

We would like to dedicate this edition of SPARK to Arkansas Northeastern College President Dr. James Shemwell. From the first year we began this journey of inviting local students to showcase their creative works, Dr. Shemwell has been a big supporter of this magazine. He has attended every SPARK reception and encouraged this project to continue and grow each year. His service to the college over the years has encouraged us to expand its mission to the community and surrounding areas. Thank you, Dr. Shemwell, for your continued support and encouragement.



Dr. James Shemwell, ANC President

A Word from our President

Each year since it began, I look forward to viewing SPARK Magazine, and each year it seems to get even better. There is so much talent and creativity among the young residents in this area, and I am glad that they share these talents in this wonderful publication. When I look at the artwork, photography, and writing, I am reminded that our future is bright with a young citizenship that has an aptitude for greatness. SPARK Magazine provides a way for our talented youth to share their expressions and hone their skills. It gives them an outlet to explore and appreciate the arts while providing an audience who can grow and learn from the publication as well. It is my hope that SPARK Magazine continues to offer area students an opportunity to share their talents for many years to come. At the Arkansas Northeastern College, we want to encourage and support students in their educational endeavors, but also in their personal enrichment. SPARK Magazine provides an avenue for just that while also showcasing beauty in individualism. For those who have submissions included in this magazine, thank you for sharing your work and congratulations on a job well done. To those viewing this publication, I hope you can appreciate the amazing body of work included and the young people responsible for filling these pages. Additionally, to our ANC faculty and staff who recognized a need in encouraging and supporting the arts among our area children, and who have worked to bring this magazine to fruition, thank you. This publication serves as an example of collective work and collaboration to promote the talents of our local youth. Such an effort produces a product which can only benefit those it touches.



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"Who I Admire" by Kooper Lindsey

Who you admire is someone you look up to and strive to be like. Oftentimes it's hard to find someone that exhibits characteristics of an idol or hero, but fortunately I have had the opportunity to grow up beside mine. Someone I admire greatly and deeply is my sister. She is always by my side, even when she is on an entirely different continent as she is now. She is the person who encourages me to continue to work hard and improve at sports, try new things, and help with day to day struggles.

One reason I love and adore my sister is because she always drives me and encourages me to be the best version of myself. When I was five years old, I played baseball for hte first time ever. Honestly, as a beginner I was not very good, and I got discouraged and wanted to quit. Because of my sister's influence, I decided to give it one more chance. Now, baseball is a very important part of my life as I play competitive baseball. I talk to her on facetime before every game and she always shares advice and wishes me the best of luck. She has helped train and mold me into the best version of myself! I am always asking for her advice and wisdom. I am so thankful for her! Without her guidance and motivation I would not be the athlete that I am today.

Another reason why I admire my sister is because of her loving, kind, and positive attitude. One way she shows this is by always being the better person. Even when a person talks to her in a harsh and unkind manner, she tries to be the better and Godly person and come up with the kindest response possible. She will defend and protect you with all of her heart. Overall, I feel that she is the most kind, loving, and positive person I know. Her loving attitude is one reason why I admire and strive to be the best person I can be, just like her.

My final reason why I admire my sister is because of her humor. She can talk to anyone and make them laugh and their day better. Like my dad, she can make the most sarcastic but funny jokes. I also carry this particular trait, which I think runs in my genes and DNA. Whether I have had a bad day at school or am struggling with an academic or sport skill she can always find a way to get a laugh out of me and make me feel better. Of course, it always works. She is a living, talking, walking ray of sunshine that will shine on you and make your day all better.

These are just a few of the many reasons why I admire my sister. She is nice, kind, loving, openhearted, trustworthy, mentally strong, humorous, passionate, beautiful, and positive in the darkest of times. She possesses all the characteristics a person should have. The world is a brighter place with her in it and it would be even better if everyone was a little more like her. I admire my sister, the real hero and MVP of my life. Who do YOU admire?



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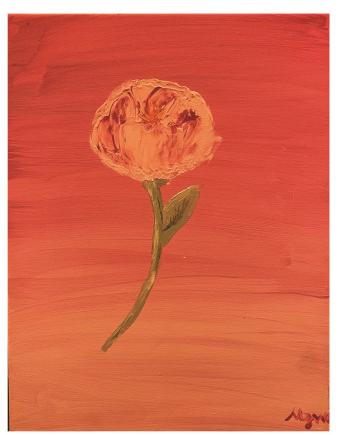


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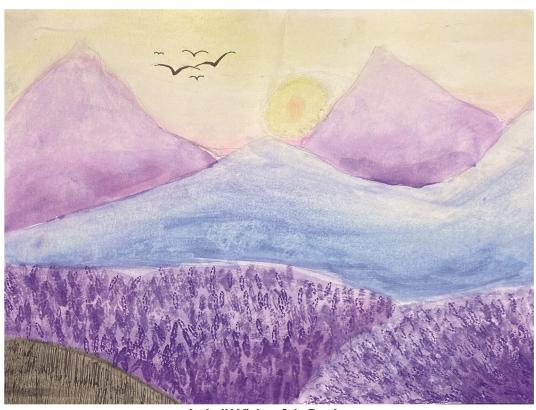
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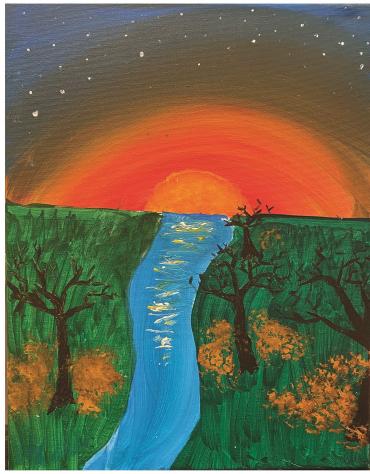


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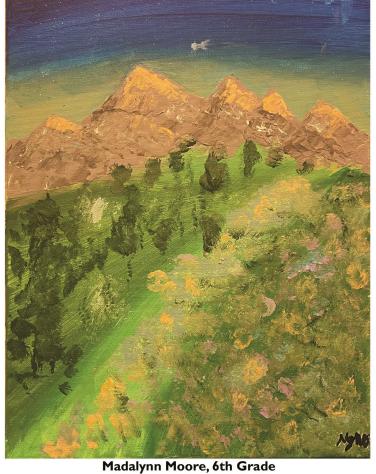


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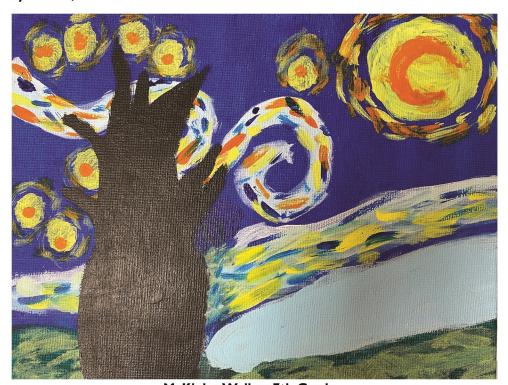
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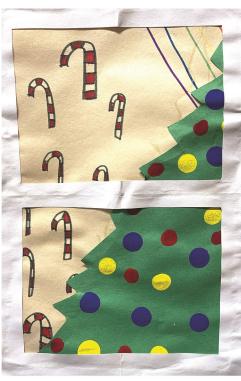
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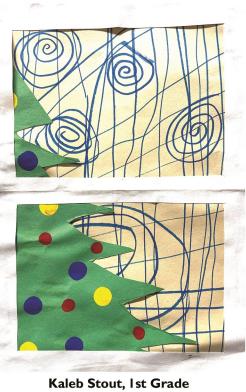
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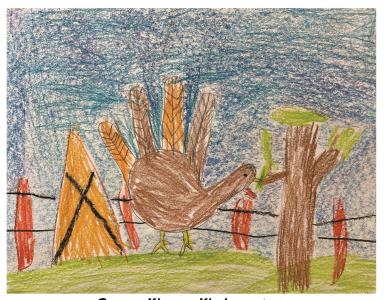
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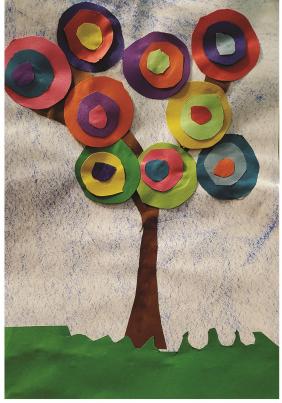
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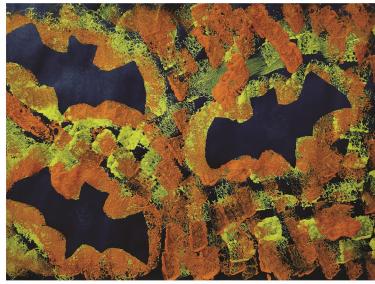
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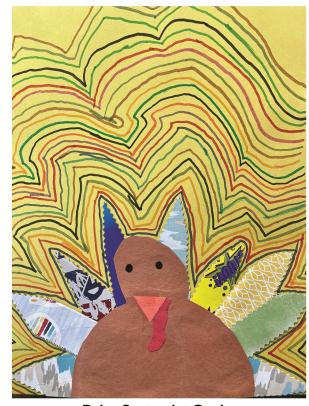
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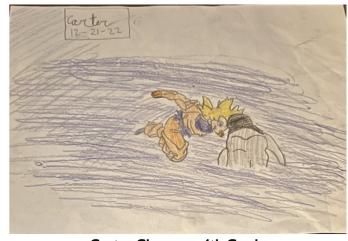
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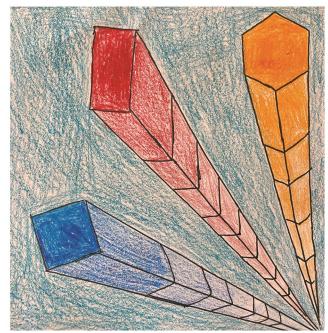
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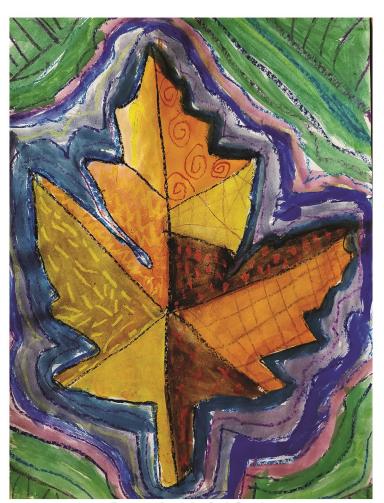
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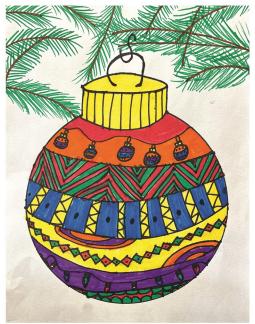
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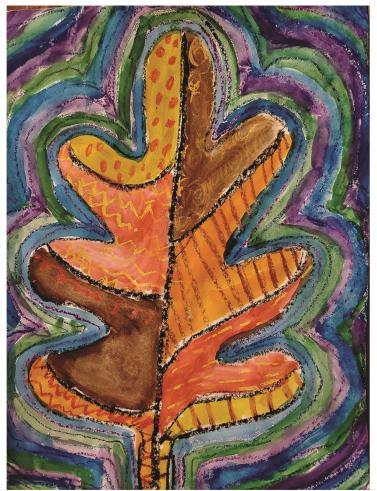
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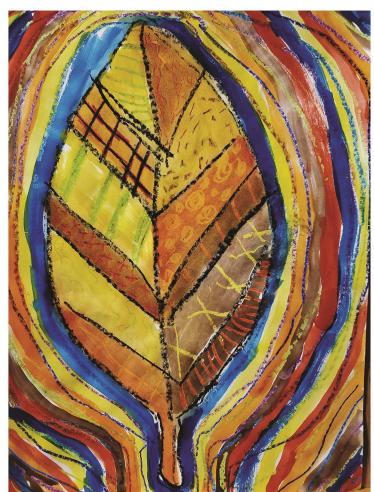


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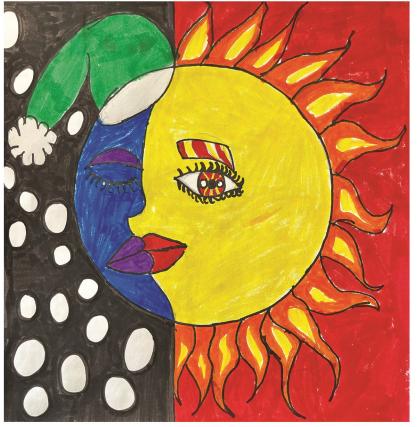
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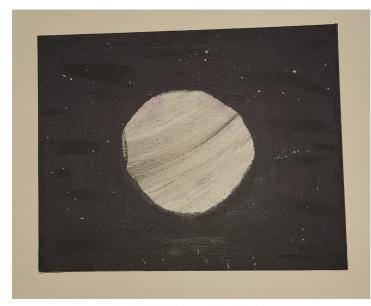
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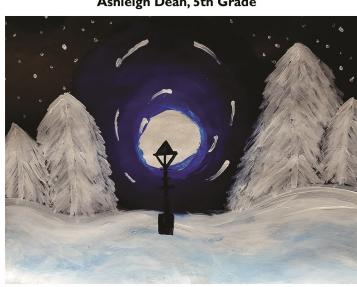
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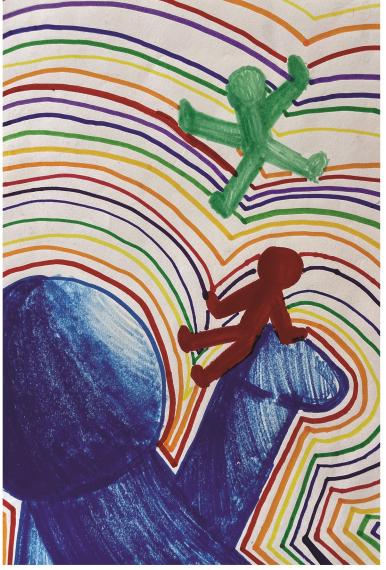
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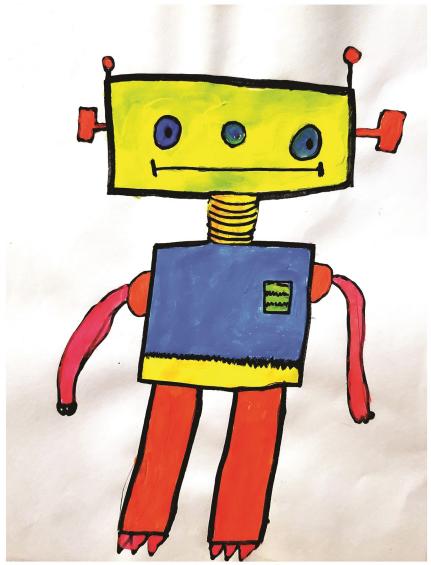
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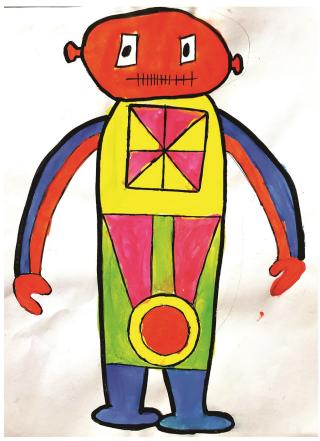
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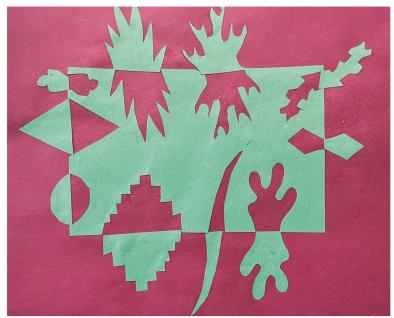
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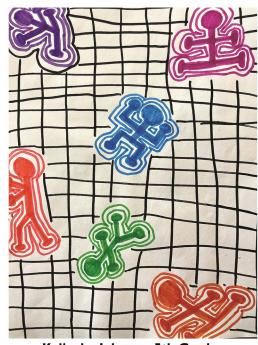
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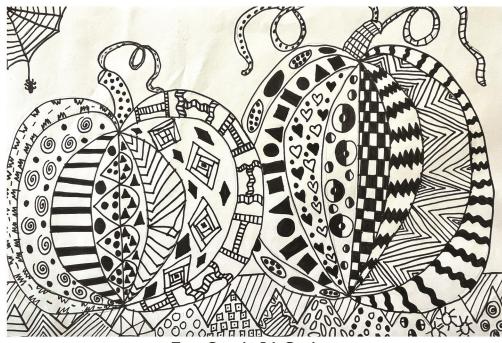
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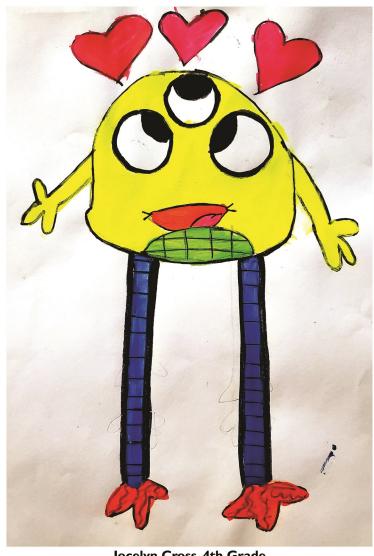
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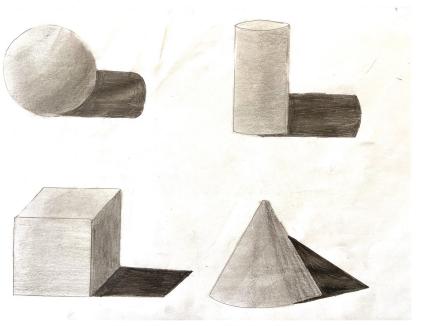
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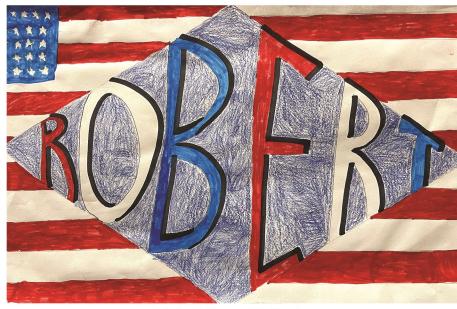
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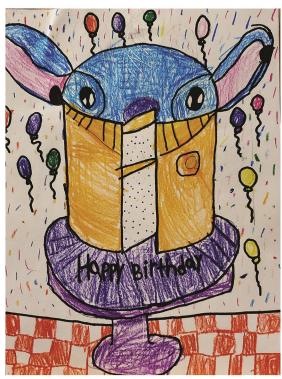
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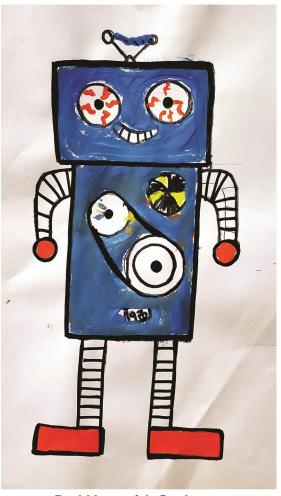
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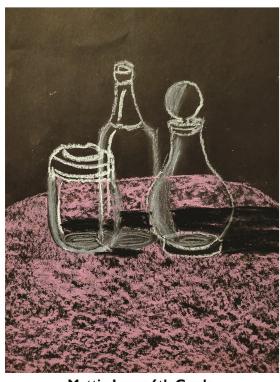
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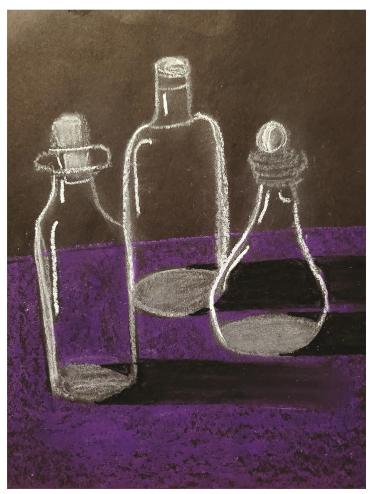
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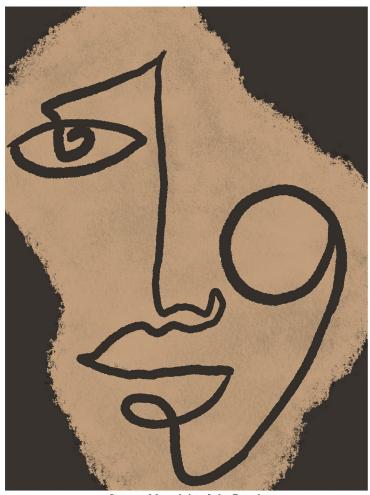
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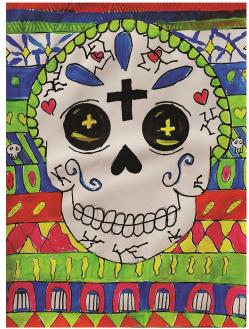
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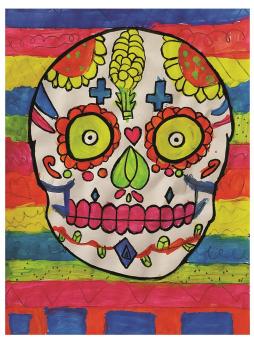
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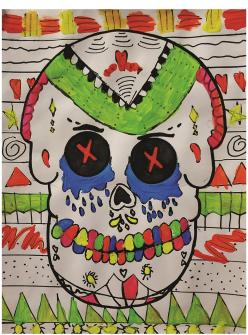
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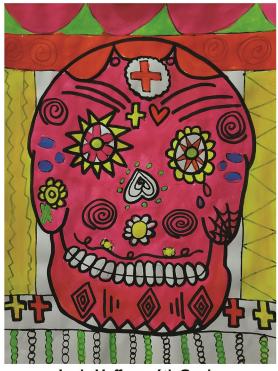
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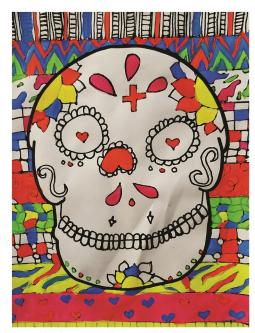
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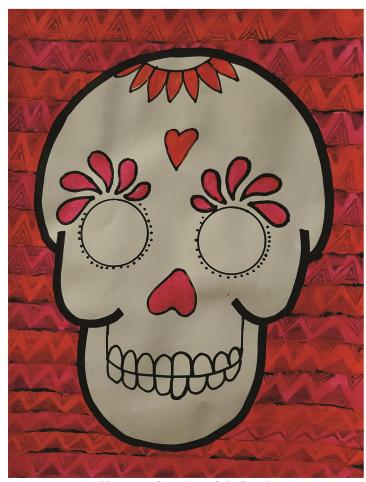


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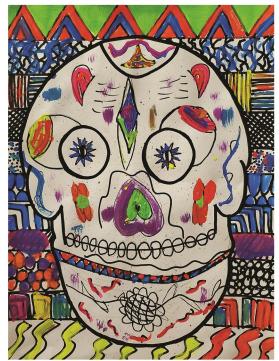
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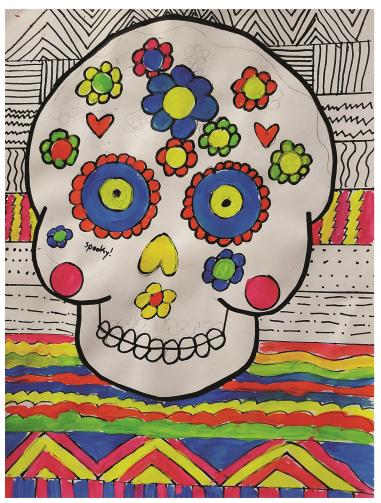
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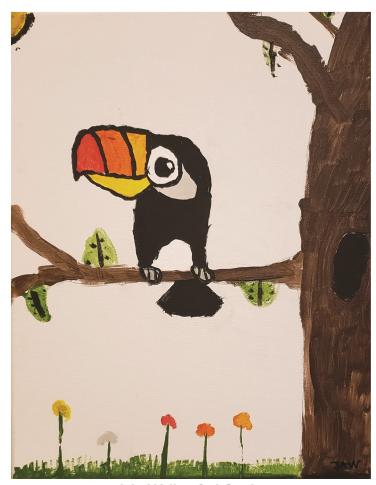


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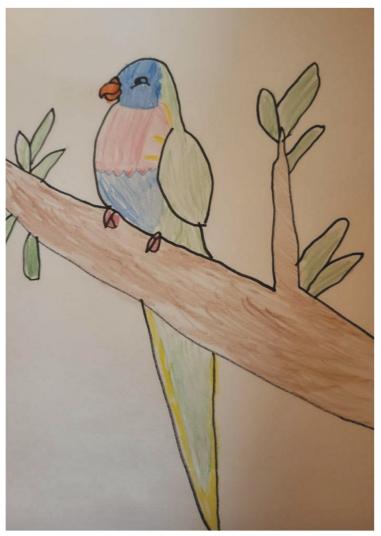
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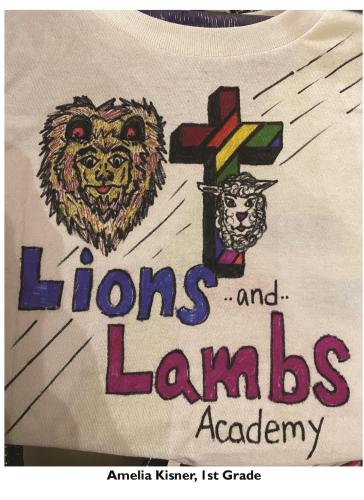
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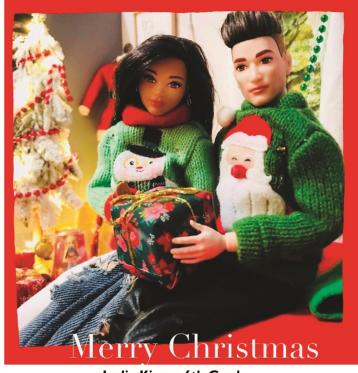
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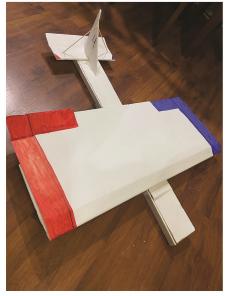
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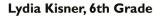


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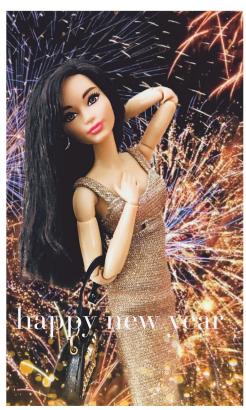
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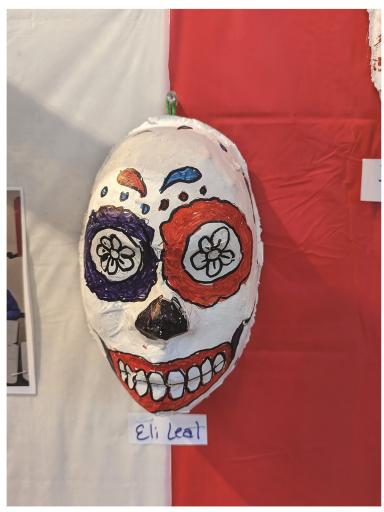
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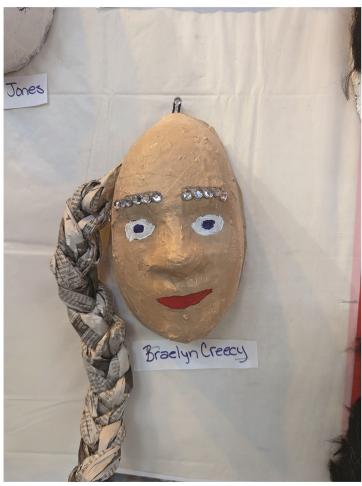
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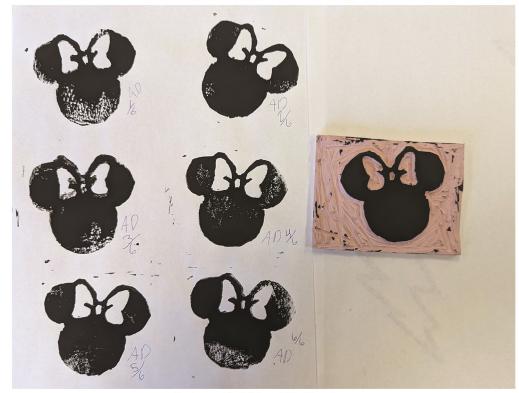




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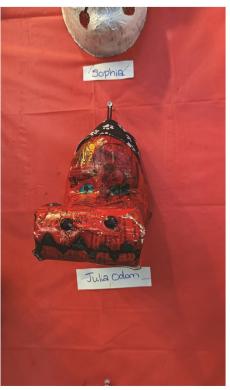
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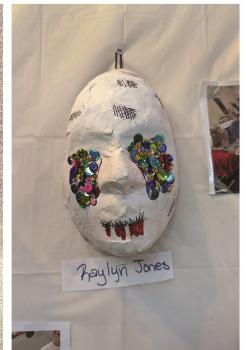
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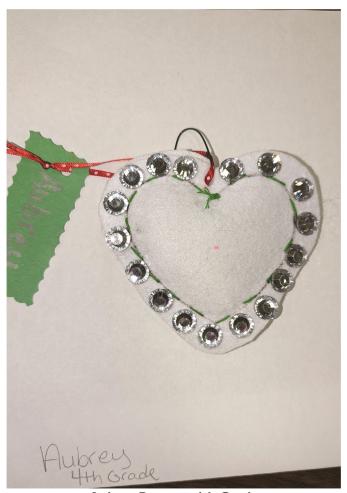
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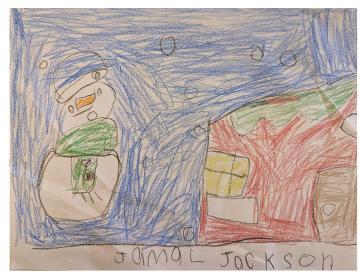
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Obliteration Room, 6th Grade Students

Rivercrest 6th grade art students recently took their creativity to the next level by creating an "Obliteration Room" inspired by the works of famous artist Yayoi Kusama. This interactive art piece allowed students to showcase their skills by transforming a blank canvas into a stunning visual masterpiece.

During the creation process, students had the opportunity to experiment with creativity while staying true to Kusama's signature polka-dot style. The end result was a vibrant and dynamic art piece that invited viewers to immerse themselves in a world of color and imagination.

After the completion of the art piece, students were invited to participate in the interactive aspect of the project by adding their own polka-dots to the installation. This added a personal touch to the artwork and made it even more engaging for everyone involved.

Overall, the Rivercrest 6th grade art students truly captured the spirit of Yayoi Kusama's art through their creativity and dedication. The Obliteration Room is not just an art piece, but a unique experience that invites viewers to connect with art in a whole new way.

































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