt uses up almost one gallon of water and uses up lots of energy. You don't need AI!

Instead of Google use ECOAIS. It's just like Google but it plants a new tree every time you use it.

If you go on a trip or a small road trip instead of buying plastic water bottles use a reusable one from home. It takes years for plastic to decompose.

**PICK UP TRASH!** 171 trillion pieces of plastic to over 150 million metric tons of plastic is in the ocean!

We will realize our mistake of not doing more when, the last tree is cut down and the last river is dried up.  
There. Is. No. Planet. B.



Drawings by Lou Mensah, grade 7

# PINK RIVER DOLPHIN

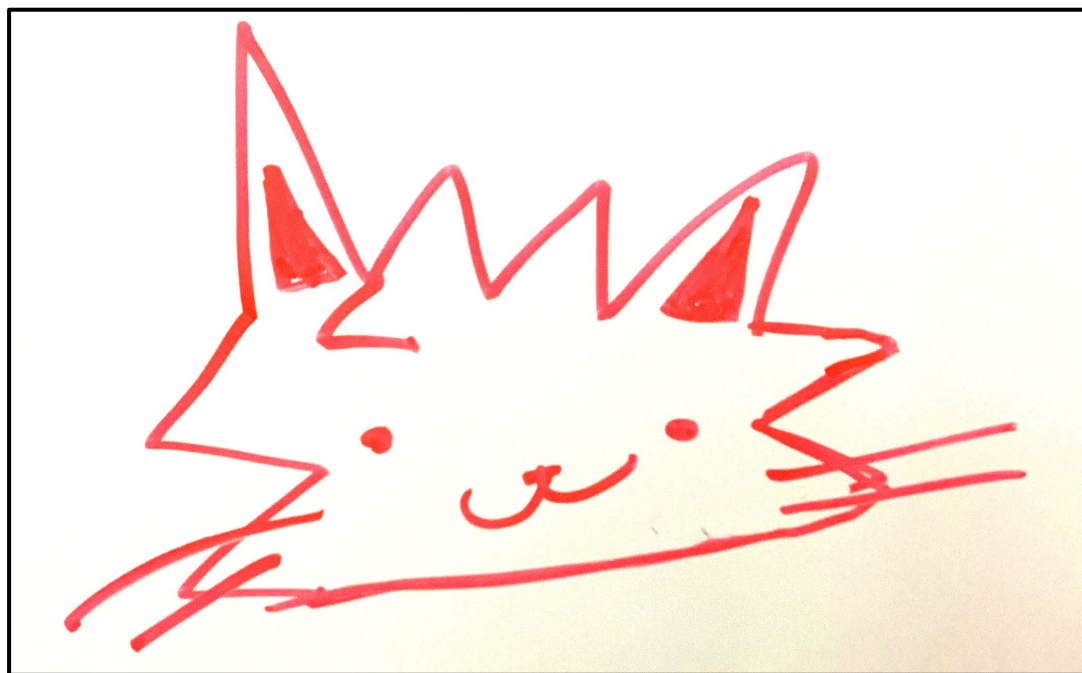
by Abella Galm, grade 6



The Amazon Pink River Dolphin is known for its distinct shade of bubblegum pink. Can you believe that it is not born with this rosy appearance? At first, the dolphin has a greyish tone that only begins to turn pink as the animal ages. Its coloration can range from grey with some light pink speckles to a full flamingo-like pink. There are tens of thousands of the legendary pink amazon river dolphins in the wild.



Art by Naimah Thomas, grade 8



by Bella Hull, grade 8

## DANGERS OF CANDY

by Elizabeth Hanson, grade 6

We all like candy, that is true, but you all might not know this but you can get food poisoning from candy.

We probably all eat way more candy than we should. We should only eat about 25 grams of sugar each day. This may also shock you, but kids can pass out from too much candy. Some kids can die from candy mainly because it can be a choking hazard.



Some popular candy for kids at our school is Sour Patch Kids, Skittles, and Starbursts, just to name a few.

We should all eat more vegetables and fruits so we can all be big and strong. Who knows maybe if we do eat more healthy things our football players



might get stronger and bring our school another win.

So, next time you're at lunch, and you see a cookie, think "should I eat that? or should I be healthy?" Remember always choose healthy!

## ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

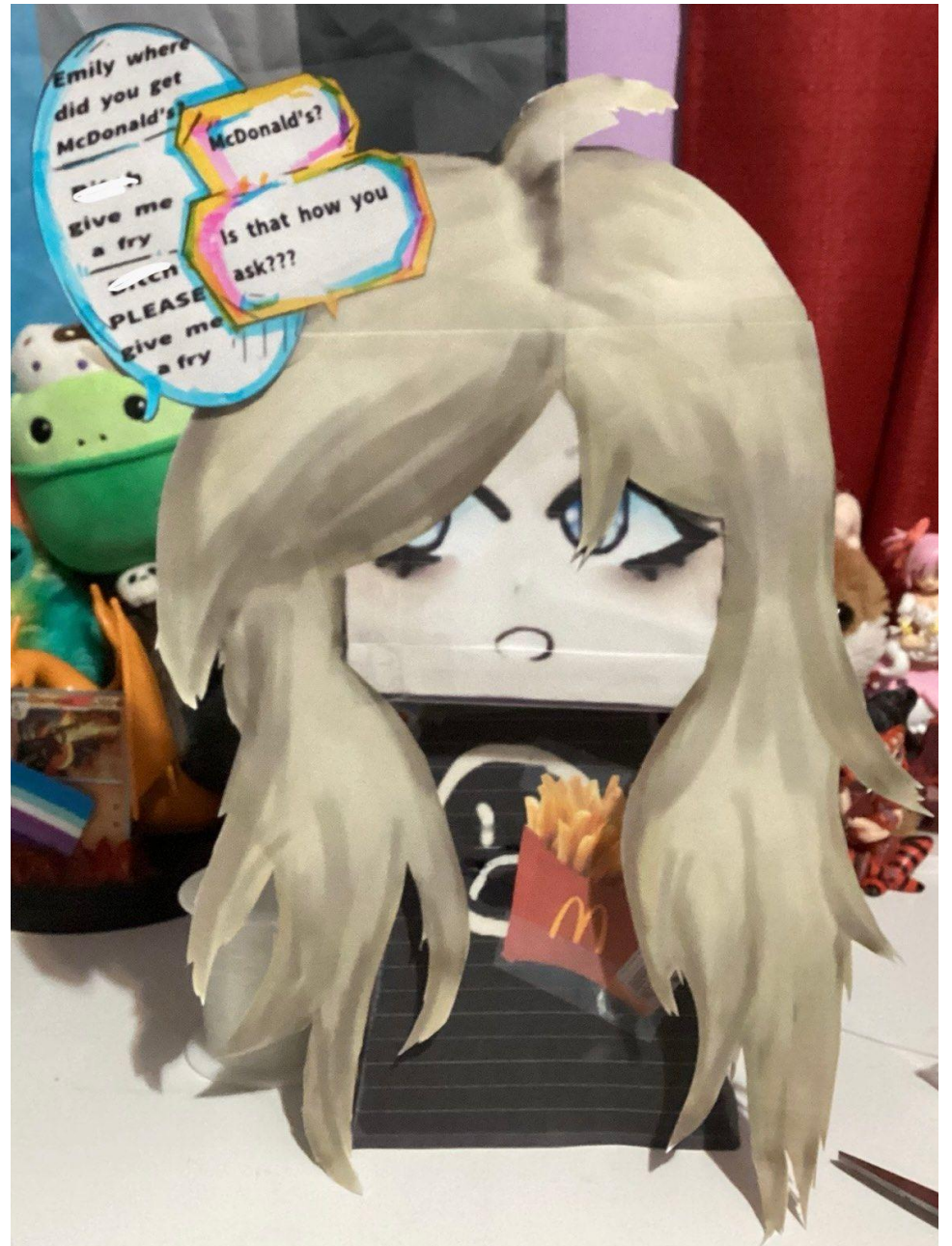
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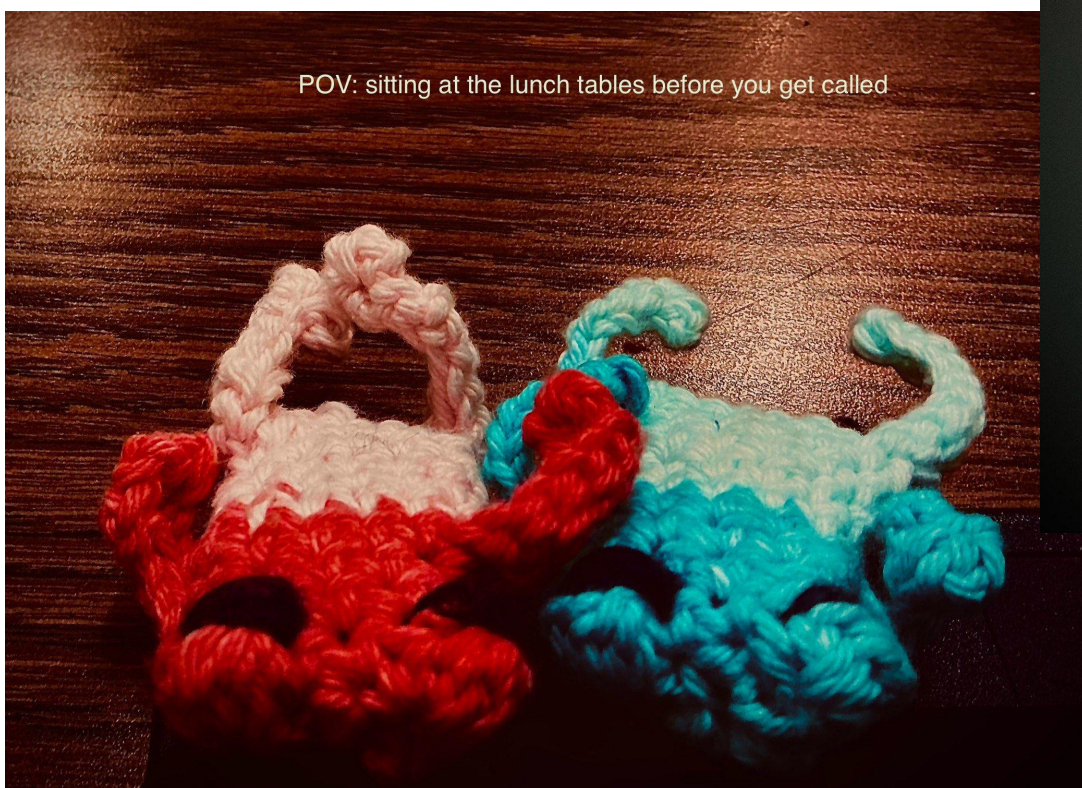




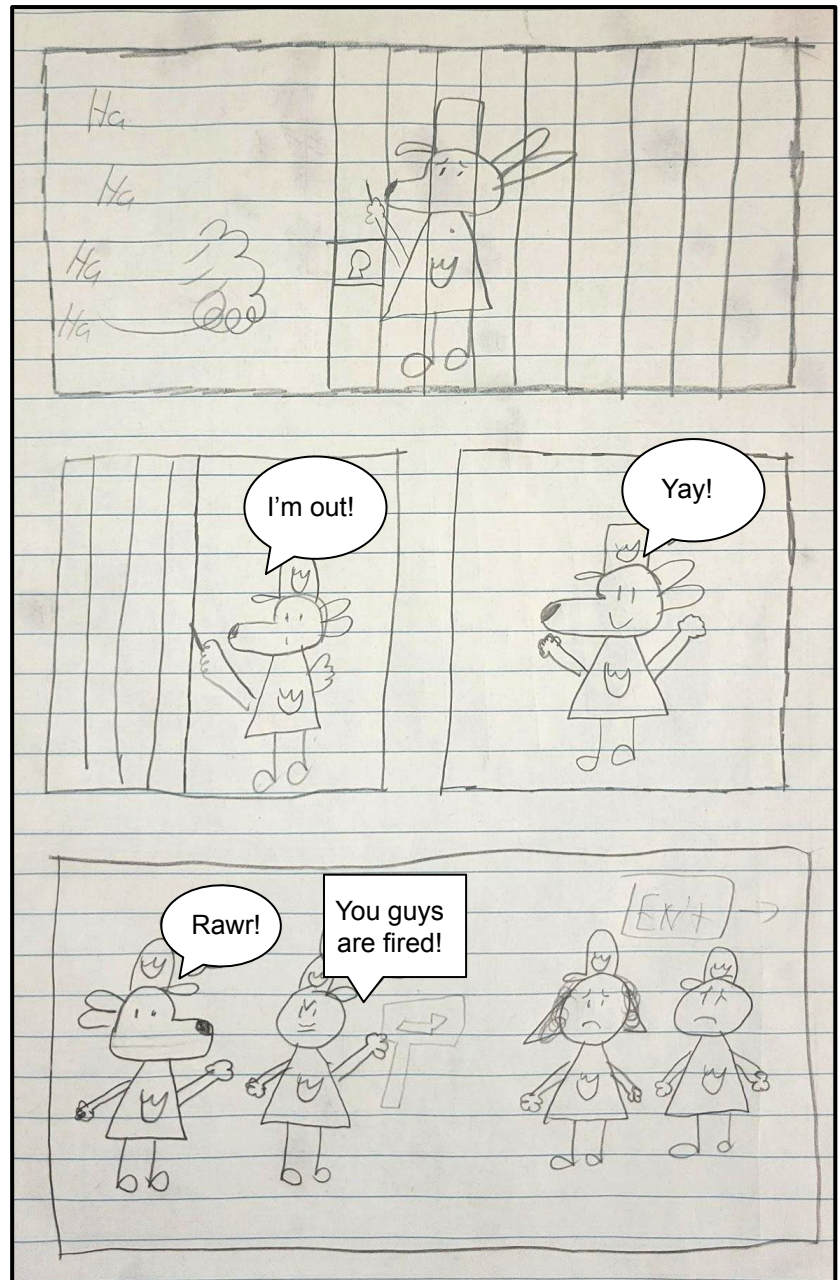
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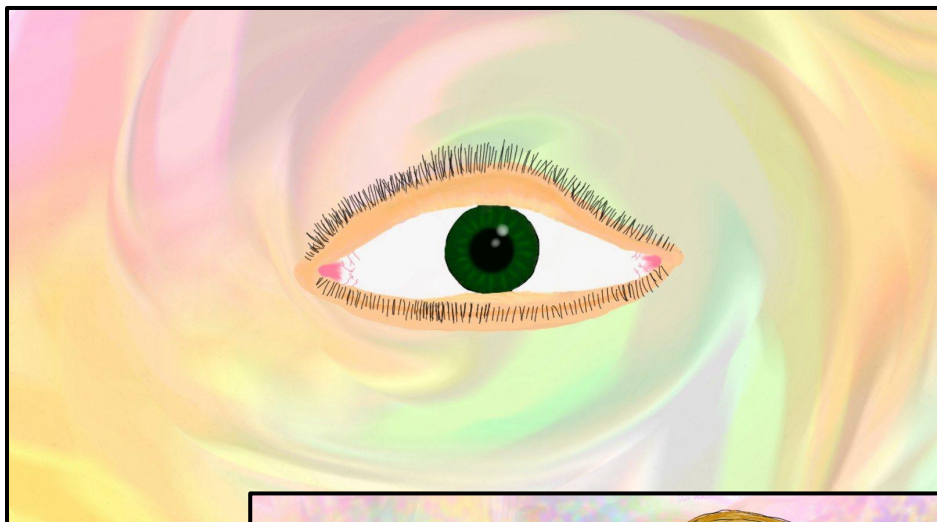
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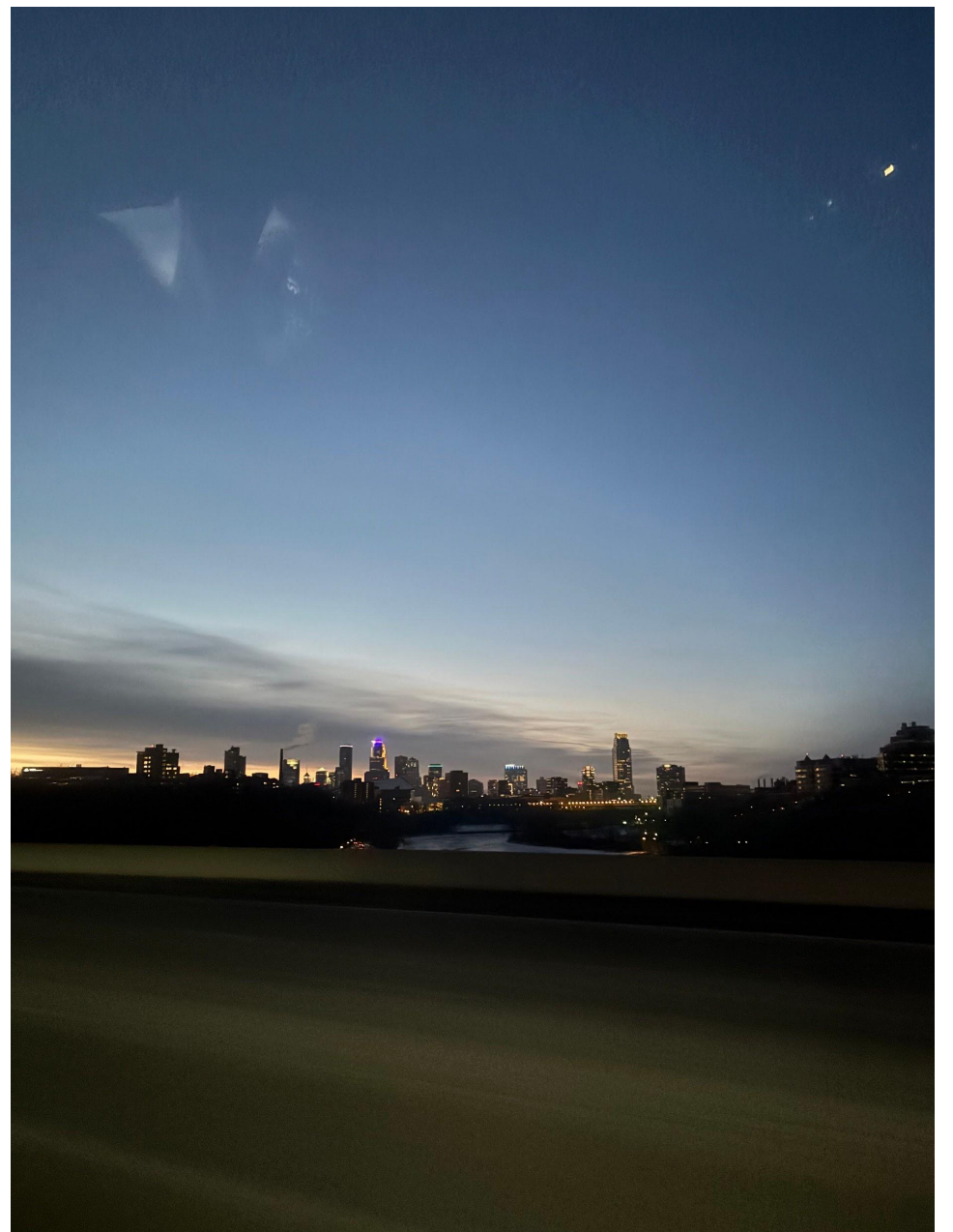
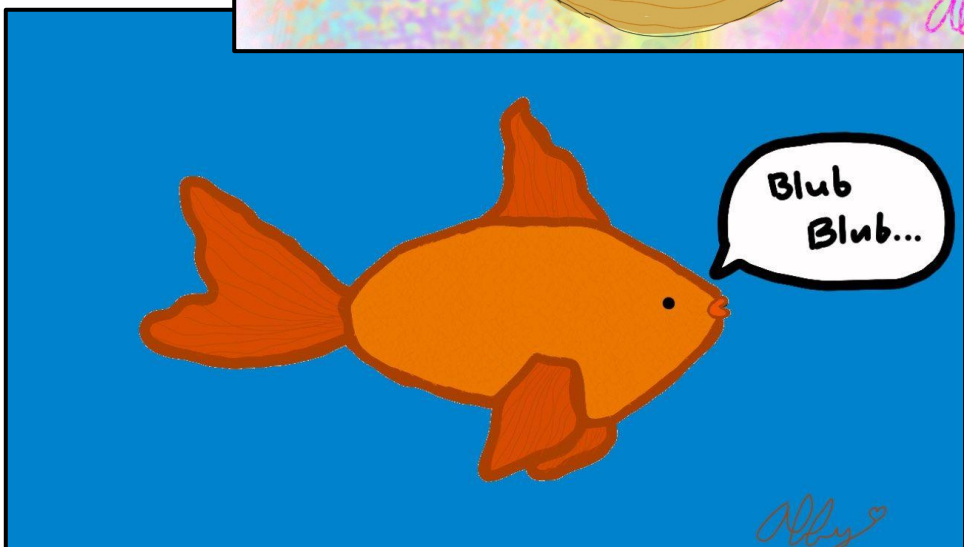
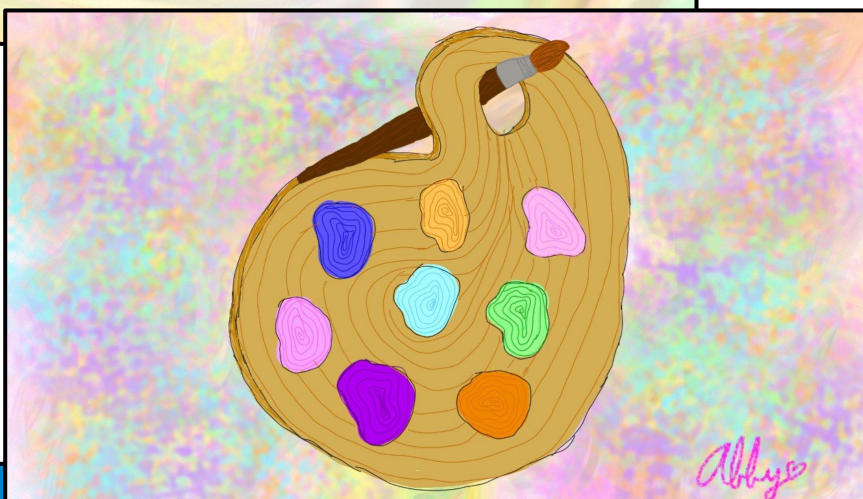
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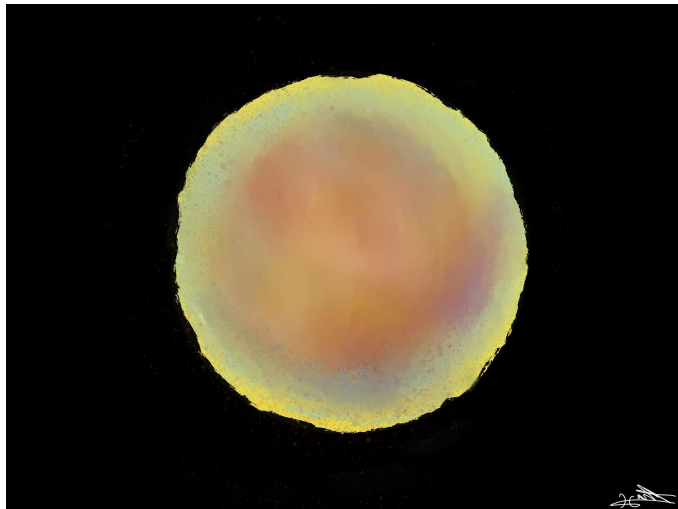
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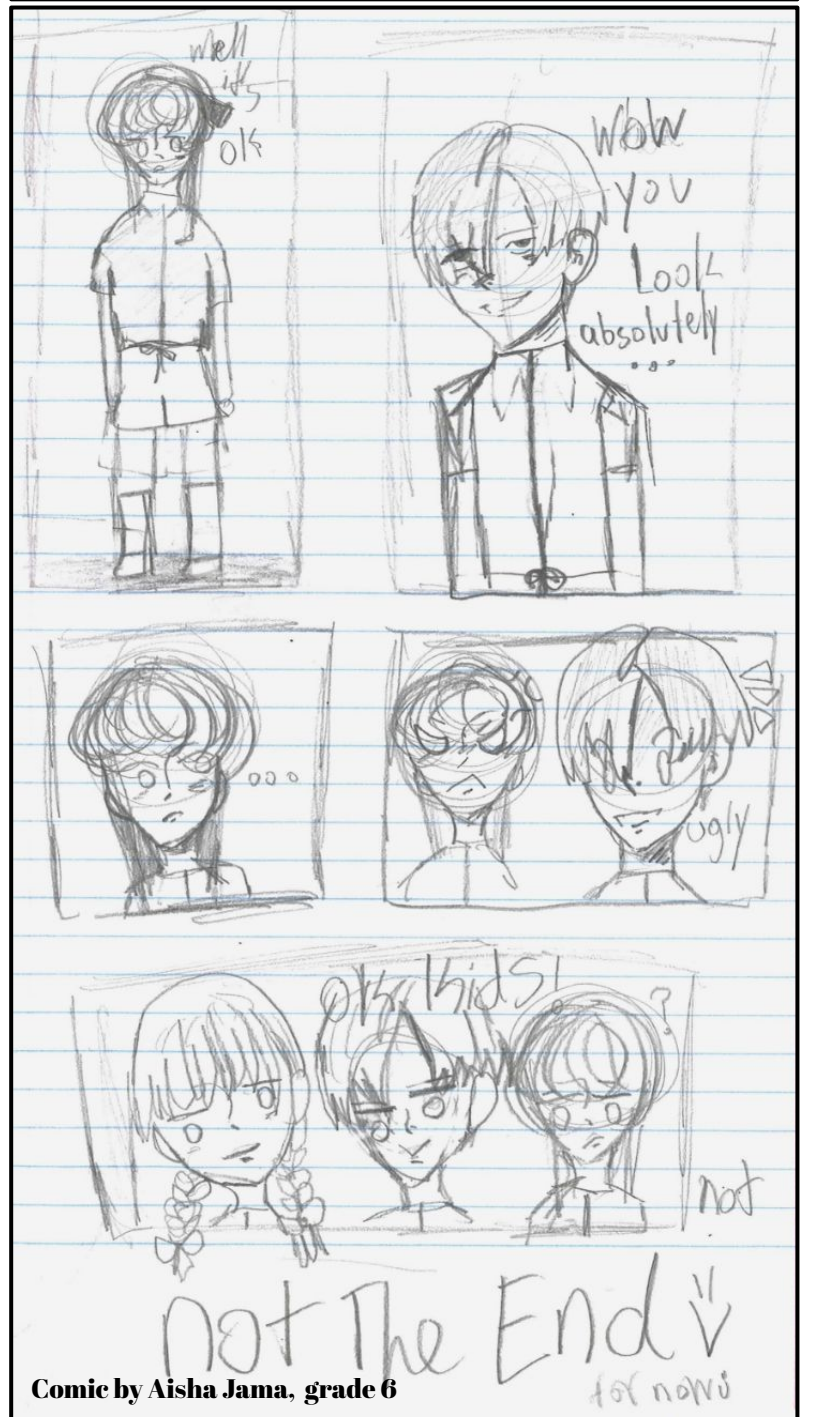
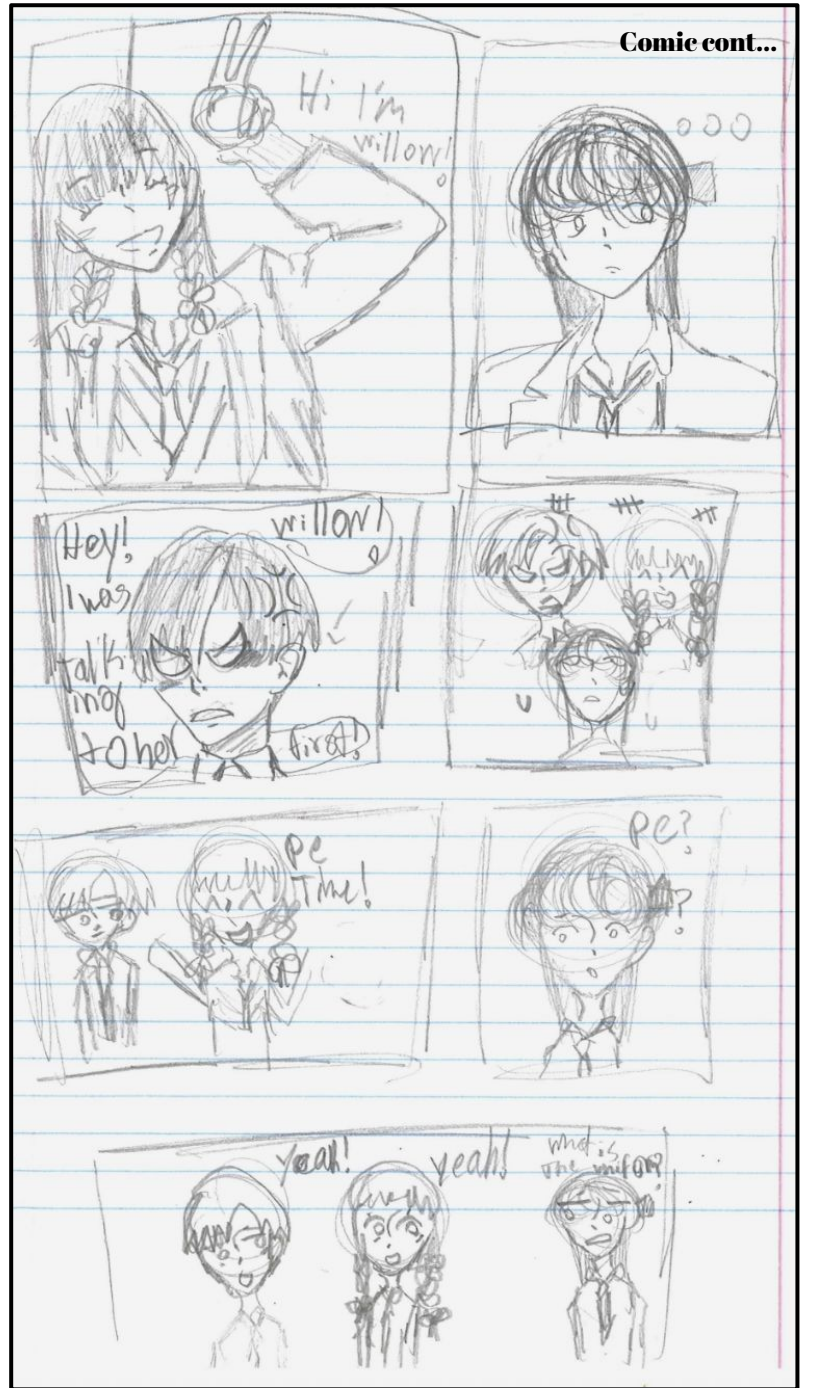
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by Harrison McGibbon, grade 6



Art by Hunter Hallermann, grade 7



Comic by Aisha Jama, grade 6

## MEMES

by Dane Masich, grade 7

Me: Gets annoyed after another year with the deer that's trolling me...  
Meanwhile, the deer.



Me on Friday:



Me on Monday:



by Kayla Lakhamone, grade 7



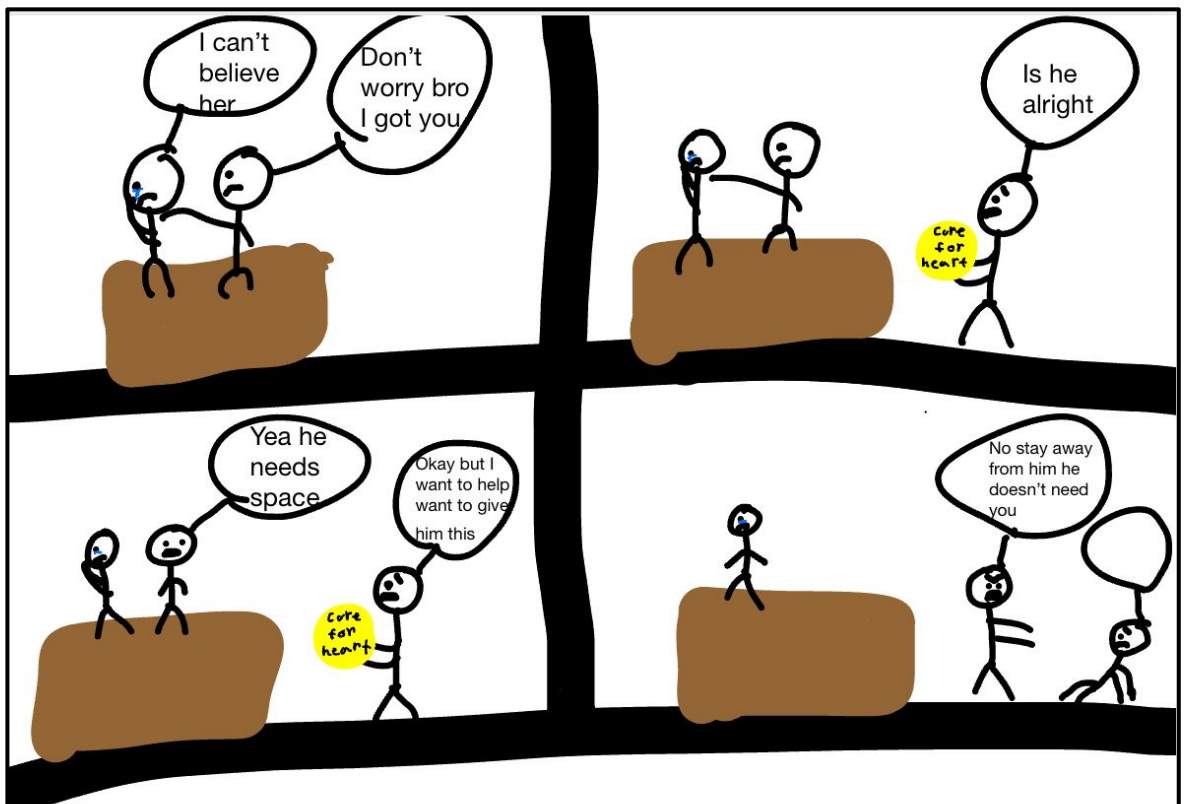
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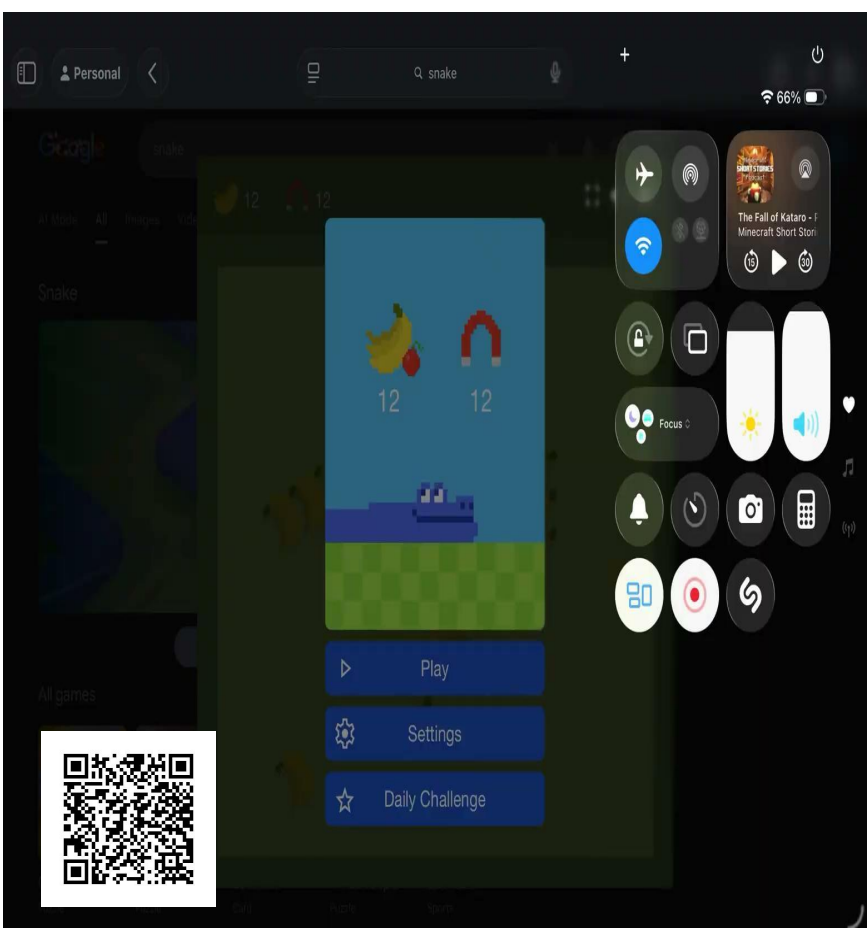


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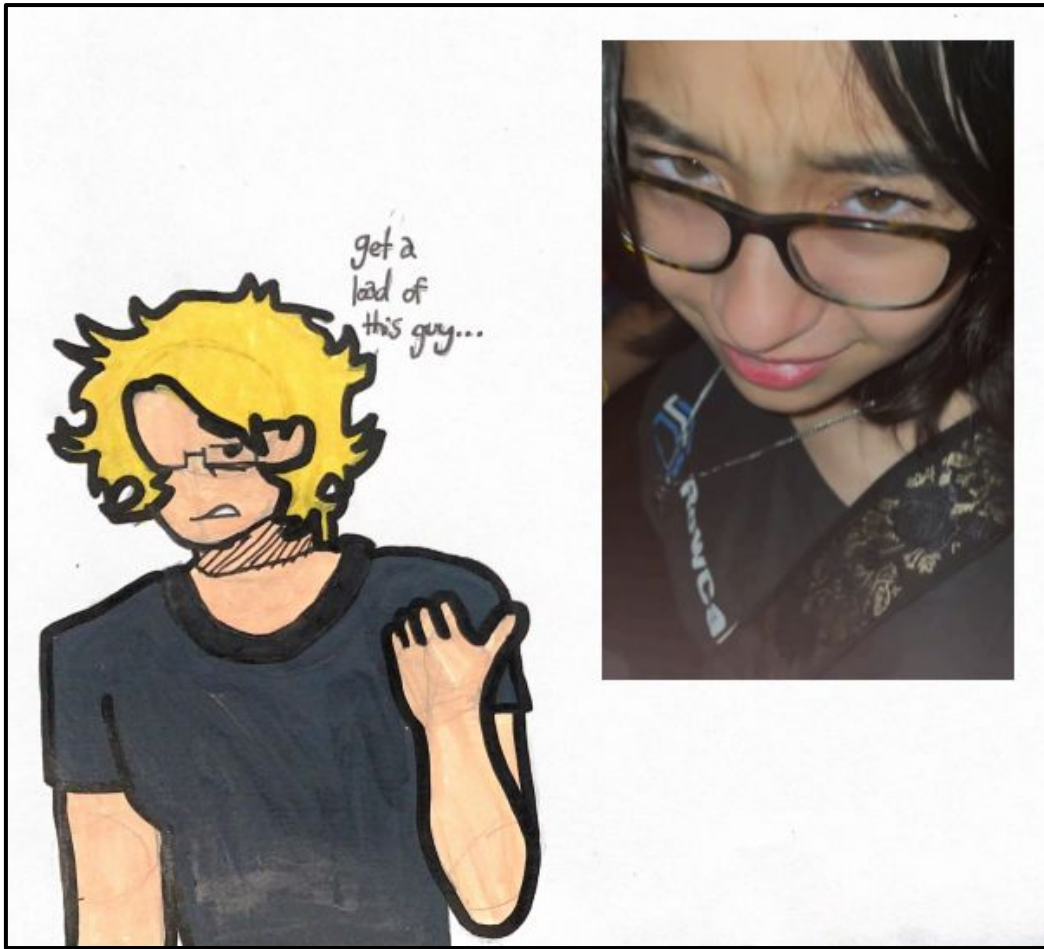


Sometimes you gotta let other people help, and also when you think you're healing a heart, sometimes you can end up breaking another heart.

by Fernando Ramirez Gonzalez, grade 7



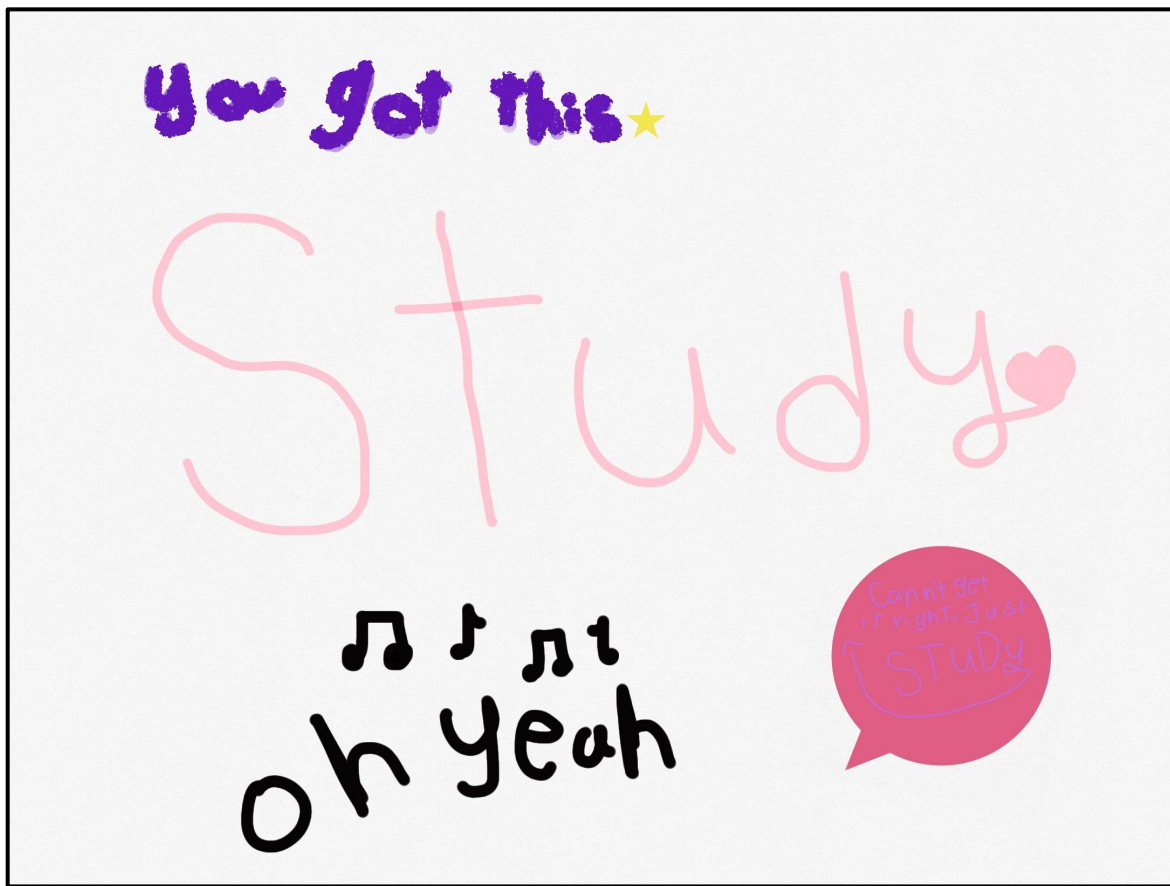
Video by Georgie Dahmeh, grade 6  
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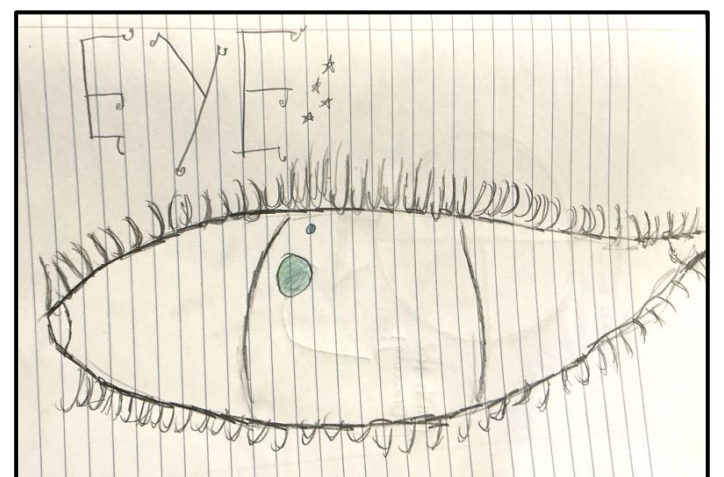
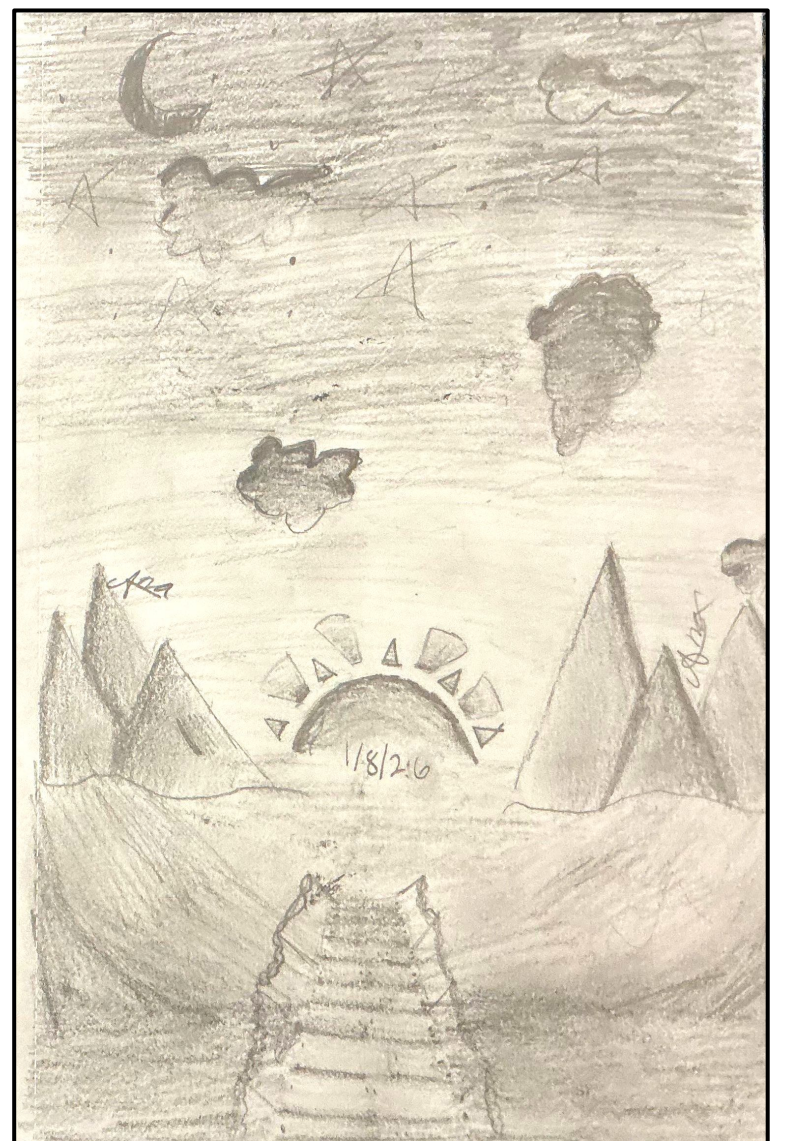
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