

STUDENT VOICE

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Everyday Heroes

By Marie G.

Police officers are heroes because they go out every day putting their lives in danger to keep us all safe. Nurses are also our heroes especially in this pandemic we are in now. They are going above and beyond. My personal heroes are people around me every day. These people who extend their help to me, or lend their helping hand are my heroes. There is no need to mention names. All I can say is that God bless you all. Thank you to all my heroes!!



My Favorite President

By Harry T.



Joe Biden is one of my favorite presidents. Because I like what he stands for the American people. I think he will work hard and do his best for everyone. I know some people don't like him and have their doubts about him, but we all should put our difficulties behind us and give him a chance. This country has so many problems right now, we all need to pull together and do our part. Right now he needs all the help he can get from all of us.

Heroes

By Hung Q.

To all of my teachers and all of my tutors, thank you for helping me improve my English. Because of the pandemic, many people stopped teaching and tutoring altogether, but you all kept teaching and tutoring. It means the world to me that you would make these sacrifices to keep teaching. You are all truly, truly heroes and I can not thank each of you enough. Henry, my son, is a hero to others. All who he meets, he treats as if they were his siblings. He can help a friend with a job application. He can always give advice in any situation. He is ready to help whenever he can. That's why I think Henry is such a good man.



Teachers Are Everyday Heroes

By JB



Teachers are taught to teach children. Children are here to learn what teachers are taught to teach. Teachers are heroes that stand for:

H-Honesty

E-Educators

R-Readers

O-Open

E-Excellent, and

S-Sweet

Teachers are Heroes!!!

Heroes

By Derwin T.

My hero is a life saver. Fireman is my hero. He rescues people. My heroes are policemen. They are always on call. They are always on duty. They go to car accidents. They break up fights. My heroes are nurses. They save people's life.





My American Heroes

By Janet B.

America has so many heroes, we know not their names. They are policemen, soldiers, nurses, doctors, firemen, and teachers. They are all my heroes.

My Heroes

By Brenda S.

In 1978 I met this wonderful couple who gave me a job. This couple's name was George and Virginia. They helped me get on my feet after I left my ex-husband. It was just me and my young daughter, who was six years old at that time. They helped me raise my daughter and taught me how to save money and helped me build my house. They treated me like I was their daughter. So they are my heroes.



My heroes kicked up their feet
and they danced to the music beat.
A horse pranced with its feet
as they laughed in the street.

Heroes

By Ebony E.

My tutor is my hero. My doctor is my hero.

H - someone who helps me.

E - EMT ambulance.

R - Rosa Parks

O - Officers



My Heroes

By Shawna L.

Car Repair Men:

We all need our vehicle to get around, so my everyday hero is a friend of mine that I can call if I have any question with the maintenance on my vehicle. Sometimes if it is something small, he doesn't charge me. But if he charges, it's not much.

Mother:

My everyday hero is my mother. She had a lot of health problems. Every time I talk to her, she always tries to pick me up. She said, baby I'm going to be okay. I feel that it is now my job to comfort her. She is always there for me.



My Everyday Hero

By Bernard M.



My everyday hero is my doctor because he makes sure my body is doing ok. He is easy to talk to. He is real cool because he gets me and he knows where I am coming from.

My Heroes

By Alice C.

Loretta and Lena are my heroes. They help me and keep me on track. Loretta is my payee. She is nice to me. Lena comes over and helps me with my business things, like insurance. They are really kind people. They are my family and they took me in when I came to Richmond. I feel that they are my heroes.



Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover

By Marie G.

To me, it means don't take a look at a person and come to a conclusion of their character and who they are as a person. Out of the heart, the mouth speaks "be kind"!!! If you look at a book and you judge it by the illustration on its cover you might be missing out on a very beautiful and interesting story. So as a person, don't just take a look at them and say that I don't like him or her. Get to

know them first on a deeper level, that way you'll be able to know who they really are. That's how you come to appreciate the people around you, and even people you don't know. So please don't judge a person by their APPEARANCE!!!



Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover

By Harry T.



A long time ago one of my coworkers just wouldn't talk to me. I didn't understand why she just continued to ignore me. So one day, I made up my mind to ask her what's wrong with you? She told me that sometimes I think that I

am better than everyone else. One day we sat at the same table in the cafeteria and we had a very nice conversation. We learned different things about each other and everything turned out good. She told me she would like to apologize for the way she was acting. After we had our conversation, she told me I was one of the nicest guys she ever met.

Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover

By Alice

A lot of people judged me in Roanoke before I came to Richmond. They told me that I would never read and write. I cried a lot. My grandma said don't worry. She said you will learn one day. Now I am doing it. I can read and write. I can even spell.



Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover

By Shawna L.

I'm a security officer. We have a 71 year old man walking the parking deck. The first thing I thought of when I met him was he was too old to walk 12 levels of deck. After he was trained and I saw him walking the 12 levels in the garage, I let him know he was doing a great job for being 71 years old. That's what I get for judging a book by its cover.



Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover

By Brenda S.



People always judge my daughter because she is 47 years old and she is on disability. People think because she is young, she should be able to walk in a store and not use one of those riding carts. But the truth is my daughter can't walk more than 8 feet at a time. She is a diabetic and she has no feeling in her feet and legs. Her legs always stay swollen. So, I wish people would not judge her.

Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover

By Ebony E.

You can't judge people by how they look or talk.



It's Time For Changes

By JB

My name is Pauline. It's Monday morning and I need to start looking for jobs. I really don't have much education. I have a few contacts in my cell phone and a few numbers I am missing, but I think I'll be ok. I need to get some information on the requirements of the employment that I am looking for. Wait!! The question is what am I really looking for? Who is going to hire me? My age is over the hill and I really don't have much education. I know I am sick of cleaning stinking bathrooms. I've been living in Richmond, Virginia for a few years. I need a change. Right now I wish I had a map of the United States so I can just throw a dart at it and where it lands, I can just move. I am so funny. How I wish that could be possible. If I could just hit the Lotto for millions I will then travel state to state, different countries and cities. I will build me a house in the country somewhere. I think everybody has dreams and I just wish mine would come true. Ok enough, stop doubting yourself, says Pam. Pam is my other ego. I think we all have one of those. You need to give yourself more credit than you allow. You can work in a clothing store or a daycare center with kids, or an elderly home doing housekeeping being that you are good at cleaning bathrooms, or maybe a fast food restaurant. It will be a choice that you will have to just figure out. She is right. I need to figure it out. To be continued...



My Life During Covid 19

By Roger S.

My life has changed since March 2020. I lost my job due to Covid lack of work. Without a job I did not have money. I get unemployment but it is not the same. Before Covid I saw my son but now I don't see him because I do not want to risk his health. Since Covid I do not go to Read Center. I study with my tutor on the phone each week but it is harder to learn that way. During Covid I have not gone out of town to visit my family because I do not want to take them any germs or get any germs from them. Like everyone else during Covid I wear a mask when I go out in public.



Today

By Deborah Jackson

Today, I took time to enjoy what nature had awakened me to. It was the sound of birds chirping and the sun shining. The sound of people talking and singing while walking to and from the store. The sound of a mother talking to her child and the child responded with laughter. As I sat still waiting for the next person to walk by my house, or the bus or car to drive by, neither happened so I decided to get up and take part in nature just as they have. The beauty of the day led me to my car to drive to my favorite place. I drove to Bryan Park where I visit at least three times a week. I find it to be so relaxing as I watch the beauty of the trees, birds, people throwing frisbees from one side of the park to the other. I can stay there for hours admiring my surroundings. That's the peace that surpasses all understanding. Enjoy nature.



Inside

By KeAza Harvey-Terrell

Being inside is more fun. You can make your own rules. It's quiet and safe to be home. Inside I can watch videos and crochet. You can walk around barefoot.

How Covid Has Affected Me

By Marlon S.

COVID has affected me mentally. You have to be aware of everything all the time. COVID has affected me physically. You can't go to the places you used to. COVID has affected me spiritually. My spirit is confused about all the problems.



The Virus of 2020

By George M.

Since Covid-19 we have to be careful getting on the bus. I'll go to the back of the bus and sit two seats away from other people. There are people that get on the bus with no masks on their face. If you don't wear a mask you need to get off the bus. The schools are closed because of Covid-19. They don't have enough protective gear for the students and staff to use. I have my class over the phone with the teacher. Many people are scared of the shots because of the side effects after the vaccine. I'm scared. I may have an allergic reaction which will make me sick. I don't want the vaccine to make me sick.



How Has My Life Changed?

By Nancy S.

This is how my life changed. I stopped work for 2 or 3 months. How corona virus has affected me? I'm waiting for the vaccine to go so I can go to the beach with my mom. I wish that we could never wear masks, because we can't breathe with the masks on. Please stay 6 feet and social distance. I always get my temperature, checked twice a day. I hate corona virus and COVID-19. It's no fun with corona virus and COVID-19.



This World

By Mornica Dabney

This world we live in has been on a wild roller coaster ride with current issues such as: COVID-19, protesters marching for Black Lives Matter, breaking into the Capitol in Washington DC, the impeachment of Donald Trump and finally getting the peace and democracy power of installation of our new president Joe Biden and our Vice President Kamala Harris with her lovely chucks and pearls. Let's make the year 2021 a great year.





On A Lazy Day

By Lavado

On a lazy day, I like to lift weights. I also like to talk on the phone. I like to talk to my girlfriend. Sometimes on a lazy day, I want to lie around and watch TV. My favorite thing to do is eat some food—any food!

How To Love Something in The Beginning And Hate It at The End.

By D.R.

I work for Walmart. I have been there for about nineteen years. At first, I loved going to work, but now it is hard to get my mind to go because I work with the self checkout machines. Customers steal all the time and it feels like I am the only one that sees it. I work with a lot of young people, so I know if I can see it, they can see it also. So it will not be long before I may leave Walmart for good. I do not want to, but that may be the best thing for me. I might find another job, somewhere where I will be happy.



How Covid Affects Me

By Lillie Booker



My name is Lillie Booker and I am 64 years old. I have one son and 3 grandchildren. I have one girl and 2 boys. I was going to class to better myself. I was going to class on Tuesday and Thursday. I like been around the teacher and all the tutors that help me to learn. I also like to be around the classmates. I was going to the library to meet the other tutor on every other Saturday. Now I can not go to class or to the library at all because of the Covid-19. I will be glad when the Covid-19 is over with.

How Covid Changed My Life

By Janae K.

Since covid-19 we must wear masks everywhere we go. It is so hard to breathe and uncomfortable. There is no school and kids are home schooling so that means higher bills more grocery, shopping, you need to have extra patience with them while they are home. There is not a lot of work at my job right now. I drive for a living transporting patients to and from doctor appointments. Due to the fact that people are staying home there's not a lot of appointments that are being made for me to transport. The anxiety kicks in when you do not know how are you going to support your family or how long this is going to last. I was in New York ground zero for COVID-19. It was a very hard time during that time. My grandmother passed in May of last year. Due to COVID-19 we were only allowed to have a certain amount of people there, we were only allowed 10 family members at the viewing you couldn't really hug and grieve like you really wanted to. And as for this new year I hope things change for the better.



Danica Patrick

By Rehab Mohamed

Danica Patrick is an athlete. Danica completed the Japan 300 racer competition. She was a rookie in auto racing, but her dream was to be an athlete. She finished go-kart racing as a famous driver.

Dream Manager

By Tim Walker

I had a dream about my manager. She was out of work for almost two weeks. She will be back to work sometime this week. I would like to know what that dream meant.



Harriet Tubman

By Jammal Evans

Harriett Tubman was a runaway slave. She wanted to free her family. She helped many slaves escape to the North by following the North Star. She helped free her mother. She freed her two sisters and over one hundred other people. Another woman showed her how to use a gun.



In My Future Diary

By Lavado

In my future diary, I would write I am a great reader and I may be driving a car—one day. Anything is possible! I may be settled down by then, with my girlfriend.

An Accident

By Momaht

When driving down highway 95 I saw an accident. I called 911 and told them about the accident on highway 95 around Colonial Heights. Although listening on the car radio, I did not hear any news about the accident.



To A Little Girl That Wanted To Read But Didn't Know How—A Little Girl That Loved Reading

By RLC

She struggled in school. She always wanted to and loved to read. Her favorite subject was reading but she just didn't know how to. It was very hard not knowing how to read in school because kids and teachers teased her she struggled but never gave up. She knew one day she would be able to read fluently and nobody could tease her anymore but going through the process was very hard and difficult. She couldn't face it at times and she used to cry and always said if only she knew how to read it would change her life forever. It was a scary journey to admit that she didn't know how to read but once she did and recognized it she made a change. The best decision she made was to come to The Read Center to get the help she needed. She knew this opportunity would change her life forever and she would be able to make her dream a reality.



A Slice of New York

By S. Lewis

I grew up in New York City where pizza is a very popular food to eat on the go. It's one of my favorite foods. No matter which borough you visit in NYC, there is a pizzeria, every few blocks, so it seems. As a child, everyday after school, my friends and I would buy a slice of pizza. This went on for many years; it was a ritual! Pizza was cheap, filling and delicious. We'd enter the pizza parlor and watch an Italian man (always a man), skillfully tossing dough up in the air, stretching it. Then, he'd place the dough onto a large flat pan and with a huge spoon, spread tomato sauce, seasoned with Italian herbs and garlic in a circular motion on the dough. Finally, he'd pile on lots of mozzarella cheese. It looked so good that I believed, I could have enjoyed pizza before it was cooked in the big oven! Once the pizza pie was cooked, we'd order our slice and eat it piping hot; burning our lips and tongue. It was so good like that. Today, I still enjoy a good slice of hot pizza.



Surveys

By Lillie Booker

Lillie likes to do all surveys on her house phone. People call me on my house phone and I try to answer all the questions I can. I have a tablet that the surveys had sent to me to use. I have games on my tablet. I do good sometimes and sometimes I do bad. I have 21 games to play. Some games are hard and some are easy to do. I like what I do.



In Ten Years

By Norman

I will be driving in 10 years. I will be owning my own home 10 years from now. I will be reading and writing—that is my number one goal! I will be reading the morning newspapers, like the Richmond Dispatch Times.

Hard Time At Work

Tim Walker

Today I had a hard time at work. Everyone was in the way. I kept saying, “Scuse me, ‘scuse me.” Finally they had got out of the way. I said, “Thank you.” They said, “No problem. We was the ones in your way.” So I started to clean the area that I was in. It was time for me to leave that area. I got back on the elevator. I went down to the loading dock to put the trash in the dumpster. I got back on the elevator. I got off the elevator on the basement floor. I had a hard time again. I had to take apart the vacuum cleaner before I can clean the brush from the vacuum cleaner. I had a hard time putting the vacuum cleaner back together. I asked for help. One of my coworkers helped me put the vacuum cleaner back together. I said, “Thank you.” He said, “No problem.” Before I left, I said, “I owe you one.” He started to laugh, saying, “Oh, that wasn’t no problem.”



Protect What You Helped Build

By Kent

It took a long time to build the United States. So when we get mad we should learn how to disagree and agree to move on. But some of us get mad and began to tear things up that we took years to build and support. So let's grow up and protect what we build together that took us a long time to do. Thank God!



A Letter To My Grandson

By C.J.



Dear Grandson,

I will be glad when you get home. I miss all of y'all so much. We got snow. I got a check-up at the doctor's and I'm feeling fine. What is it like in Germany? I'd like to see Germany. I would like to come over there and spend some time with y'all. How's the baby doing? I know she's grown into a big girl. I see her on face-time and I enjoy looking at her. I enjoy seeing you and your wife, too. I guess it's time to close.

Love you all,
Granny

Phoenix

By Letisha



looks like she is slam dunking.

My cat is gray and white and I got her for my birthday. I love her because she does funny things to make me laugh. When she jumps she

Lazy Day

By Jasmine

On a lazy day, I would take Waffles, my dog, and go take a nap and get up later, listen to music and comb my doll baby hair. After that I will look at Netflix for an hour until I get hungry. I will let my mom know I am ready to eat and go back to playing my playstation 4 and on my phone for a while.



Childhood

By Tim Walker



Way back years ago my cousin and I went down to the riverside to catch some crayfish. I never could catch crayfish. They was going too fast for me. So my cousin, he was in the water. He captured crayfish more than one. It was two crayfish. So after that he put the crayfish into the jar and the water from the river also. Then after that we went on our way back home. We had found a quick way to get back home. So we crossed the railroad and were going down the railroad

tracks, and he said, "Tim, slow down. It's slippery." So I said, "I know how to walk down a hill." Before I realized, I was going down the hill fast, and I fell down the hill on the track where the train goes on. I injured myself. I had a bruise. I looked on the side of me, and there was blood. I did not know at the time how much blood it was. My t-shirt was red on the side. And then I started to feel the pain. I couldn't get up. The only way I got up my cousin Richard scared me. He said, "The train is coming. Get up. The train is coming." That was the only way I could get up from the ground. And now today sometimes we talk about it and laugh.

Peace For Humans

By Inaam

My name is Inaam. I want to pray to God to have peace for all humanity. I want to see peace for the earth for the grandkids to be safe. I pray to Allah for all of humanity to live life comfortably in no fear. All brown, black, white, Christians, Muslims, and Jews should have peace for all of humanity. We have to live in peace. We have to treat each other with respect. Salaam, peace on earth.



Introduction

By King

My name is King. I live in Virginia with my mom and two sisters. Originally, I'm from North Carolina and I moved to Virginia with my mom and sisters. I really did not like living here because it just did not feel like home. This is because most of my life I had lived in North Carolina with all of my family. Over time, I started liking Virginia and its rich history and different stuff they had here to enjoy. When I lived in North Carolina, I lived in a small town called Wilmington.



Going to Timbuktu

By Will

My dad and I are going on a large airplane to France and will ride in another airplane to get to Africa. We will then ride for 24 hours in a big, long ship to Timbuktu. The roads in Africa are not safe so my dad and I are going to ride on a camel. Camels are tall. They lay down so we can ride them. We will drink water in the desert. We are going to wear dashiki clothes with blue pants in Africa.



Dashiki

By Will

Dashiki are clothes with many colors that people wear in Africa. People wear cloth around their heads and faces to protect them from the sun. I will wear my white face and head covering when I go to Timbuktu, Africa.

The Rest of 2020

By Brenda

March 13, 2020 there was a coronavirus. And by then, the children were getting out of school. People were asking questions about the coronavirus. They were losing jobs, also getting sick, and being in the hospital. We have lost so many people during the coronavirus. Hospitals are filling up all over the world.



2020 Overview

By Asa

This past year was a rollercoaster. Things started out normal until about February when the first Coronavirus case appeared. Back then the United States was still unaware of how serious the disease was. Once it started hitting multiple states, then that woke up the CDC. From there things went loco. Two of the first things that were affected was the major job losses and states doing emergency shutdowns. When this happened it caused record numbers of unemployment and people not able to pay for every day necessities. Soon toilet paper, disinfectant materials, and food were vanishing off the shelves. Soon other situations started to rise up. In May 2020 the Black Lives Matter movement erupted after the wrongful death of George Floyd. Some people had enough abuse from the police. Soon protests against police engulfed several states across the nation. People were killed, arrested and assaulted. It took a long time for that to calm down. With that done soon came the school boards discussing how to run the schools safely. School Boards in every state were unsure how to begin planning the new school year coming up. Some counties went to virtual learning while others went ahead with in person learning. Throughout the school first term some counties went back and forth from virtual to in class. The main reason was Covid had spread amongst the school kids and teachers. Once the election came around people swarmed to the polls. The race between Biden and President Trump was insane. This was a super tight election. The full results weren't available until several days later. Once Biden succeeded President Trump, people from both parties went crazy. As Thanksgiving rolled around people began to stop thinking about the election results as much. Thanksgiving was a time for remembrance and gratefulness. Unfortunately most people were away from family and friends. Some still went to other areas where family and friends were. That started more issues on Covid exposures. As holiday festivities started to arise so did the number of cases of Covid. People were



everywhere. The stores were overwhelmed with people buying things for Christmas. Sometimes the lines went all the way to the back of the stores. Christmas was also hard for many people due to lack of being with family and friends. Somehow things managed to work out. It was the faith and love that kept most people together. One last thing I would like to add is something I hope people would think about. Hardships never disappear truly, but the actions and mindset you perceive can make an enormous amount of difference for yourself and others around you.

A New Friend

By L.

I met my new friend Debby at JC Homelife. Tina introduced us. We started to live together in a group home. We like a lot of the same things, go to the same places and have fun on the weekends. This past weekend we went shopping at a makeup store. We bought stuff for our hair. We also like animals and talking about movies. Our birthdays are also very close to each other in February so we have birthdays coming soon! We watched Mrs. Doubtfire this weekend and laughed a lot. We had Papa John's pizza; our favorite was sausage and cheese. We both like dogs and cats and talked about how much we like taking care of them. Debby is a nice person and I am glad I met her.



Covid 19

By Laquinda



This Covid -19 is getting bad and it is killing family members. Covid-19 is making people lose jobs and have no money to feed their family. Also a lot of people had to wear their mask out in public even if they don't want to wear their mask out in public. It's better for people to wear their masks so we can stay safe out here. A lot of restaurants are shutting down because of the Covid- 19. They can't afford to pay their rent or bills. It's taking effect on everyone.

My Great-Grandma's Recipe

By Sis W.

I remember great grandma's recipe which is similar to the "Christmas Ham Story" family recipe. I remember my mom in the kitchen cooking dinner. But what was so special at Easter and Thanksgiving and Christmas was she used to cook ham and she used to cut the butt off of the ham. I used to ask her, "Why do you cut the butt off the ham?" Mom said, "My mother did it." And when I visited my grandmom for Easter and she cooked ham, she was cutting the butt off too. I asked my grandmom why she cut the butt off and she said my mom, your great grandmom, used to do it. And the reason I got from great grandmom was that she used to cut the butt off because her pot was too small. And the moral of the story is history is repeating itself. As for me, I am going to make a difference. I am going to get a bigger pot to put my ham in and I will tell my grandkids the story to keep the memory alive. However, I will tell them to get a bigger pot or a smaller ham so we don't have to cut the butt off the ham anymore.



Miracle

By Lance

Thankful for my life. I beat COVID-19. Thank God I am alive today. I have heard some concerns about the vaccine. Some people are getting affected taking these shots. I have heard about older people getting affected. I am not taking the shot.



Raven's Home

By Carlos L.

Raven's Home is a Disney Channel show. There are a lot of people living in one house. There is Chelsea Grayson, who has a son named Levi. She moved in with her best friend, Raven. Raven has two kids. Nia is a girl with big ideas and she is very unique. Booker is her son. He has a sense of style and a power, just like his mother. They can both see the future. In each

episode, Booker has a vision. Later in the day, the vision happens in real life. He and his friends, including his sister, Nia, Levi and Tess, try to come up with plans to make the vision come true or to make it better. In one episode, Booker, Nia and Levi are all at school and run into their best friend, Tess. Booker



starts seeing things go woaaa, and Levi looks at him and asks if he is ok. Booker's eyes go whoosh, like the vision is about to start, and he sees Levi stuck in a trumpet, and Levi is saying, "Booker, Booker, get me out of here!" And when the vision stops, Booker looks at Levi and says "Your butt's ok." Levi says, "For the first time wearing skinny jeans, I was hoping for more than ok." After that happens, Levi gets hit by the locker and falls down. He falls into another kid's trumpet, and yells out to Booker, "Get me out of here!" And Booker says to Levi, "That's what I just saw! I saw the future!" I love this show because the actors are very talented and the stories tell us about Raven and her kids and Chelsea and her son. I also like it because it is very funny.

Egypt

By S.R.

The Arab Republic of Egypt is an Arab Country. Egypt is located in the north east of Africa and extends within the continent of Asia. It has long coasts on the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea. It's population is 104 million. I was born and raised in the city of Damietta. The Nile River splits into two branches Rasheed and Damietta before ending in the Mediterranean Sea. In Damietta you can see the line of connection between the sweet (fresh) water of the Nile River and the salty water of the Mediterranean Sea. My city Damietta is famous for furniture, pastries, dairy and shoe manufacturers. Most of its population lives in the Nile Valley and delta. Egypt is famous for its oldest civilizations where the population is concentrated on the Nile River. They are working in agriculture and raising livestock. The Ancient Egyptians developed quickly with simple industries and formed societies on the River Nile. The Ancient Egyptians exchanged trade with different countries of the world. The civilization comes from 7,000 years ago. The king named Menes merged two tribes from the north and the south of Egypt. Ancient Egyptians built pyramids and the Sphinx which are some of the Great Wonders of the World. The world still discovers the amazing architecture and science of these wonders. Egypt was considered one of the first countries in preserving a corpse as a Mummy. Also they used papyrus paper and created ways of writing. The ancient Egyptians had an impact in the development of the fields of medicine and engineering. I will write more about Egypt in next year's Student Voice.



The Bullying Story

By D.

There were six kids on the bus. It is called the Blue Bus. They were bullying two girls. But one girl was taller than the other one. A kid told them to stop bullying her but one of the kids said you should bully her too. And one day the girl did not get on the bus. She went back home and tried to kill herself and she took some pills and laid in some hot water. Then two kids found her and started to yell for some help to call 911 to save her. Then they all became friends.



Engagement Party

By Amelia

I went to New York for a short time and it was so different. So I did not go about much because I was not in the mood of going about anywhere. My daughters gave my granddaughter a surprise party in the driveway. Her son, about 6 years old, looked out the window and saw people in the driveway. He said, "Mommy, there are people in the driveway!" Then he said, "They're not people. They're just your aunts."



My Summer Ride

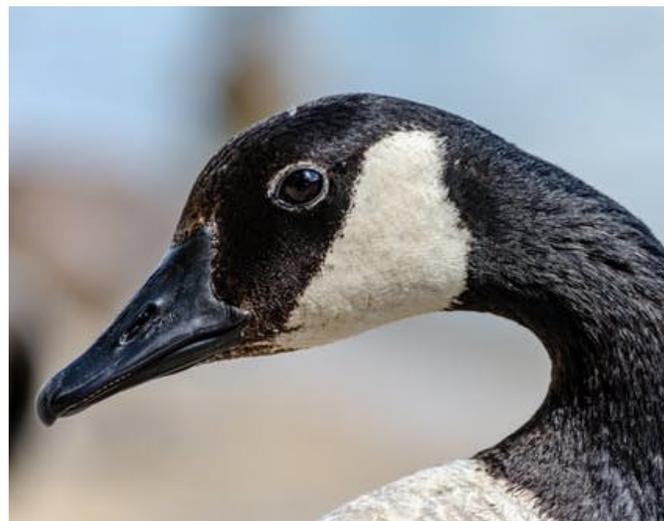
By Bernard

I love riding my bike in the summer. My sister rides with me. We like riding to the lake. There I see an old man fishing. Then we went along to the ice cream store and then we went home.

The Canadian Goose

By Lue

I notice they are always in a group and they look like there always is a leader when they are flying. I believe there is water near where I have seen them and think we are not supposed to feed them. When they are flying I hear some kind of noise from them. When I am driving, I have seen them crossing the street. We have to make sure we stop and let them cross. We don't want to hit them and they are always very slow moving. I would like to learn more about them and where they originally come from.



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