

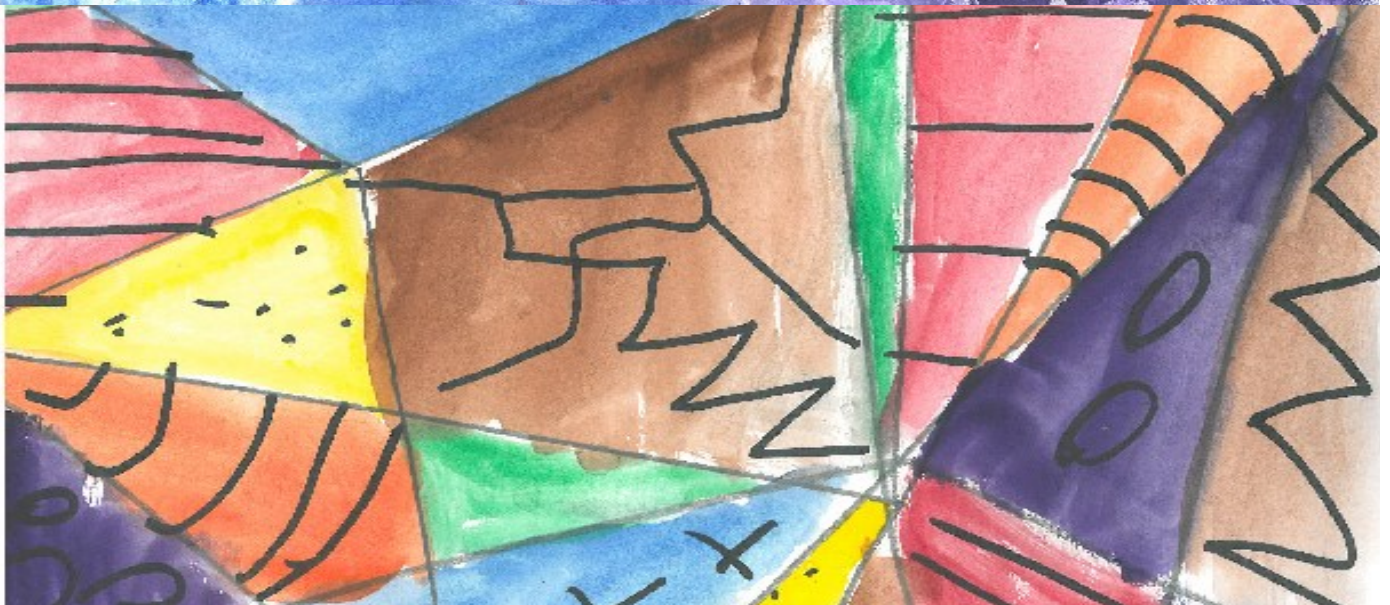


Fall/Winter 2017

Pawprints

Volume 9

A literary magazine created by Gilchrist Elementary School students.



Pawprints

Fall/Winter 2017 Volume 9



Front cover artwork by Abu Balogun and Will Perry.
Back cover artwork by Neshamah Males. Learn more about Abu, Will, and Neshamah on page 26.

A special thank you, once again, to our beloved guest artist, Julie McBride, for coming to work with the Editorial Board members on their artwork for this issue. The stunning results may be found throughout the magazine.

Pawprints is a literary magazine created by Gilchrist Elementary School students. The students choose to join this after-school club and commit to a six-week term on the Editorial Board. Their involvement is extra-curricular and purely voluntary.

Pawprints Editorial Board

Aran Bahmani

Abu Balogun

Addison Barber

Kansas Bristol

Bryson Eliacin

Brandon Howes

Jenna Kim

Neshamah Males

Emily McConnaughay

Will Perry

Trinity Starke

Slava Tsvetkov



For more information, please contact Ms. Gibson at 488-3027 or gibsonm@leonschools.net

Contents

Articles

Gilchrist Spelling Bee.....4

By Kansas Bristol

Short Stories

Summer of the Wizards.....3

By Abu Balogun

Untitled.....4

By Will Perry

Untitled.....5

By Jenna Kim

The Beautiful Bird.....6

By Emily McConnaughay

Poetry

Untitled.....7

By Will Perry

Little Pond.....8

By Slava Tvetkov

Butterfly.....9

By Trinity Starke

Departments

Artists' Corner.....10-19

Artwork by Addison Barber, Bryson Eliacin, Abu Balogun, Slava Tsvetkov, Aran Bahmani, Grace Littlejohn, Will Perry, Emily McConnaughay, Neshamah Males, Kansas Bristol, Brandon Howes and Jenna Kim

Additional Artwork.....1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 27

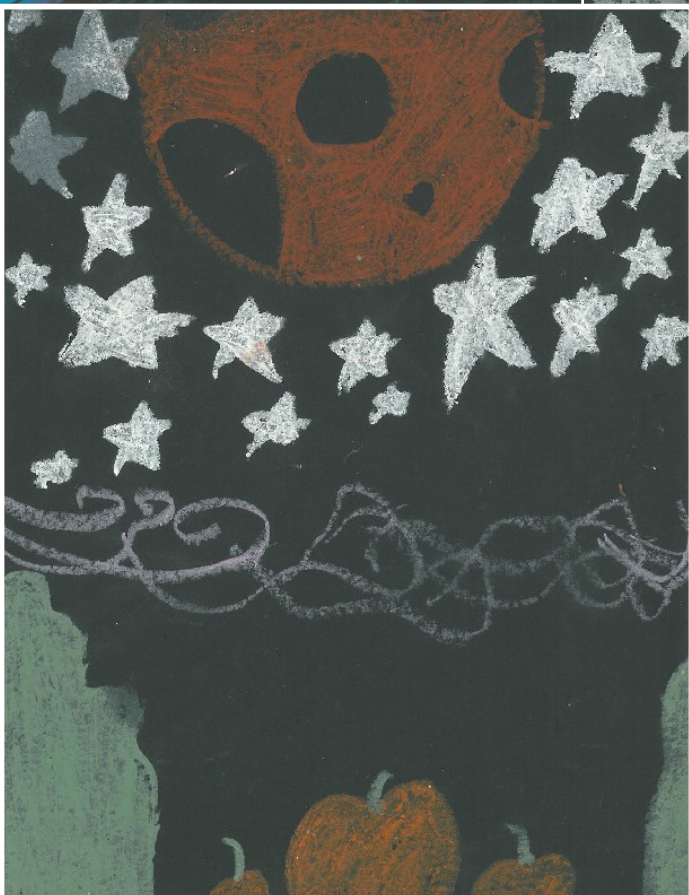
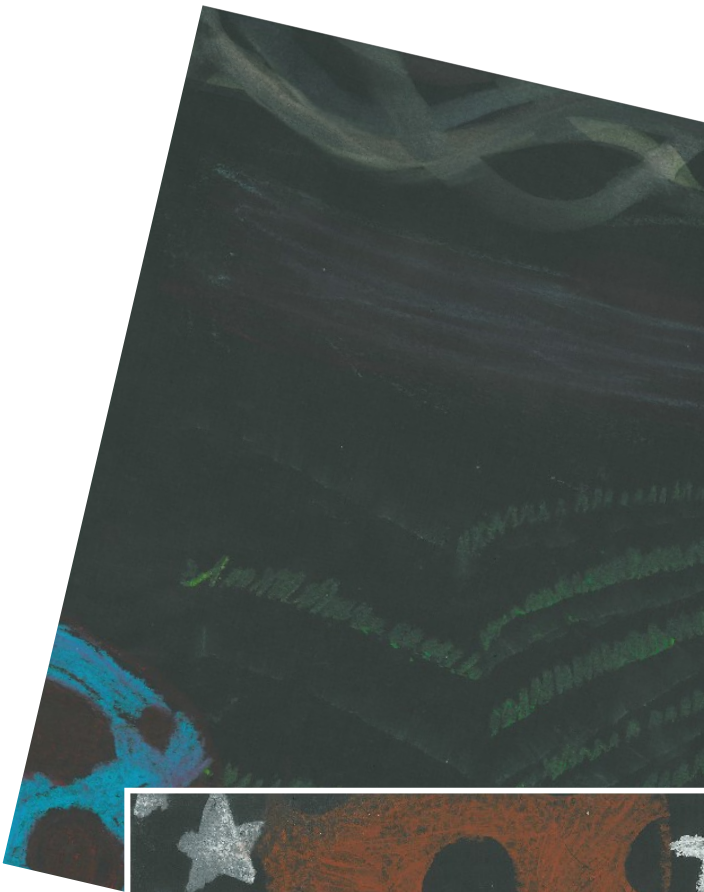
Artwork by Aran Bahmani, Will Perry, Jenna Kim, Emily McConnaughay, Slava Tvetkov, Trinity Starke, Brandon Howes, and Ella Grace Corbin

Photography.....20-25

Photos by Jenna Kim, Kansas Bristol, Addison Barber, Trinity Starke, Brandon Howes and Bryson Eliacin

Editorial Board and Contributors.....26-27

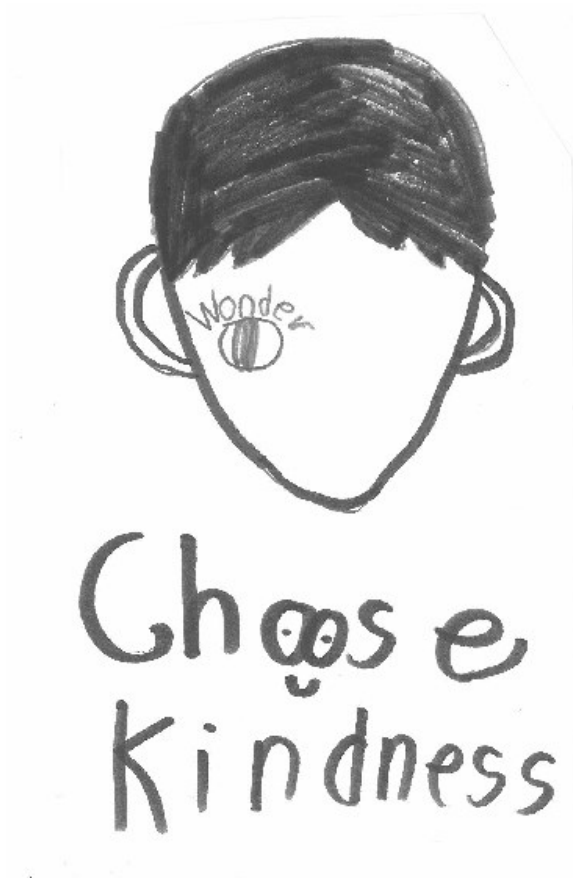
Out of this world...



By Aran Bahmani



Drawings by Will Perry



By Aran Bahmani

Smiles and friendship is
commonly found
Here at Gilchrist,
No fights,
No bullying,
Or hate.
Only love
And happiness
Nothing cruel!!

Part 1: Summer of the Wizards

It was a midsummer's evening. The Grand Wizards were having a meeting. Marschall Overwand, The Extra-Awesome Head Wizard had a plan. A plan that needed every Wizard, Witch, Warlock, and Sodekess in Animagiccagya.

Two boys, PJ Rankin and Will Richardson were also needed. In the case, they were the plan...

59
years
later

Prologue

Phillip Jackson (PJ) Rankin woke up to his daily schedule. Put on his shirt and shorts, brush his teeth, and eat breakfast. Plus this random tingling feeling. He loved his Grandpa Marsh. He would always play games with him. But he didn't come today.



William (Will) Matthew Richardson XIV (the Fourteenth) didn't care he was rich. Infact he really liked to read. Especially, the Harry Potter Series. He wished the real world was like this. His great-uncle Marschall used to say "you have to believe it to see it." He never knew what it meant. Well at least not until now.

Marschall Overwand knocked on the doors of Richardson Mansion. "Yes?" said Will. "Get your cousin," said Marschall. "PJ?" "Yes, Phillip," responded Marschall. "It's the beginning".

Read Part 2: The Beginning to see what happens

Gilchrist News Spotlight

Gilchrist Spelling Bee

By Kansas Bristol

On November third, the fifth grade Gilchrist Elementary spelling bee was held. The competitors were Lucas Cannady and Bella Dougherty in Mrs. Berry's Class, Abu Balogun and Talia Duncan in Mrs. Bryant's class, Abraham Kunnan and Noah Miullo in Mrs. Gray's class, Kansas Bristol and Sukeerth Goly in Mr. Kenton's class, Anish Saha and Drew Yarbrough in Mrs. Rioux's class, Logan De Sande and Brandon Howes in Mrs. Shoaff's class, and Gracen Jones and Mary Call Miller in Mrs. Sims' class. There were 14 competitors in total.

Thank you to Ms. Denise Bell from Prime Meridian Bank, Ms. Kathryn Buford from Awards4U, and Mr. Dan Moore from the Department of Education for being our judges, and special thanks to Mrs. Rioux.

The victors were Abraham Kunnan in first place and Sukeerth Goly in second. Congrats to our winners, and thank you competitors for participating!

GES

Once in a land of the gods, where Olympus and monsters exist. There lived William, the son of Zeus. He was forced to battle forever. But one day, he ran away. On the run, the gods ordered all the monsters from Tartarus to find him.

"Ahhhh, monsters!" said William.

He drew his diamond sword and started fighting the nymphs! They shot him with their poison thorns.

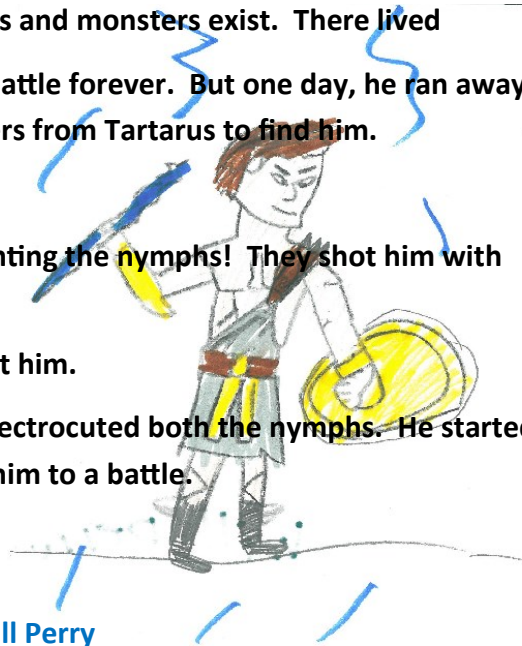
"Ow," he said as the pain rushed throughout him.

But then, he took a piece of lightning and electrocuted both the nymphs. He started to run again but Hades himself challenged him to a battle.

Want to find out who wins?

Read William vs. Hades.

Artwork and Story by Will Perry



A long time ago . . . there lived a queen who had a secret. The queen was very beautiful but on the other side, she was a vampire. Her daughter was very elegant. She did not know her mother's secret until...this day.

It was time for the masquerade ball that we did every single year. Every time, everyone wore elegant dresses and colorful masks, including me. I was going to get bored any second, when my mom rushed out the door. It happened all the time, but this time I rushed down the halls after her. I transformed my wand into a torch light and ran outside. It was dark and my mom was nowhere to be seen. Suddenly I saw my mother. I ran to her arms open wide then I stopped. My mom had fangs in her mouth! I stepped back, then she told me her secret.

Then it all started to make sense. This was why she ran away a lot. She told me that she was cursed many years ago before I was born. Suddenly, out of nowhere, I saw a potion . I quickly told my mom to drink it. Then, with her fangs gone and her nails cut, she hugged me and said thank you.

We returned home and never told anyone. And everyone lived happily ever after.

But, I'm still wondering who put this curse on my mother and why?

Find out in the next book!

Artwork and Story by Jenna Kim



The Beautiful Bird

Once there was a very ugly bird her name was Teana. Teana was very kind but very ugly so the other birds teased her. One day Teana was in the forest on her afternoon walk. She looked up and an old bird was sitting in front of her. "May I please have a sip of water?" the old bird said. "Why of course" Teana said and pulled out of her bag a cup of water. She handed it to the old bird. "Thank you" the old bird said in a soft voice. "And for your kindness I will make you beautiful!" the woman said. "No thank you" Teana said. "I like myself just as I am!" And Teana strutted back home to be with her family.



By: Emily
McConnaughtay

Poetry

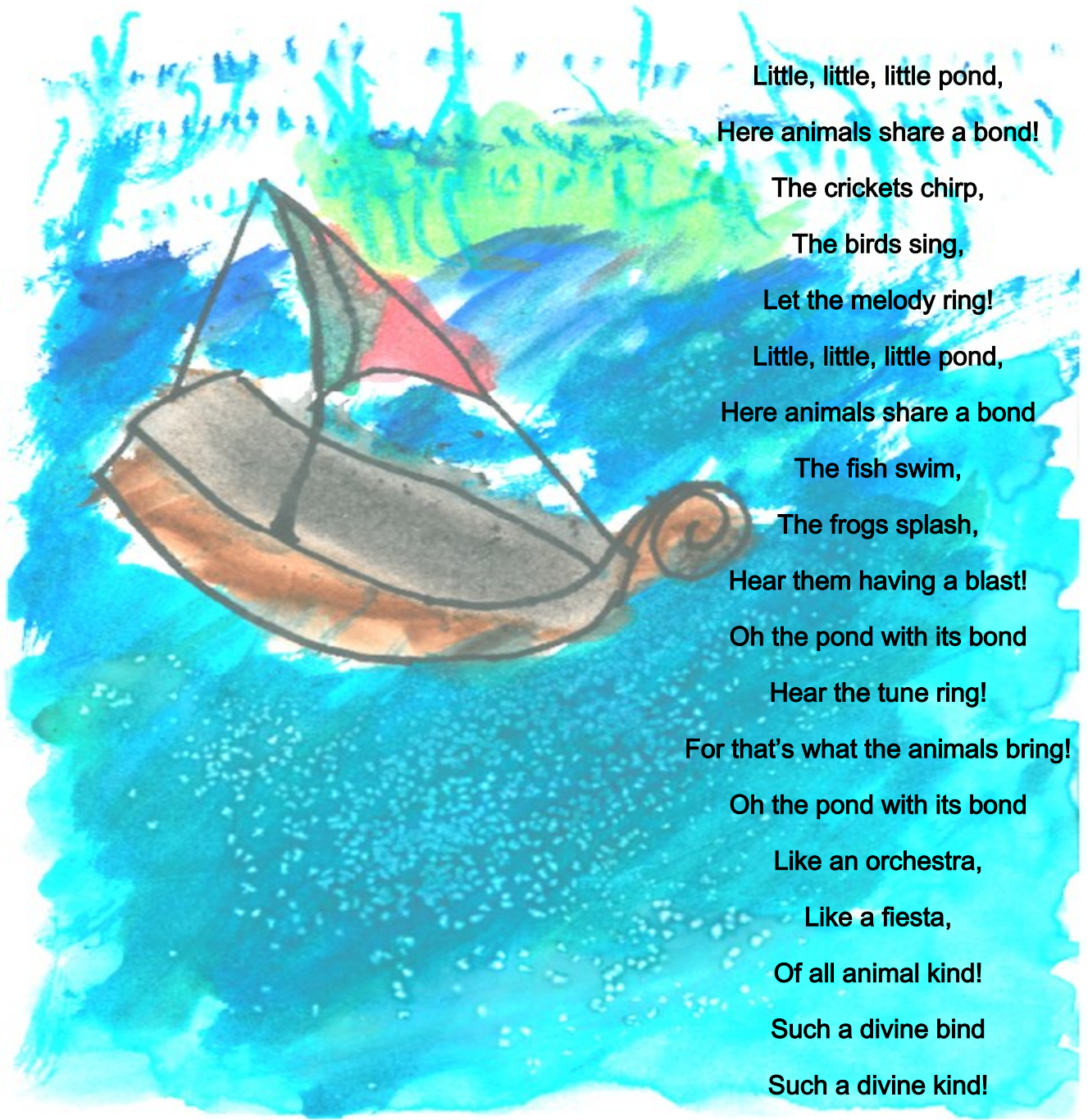


T'was the night before Christmas,
Rudolph at the door
He wasn't giving presents,
But looking for candy galore.

Poetry and Artwork
by
Will Perry



Artwork by Emily McConnaughay



Little, little, little pond,
Here animals share a bond!

The crickets chirp,

The birds sing,

Let the melody ring!

Little, little, little pond,

Here animals share a bond

The fish swim,

The frogs splash,

Hear them having a blast!

Oh the pond with its bond

Hear the tune ring!

For that's what the animals bring!

Oh the pond with its bond

Like an orchestra,

Like a fiesta,

Of all animal kind!

Such a divine bind

Such a divine kind!

Artwork and Poem By Slava Tvetkov

Good Butterfly!



Beautiful
Butterfly, Peaceful
meadows, No evil
agenda of anything
just pure...



Artwork by Trinity Starke

The Artists' Corner



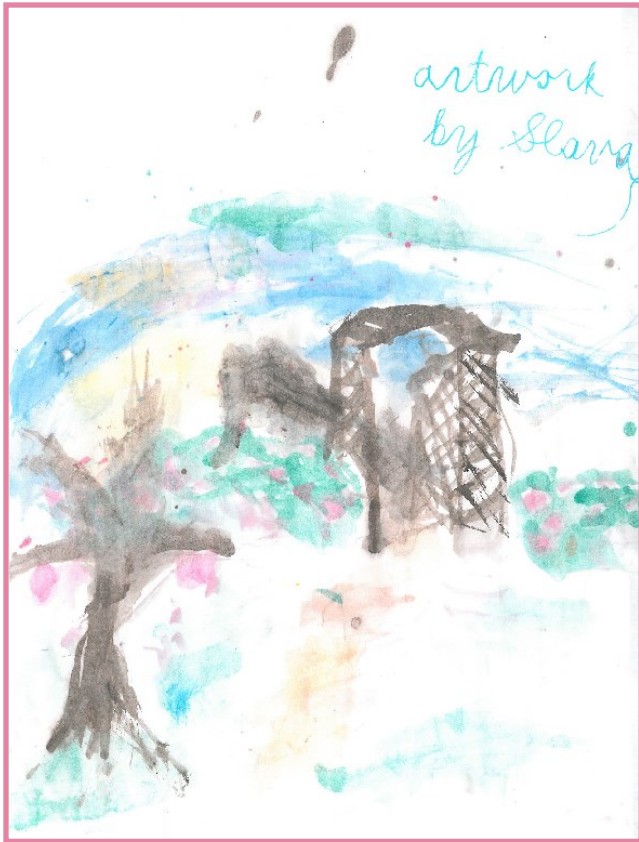
By Bryson Eliacin



By Addison Barber



By Abu Balogun



artwork
by Slava

By Slava Tsvetkov



By Abu Balogun and Aran Bahmani



By
Abu
Balogun



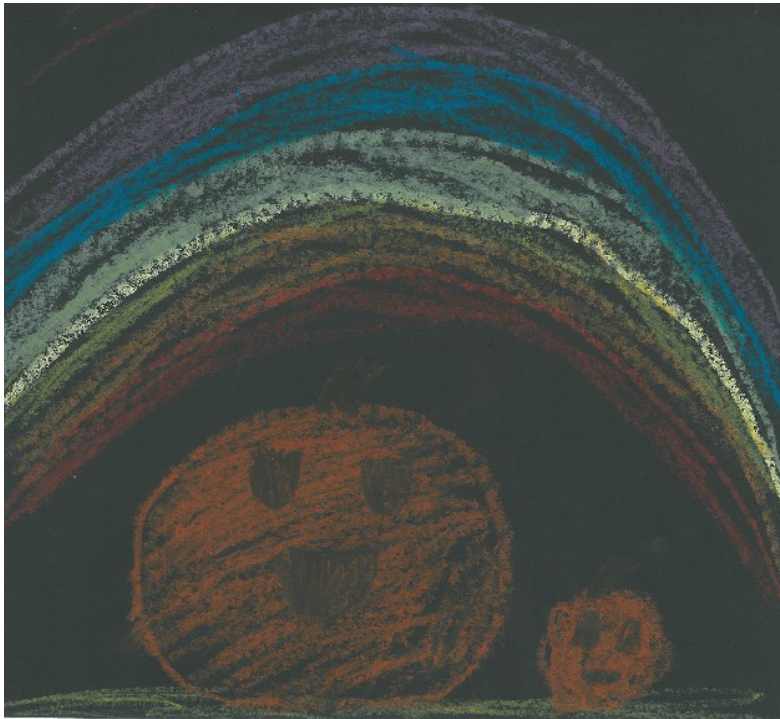
by Grace Littlejohn



by Grace Littlejohn



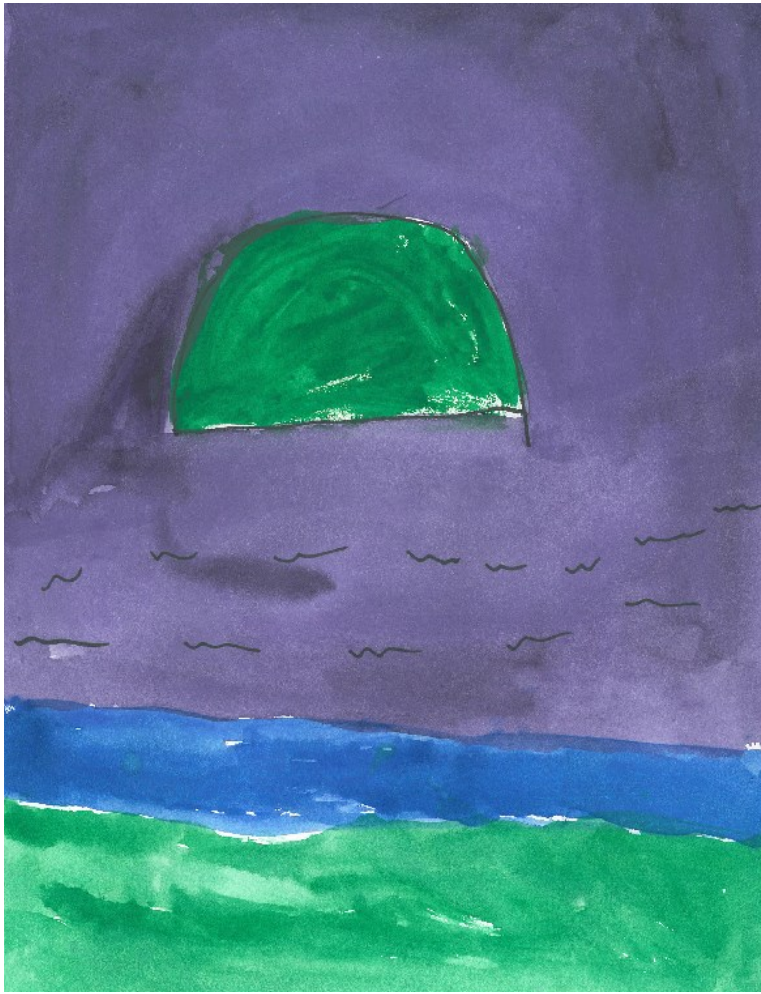
By Bryson Eliacin



By Will Perry



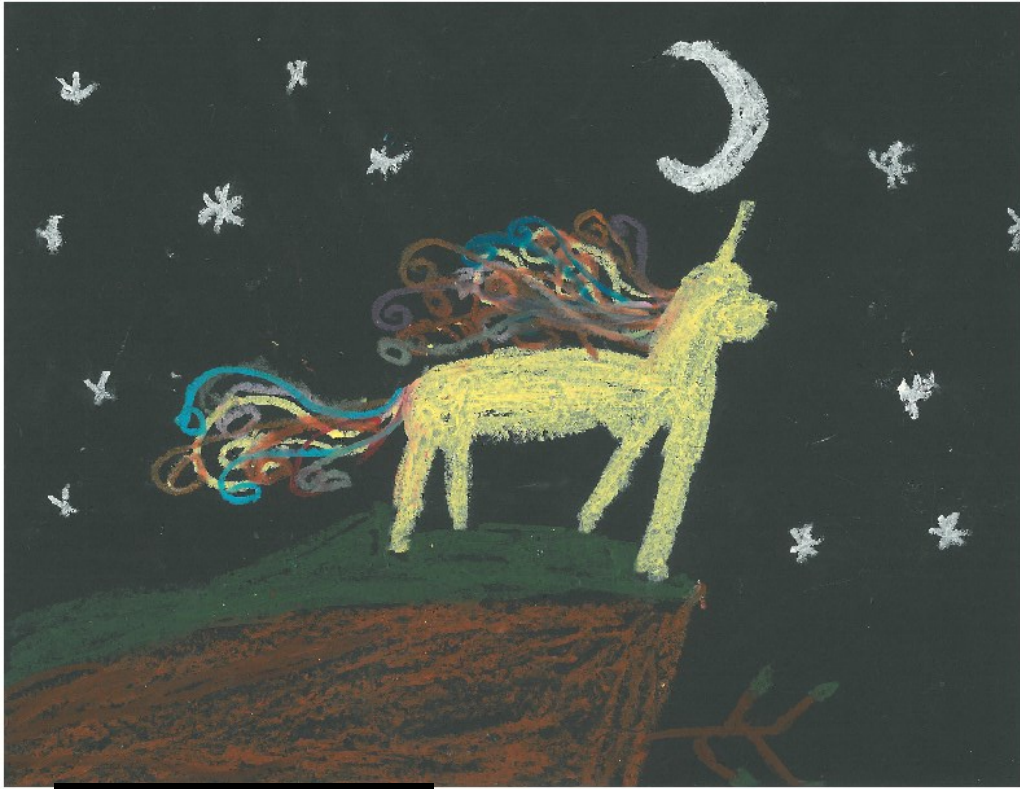
13 By Emily McConnaughay



By Addison Barber



By Abu Balogun



By Abu Balogun



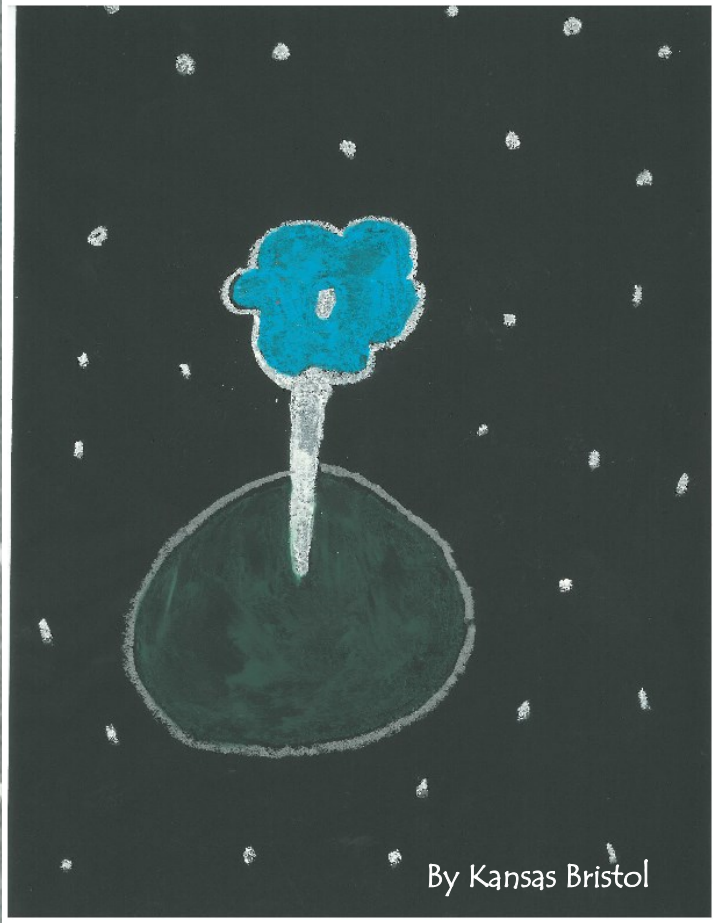
By Emily McConnaughay



By Neshamah Males



By Emily McConnaughay

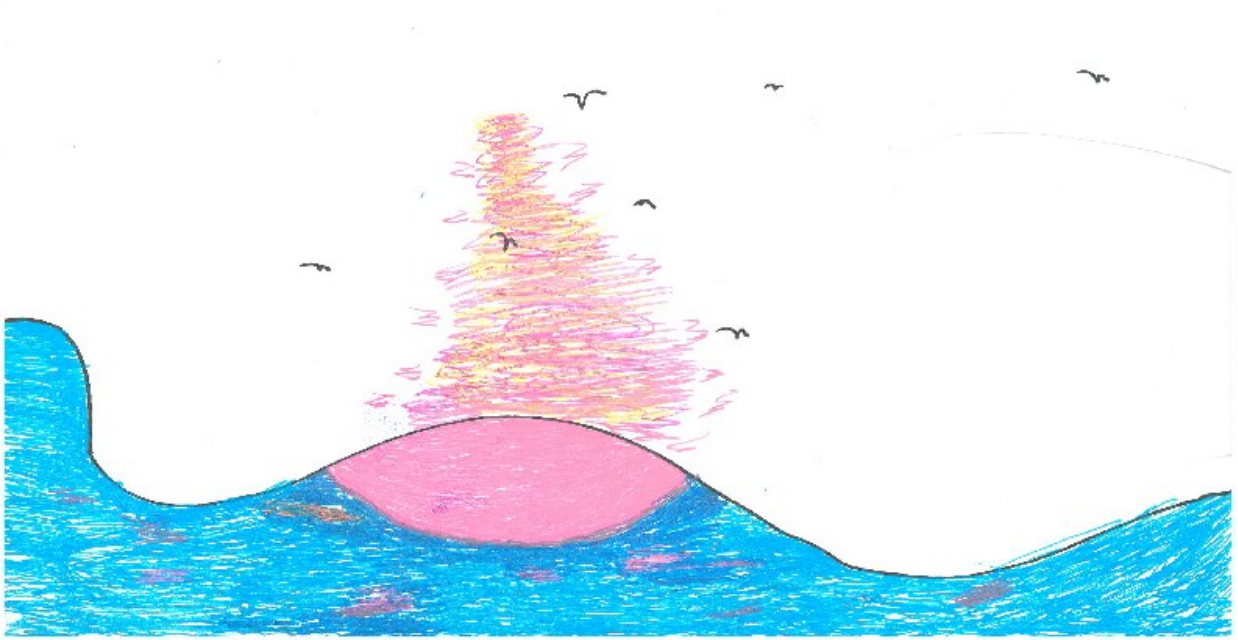


By Kansas Bristol

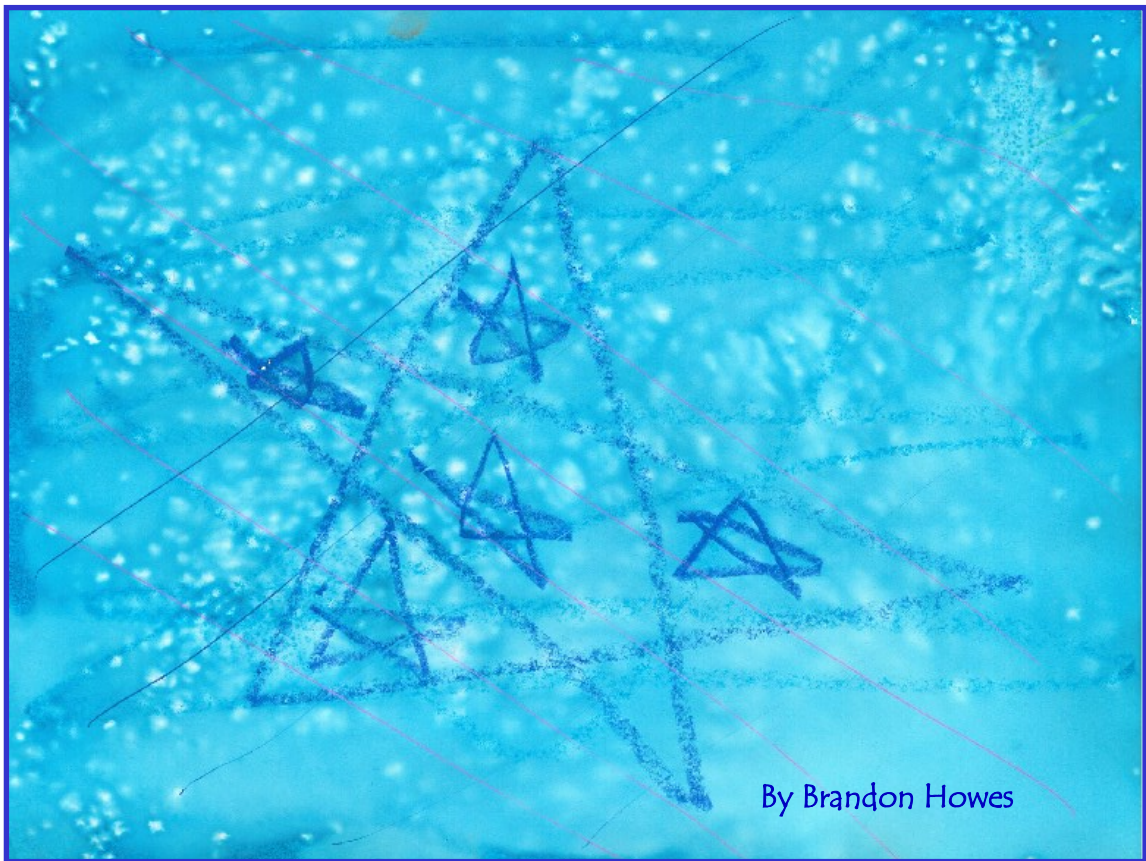
Background by Brandon Howes



By Slava Tsvetkov



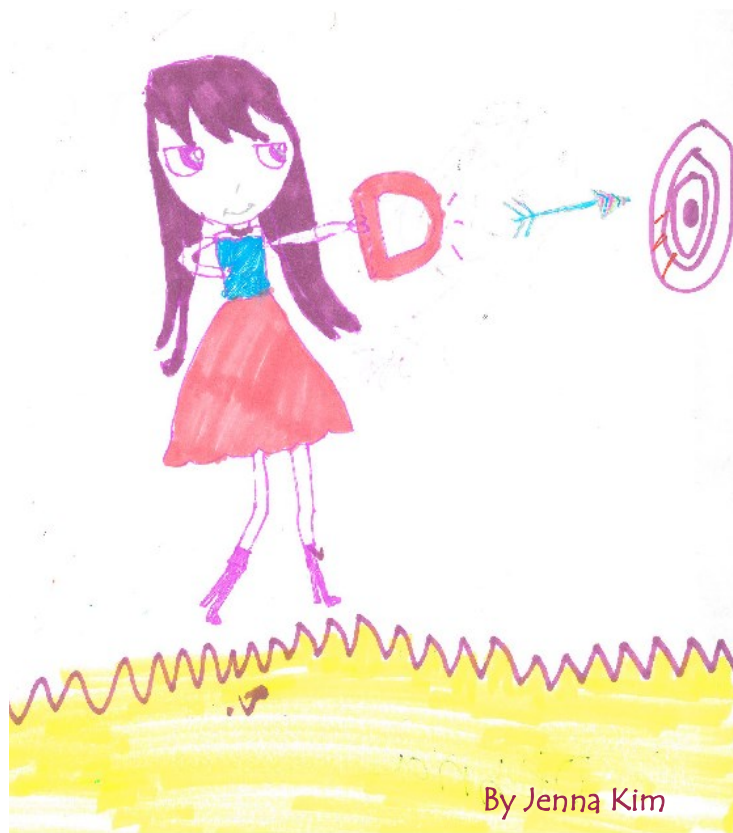
By Trinity Starke



By Brandon Howes



By Addison Barber



By Jenna Kim

Photography



Photos by Jenna Kim



Photos by Kansas Bristol



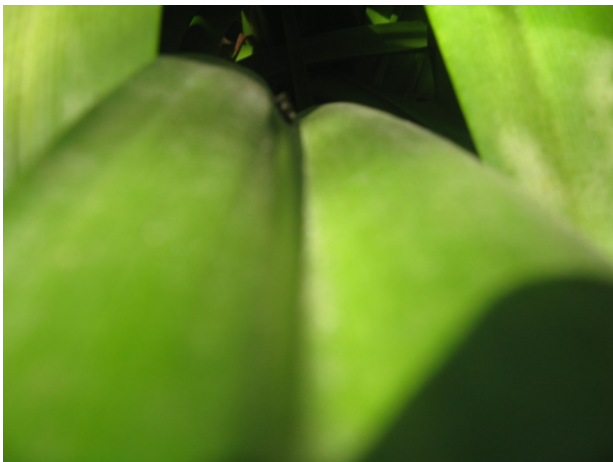


Photos by Addison Barber

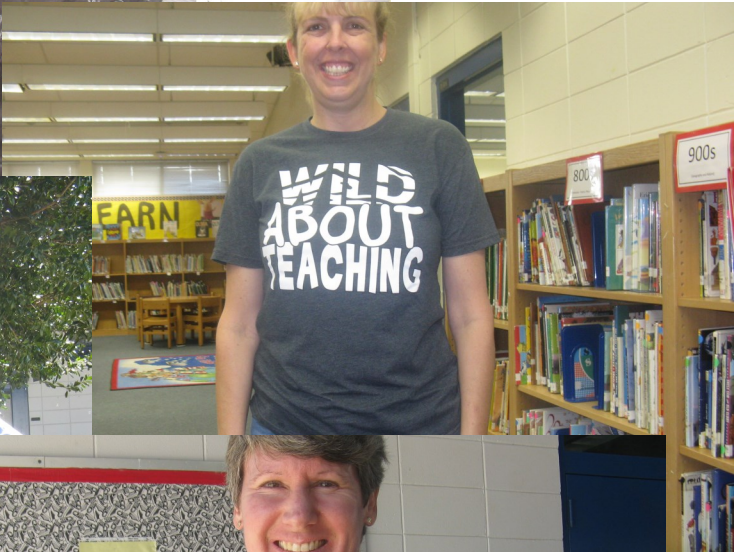


Photos by Trinity Starke

Photos by Brandon Howes



Spotted around campus...
Photos by Bryson Eliacin



Pawprints Editorial Board at work!



Editorial Board Members and Contributors



Aran Bahmani...

is a 10-year-old boy who loves reading and art. He has three siblings that all went to Gilchrist.



Abu Balogun...

is an 11-year-old boy who likes to read. He has an annoying 7-year-old brother in second grade. He has lots of great friends.



Addison Barber...

is a 9-year-old girl with two sisters who are one and four. She loves to draw dolphins. She likes candy.



Kansas Bristol...

is a total nerd in fifth grade who is enthusiastic and loves to read and write.



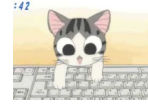
Bryson Eliacin...

is awesome. He will become a scientist. He likes to read and he has cool friends. He loves Pokemon.



Brandon Howes...

is an 10-year-old boy who loves baseball and his family. He enjoys hanging out with his friends. He is in the fifth grade and his teachers are Mrs. Shoaff, Mrs. Bryant, and Ms. Berry.



Jenna Kim...

is a person who CANNOT STOP READING. She loves to draw anime. She has a little sister and she loves Hawaiian tigers.



Neshamah Males...

is 10 years old and is in Ms. Berry's homeroom class. She loves math and her favorite sport is watching football.



Emily McConnaughay...

wants to be a writer when she grows up. She loves animals and loves to read. She has the best little sister ever! She is a very smart child.



Will Perry...

was born in 2008. He loves dogs. He is in CA and he loves pandas and telling jokes.



Trinity Starke...

is a terrific kid who stepped onto Earth in 2008 and changed the world as we know it. She likes wolves, ice cream, and fried rice.



Slava Tsvetkov ...

is a nice boy who is eleven and likes nature, science, and math. He also loves to draw.

Guest Contributors



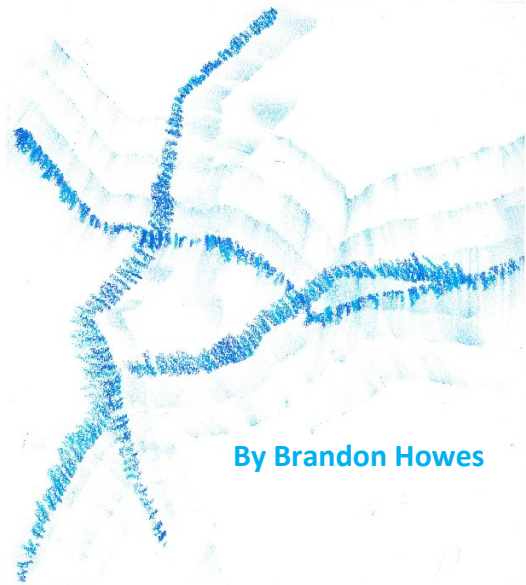
Ella Grace Corbin...

is friendly, loyal, and fun. She likes sports, drawing and singing. She loves to be involved with a lot of events in school like, safety patrol, math club, helping in the classroom and Pawprints.



Grace Littlejohn...

is a talented artist who loves the Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children series. She loves any kind of fantasy or science fiction book she can get her tiny hands on. Grace loves video games. She wants to be a best selling author. She is a purple belt in Kempo Karate. She is 10- years-old and is in the fifth grade.



By Brandon Howes



By Ella Grace Corbin

