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*Remembering 2010...
Dreaming big in 2011*



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A YEAR IN POETRY

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

America SCORES New York.



Dear America SCORES Student-Athletes,

I hope all of you had the opportunity to watch the FIFA World Cup this past summer. I was fortunate enough to spend the entire month in South Africa as a part of the ESPN broadcast team. Whether calling a game on TV or watching as a fan, the greatest moments for me occurred off camera, as I learned more about South African culture and how the game is truly changing the country.

Soccer, or 'football' as they call it around the world, is embedded into every part of African culture. Children play with a ball and whatever they can find nearby to create goals. Families gather around fields that have become their community centers to cheer on friends and siblings. I saw kids participating in soccer clinics, preparing to be the next World Cup superstar. But most importantly, I saw a country that came together around a sport they love and one they believe instills important values in the lives of everyone it touches.

As another season winds down and you get ready for a new one, remember that kids like you are playing soccer around the world. And they, like you, are learning skills and values that will be useful throughout their entire lives. This is why I want you to continue playing soccer - not to win or become a professional player - but to experience its rich culture of teamwork, leadership, and commitment, and to witness the sport's power to transform your community, school, country, and, as the World Cup showed us, even the world.

You can now catch John on ESPN as a soccer analyst for MLS and US National Team games.

John Harkes

- **Born March 8 in Kearny, NJ**
- **First American ever to play in the English Premier League**
- **Inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2005**
- **Played in the 1990 and 1994 FIFA World Cup**
- **Won two Major League Soccer titles with DC United**
- **Ended his national team career with 90 caps and 6 goals**
- **Serves on the National Board of Directors for America SCORES**



Write. Play. Achieve.

AMERICA SCORES

America SCORES is the time of my life. Because soccer is my life and my dream. Soccer is my time and my dream because soccer is not a game for me. Soccer is like my family that cares about me It's not just my family because Mr. Mauro is like my uncle, my grandfather, my dad and my leader.

*Monica O., age 10
Ceasar Chavez E.S.
Dallas*

E.S: Elementary School
M.S: Middle School

THIS IS SOCCER

When the boys go on the field, we try to work hard. Sometimes we win, Sometimes we lose. This is what soccer is all about.

*Devin V., age 10
Emerson Elementary
Seattle*

PEAR

Summer is coming. School days are ending. Playing on the grass. With my cousin Tommy.

*Huy B., age 10
Emerson E.S.
Seattle*

IF I WERE IN CHARGE OF THE WORLD

If I were in charge of the world, there would be no more drugs. If I were in charge of the world, I will ban homework. If I were in charge of the world, I would make millions and millions of candy and ice cream shops. If I were in charge of the world, I would put a hot tub in the class. If I were in charge of the world, I would destroy the liquor stores and build hospitals.

*Graciela R., age 9
Eagleton E.S.
Denver*

LOVE ME

Take my hand and lead the way, Love me so I won't run away. Love me, teach me, and everything is ok.

At night I close my eyes so tight, I have no choice, but to stay alright.

Have me in chains and I will break free. Hold me, hug me, hear me, So I will stay away from guns, For you and for me.

Love me.

*Adriana P., age 9
Hayes Bilingual
Milwaukee*

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Snapshot:

a look back at 2010



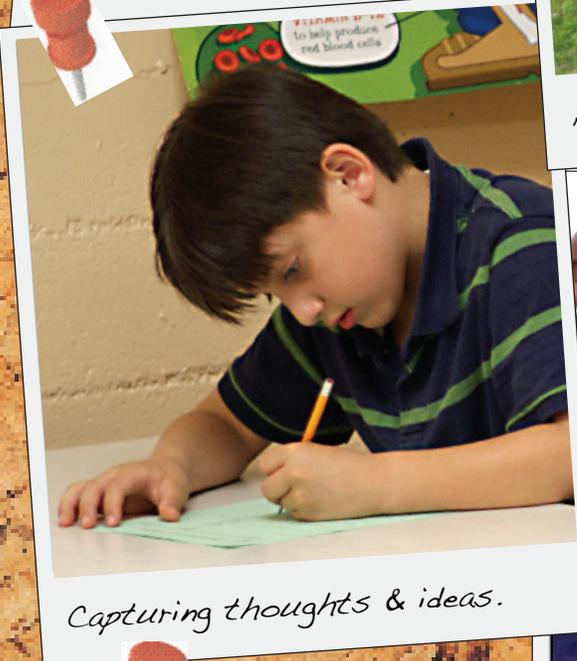
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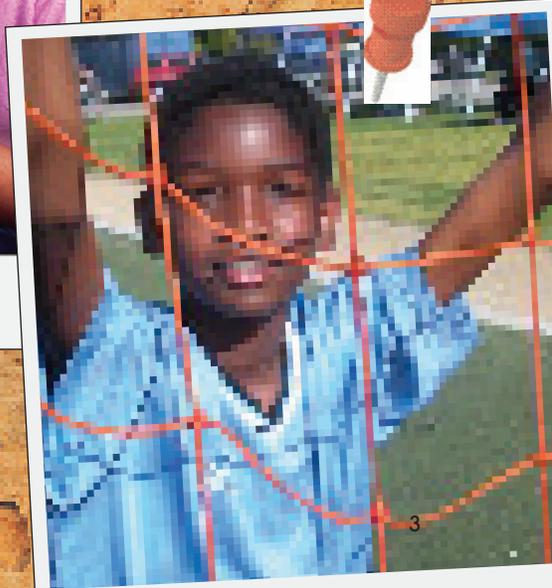


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A Look Back: service-learning

You did it! 6,000 students...200 projects...60 hours...

This past spring, America SCORES' students accomplished incredible feats in their communities and across the United States. Take a look at a few of the ways in which you made a difference:

Chicago:

Students researched gun violence in their community of North Lawndale. After creating posters to raise awareness, they recorded a PSA about its effects on families and the community.

New England:

Students partnered with City Year Boston and the Peace Institute to beautify their school grounds, planting flowers & vegetables in the school yard.



LA:

Students partnered with Heal the Bay to pick up trash at Dockweiler Beach. Coaches, students, & families cleaned a half mile stretch to learn about keeping our environment clean.

St. Louis:

Students started an urban farm plot in a vacant lot. They had soil delivered and planted vegetables on an all-school service project day.

DC:

Students researched healthy living & learned more about exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle. The teams then held a school-wide fitness workshop and sponsored a city-wide poster contest.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Service-Learning Project: The Adventures of The Health Squad

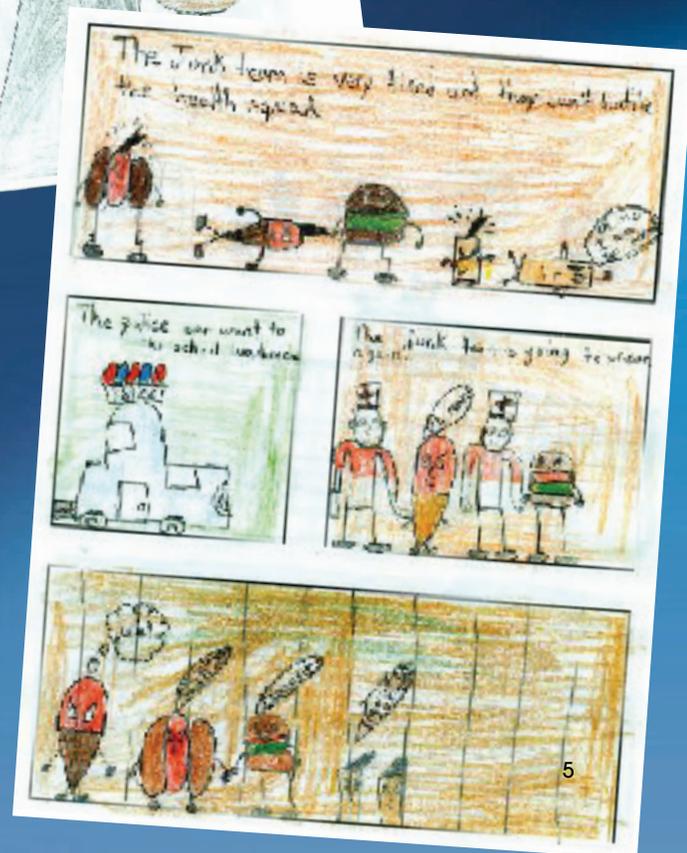
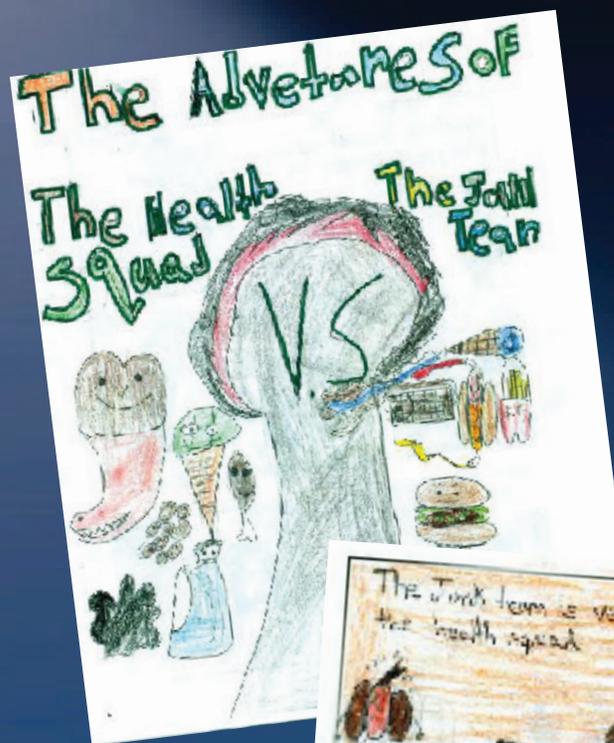
The boy's team at PS 192 in New York always loved reading comic books, but it wasn't until they started their spring service-learning project that they realized they could write one too!

The team noticed that kids at their school didn't know a lot about healthy food, so they decided to teach their classmates about making good choices. Working with their coach, they learned about the different kinds of food groups, how much of each kind should make up the daily diet, and where they could buy healthy food in their neighborhood.

Then, they wrote and illustrated a story that pitted the Health Squad—all of the good things to eat—against the Junk Team—the unhealthy foods—in a battle for supremacy at their school. In the comic book, the Junk Team almost takes over and makes kids eat gross food, but it is the combined forces of the Health Squad and the poet-athletes that emerge as the winners!

The team presented their comic book at the school's health fair and distributed copies to friends and community members. With imaginative illustrations and funny text, the Junk Team vs. the Health Squad became the most popular reading material at PS 192!

Thank you to adidas and the "Make the World a Better Place" Challenge for making this opportunity possible.



IF I WAS PRESIDENT

If I was in charge,
We'd all live large.
Let's keep our streets clean
And very green.
Hey wanna be cool?
Then stay in school.
No cutting down trees
Let's plant some seeds.
Hey Michael Vick,
No dog fighting.
We'd all drive electric cars,
And live on Mars.
Hey all of you!
No littering.
Come take a look,
Inside a book.
Hey everyone!
Let's have some fun!

Remahn D., age 10
Bret Harte E.S
Bay Area

LOVE

Love is a feeling
that you can't forget.
When you find love
you can't regret.
Love is here, love is there.
When you don't feel it
just know
it is really there.
Love is sweet,
Love is kind like sugar
and honey
and other things fine like
chewy or fruity or
hard and soft.
There's all different kinds
of love in your heart.

Charles M., age 11
Futures E.S
Bay Area

SUPPORT

Help me support you so
your life could be better
So you won't have to
suffer.
So someone can be
there when you can't
get up.
And when you can't
hold on anymore
Wake up and realize
I'm there to support you
To help you carry on
Through life, death and
so on.

Que'Aire A., age 11
Brookfield E.S
Bay Area

SORRY

Sometimes sorry isn't
good enough.
Sometimes you have to
be tough.
Sorry is hard to say.
Sorry is a card you have
to play.
Sorry is the only cure.
The word sorry isn't true.
Sorry is only for you.
Sorry is too big
Sorry is a fib.
Sorry will make you cry.
Sorry will be your last
goodbye!

Shannon C., age 10
Elizabeth Stewart School
Bay Area

DEVASTATION OF POVERTY ON STREET

Did you know almost
39.1 million people in
California are poor?
Poor people are
older people, children,
maybe even families.
On the street I see
gangs, dark mysterious
alleys, and as I'm
turning a corner,
I see a poor man asking
for money.
He looks sad, I can tell
by the look on his face.
His clothes are tattered
with holes.
You may not know what
it feels like to be poor,
But I do.
When I was seven years
old,
my auntie kicked me,
my mom, and my 24-
month-old baby brother
out.
A few days afterwards,
we stayed at a mission
in Seattle, Washington.
Living in a house with
strangers.
Everyone looks dull
without energy.
Strong feelings of
frustration because an
aggravated lady yells at
my mom.
This is my story.
I try to help people who
are poor by giving them
a dollar or two.
So pitch in to help your
community!
You might be the one
to end poverty
in California.
This is it - you can
"Make the change!"

Elishama V., age 10
Ford E.S
Bay Area

RABBITS

Rabbits are small
and pretty.
They come in different
sizes and colors.
Soft and cuddly.
Cute faces.
Red, brown, or
black eyes.
No matter what
they rock.

Shannon C., age 10
Elizabeth Stewart School
Bay Area

POWERFUL, BEAUTIFUL, AND DARING

Powerful as a tiger
Beautiful as a rose
Daring as can be
Powerful, Beautiful
and Daring,
With the power I have
With the beauty in me
And as daring
as can be
I can take over anything
I want to be me
The world nowadays is
full of hate and violence
You have the power!
You are beautiful
and daring.
We can win
Not just the battle but
the war.
We will succeed in
everything we try.
We will never give up
til the deed is done.
Failure starts when
you stop trying.
So don't give up.
Just get right back up!

Cecila A., age 11
Brookfield E.S
Bay Area





This past fall, America SCORES and Thomson Reuters had a great opportunity to work together to make a difference in our communities. Here are a few highlights of what we did together:

- **Bay Area:** Held Field Day at three schools and wrote 'Headlines & Captions' for pictures in the Thomson Reuters calendar.
- **Denver:** Performed in a mini Poetry SLAM!
- **Milwaukee:** Participated in skill-building activities led by Milwaukee Wave player, Marcelo Fontana; Enjoyed soccer games, and shared poetry.
- **New England:** Played soccer games and had a make-it-yourself fajitas station!
- **New York City:** Revitalized a schoolyard by painting the new mini-soccer fields and a four-square grid.
- **St. Louis:** Warmed up for a health day with Zumba and shared how to continue staying connected with the community!



ODE TO KIWI

Kiwis are hairy.
They are green
on the inside.
They have tiny seeds.
They are round.
They are small.
They will be eaten
in the mall.
I see one rolling
I will see one in a bag.
I will see teeth marks
on one
I will see myself in a kiwi.

*Alexis L., age 10
Lexington E.S
St. Louis*

RESPECT

Respect my feelings
as I respect yours.
Respect your teacher as
she respects you.
Respect is a hard word,
but not hard to learn.
Look it up and
you will see that
it's not hard for you.
Respect your mother
she gives you her best.
Respect your elders
and they will
understand the rest.
Respect is the thing
that helps.
You shine with gleam.
So if you know respect
carry it along with you.
Share it
with everyone you know.

*Aaron H., age 10
Walbridge E.S
St. Louis*

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Dr. Martin Luther King,
He lived his life.
He dreamed his dream.
The worst of people
he redeemed.
He dreamed a world
where people stood
not separate
but in brotherhood.
Now ten ton bells
Together.
Swing, REMEMBER
Martin Luther King.
Got me a place for
Martin Luther King.
His picture
makes me sing.
I look at it
for a long time
and think of some
real good ways
we will OVERCOME.

*Rayvion J., age 10
Walbridge E.S
St. Louis*

I AM

I am a butterfly
in the sky.
I am so nice,
but I am sometimes shy.

When people laugh,
I sometimes
laugh along.
I also like to sing
a lot of songs.

When I am sleepy
I go to sleep.
When I really
want to see something,
I take a peek.

*Jackie J., age 10
Lexington E.S
St. Louis*

If I had a magic wand

I would let it fly high in the sky...

THE COMMUNITY

My community seems lost like a book with no title. The streets are good for nothing else but holding a rifle. We got murders Everyday Children lost like a stray. So many bad things on the news, seems like it is a play. You got to look behind your back and watch what you say. A lot of people ain't smart and some act like fools. It seems the only choice you have is to stay in school. See my neighborhood ain't nothing and nothing is better. East side covers Cleveland up like a giant sweater.

*Norton B., age 13
John W. Raper M.S
Cleveland*

MAGIC WAND

If I had a magic wand, I would make clean ponds So that we can eat clean fish. If I had a magic wand, I would let it fly high In the sky. To clean the pollution. What a great solution. If I had a magic wand, I would make my community green So my friends can see What a wonderful world it can be.

*Chauncy S., age 11
Michael R. White E.S
Cleveland*

I AM

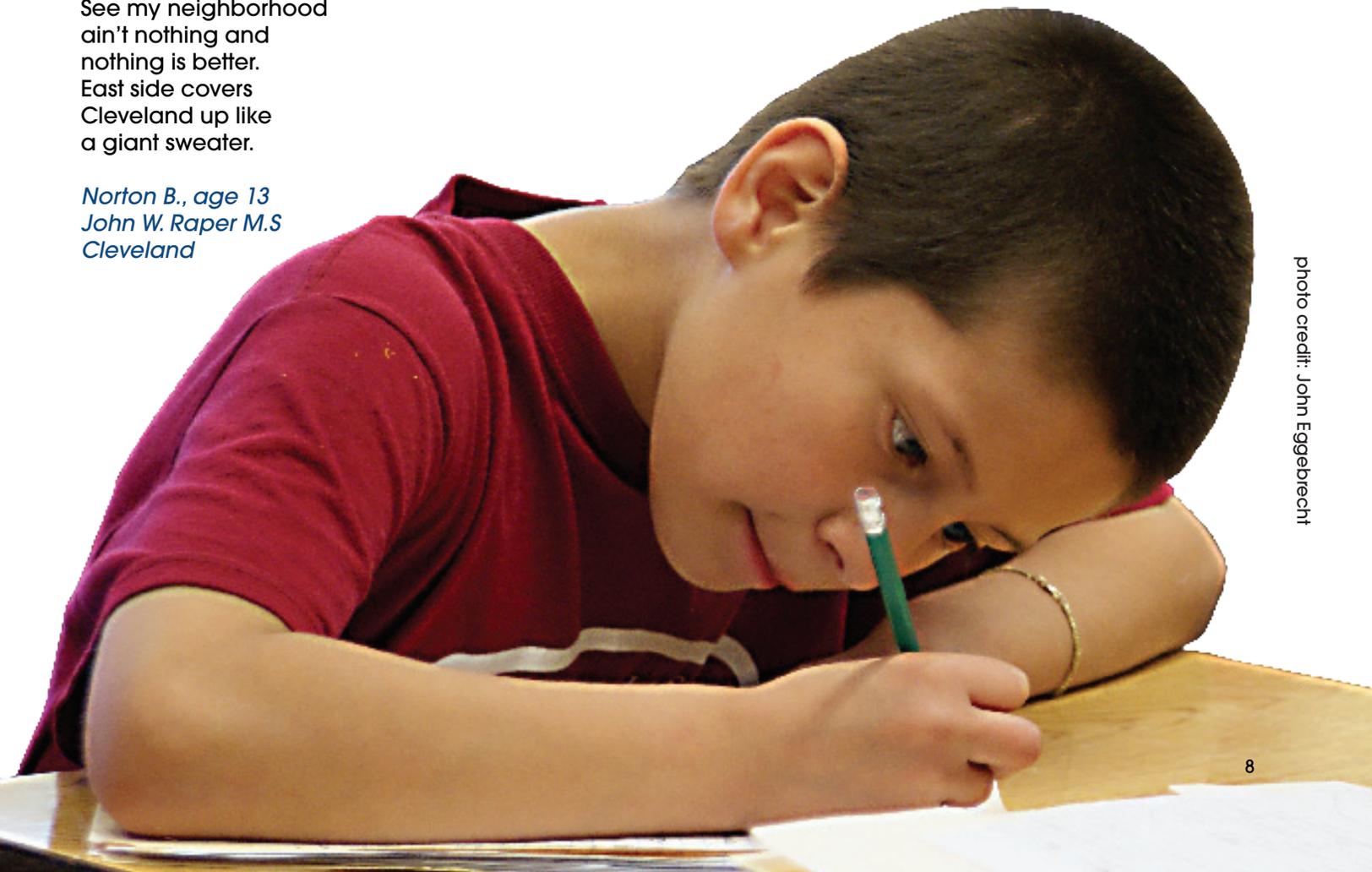
I am a unique person I am a beautiful girl I am a strong and powerful cheetah. Running in the wild, I am somebody who can take a chance I know who I am I am me.

*Tiana W., age 11
Willow E.S
Cleveland*

HEROES

Heroes, heroes I see one every day when I look in the mirror! Oh no! Shine in the eyes, I already know. I'm being discovered by my mother. She says I'm my own hero. She goes to work and gets that bread! I got the knowledge in my head! I'm a hero! Hey, what about you?

*Special T., age 11
Empire CompuTech E.S
Cleveland*



SOCCER

Soccer, soccer
we don't lay.
We are not bored.
And we like to play.
We go click,
We go clack
We go boom,
We go vroom
We run laps
We go coo coo
We go chop and pop.

Soccer, soccer
We blare
Like Rick Flair.
We fizzle we don't drizzle
When we play a game
We don't sleep
We don't drink water
from the creek.

Soccer, soccer
We go for the score,
We are not scared
of a tiger's roar.

*Henry L., age 11
Tubman E.S
DC*

UNTITLED

Eyes as big as the sun
A smile that could light
up the whole town
A scar on my cheek
that symbolizes the past
Voice so soft like a
bunny's fur
It can cheer you up
when you hear me
murmur
Hair that moves like
waves
Inside my heart a kind
person who cares
A scar on top of my lip
I paid the price for
licking my lips

*Gisselle M., age 11
Jackson Mann E.S
New England*

LIBERTAD

¿Libertad con paz?
De que serias capaz
De crear mundos
extraños
De volar como una
estrella fugaz

Hacer volar tu
imaginación
Crear un cielo hermoso

FREEDOM

Freedom with peace?
What would you be
capable of?
To create strange worlds
To fly like a shooting star

Make your
imagination fly
Create a beautiful sky.

*Ivania V., age 13
Oyster-Adams Bilingual
DC*

TREE MADNESS

I feel sad for the trees
They do not feel free.
Because of the people
Cutting them down
for cigarettes.
And I bet they feel
neglected.
I know the trees
do not deserve
What the people are
doing to them.
It feels like a forest fire
burning inside of me.
But one day
I am going to stop
the madness,
And set all the trees free.

*Alex R., age 10
Tubman E.S
DC*

EL HAIKU TRADICIONAL

Cielo veraniego,
Lluevo y luego para
Bailan los insectos.
Un Viejo estanque se
zambulle una rana,
ruida de agua

*Cindy R., age 9
Bancroft E.S
DC*

WHY POETRY IS IMPORTANT

Poetry is important
Because you can
Express
Your emotions.
Poetry is important
Because you can write
About how you feel.
Poetry is important
Because when
You are in love,
You can write a poem.
Poetry is important
Because you feel alive!
When you write poetry.

*Niah F., age 10
Beers E.S
DC*

MY HAPPINESS

My happiness
is like a rushing ocean
It flows peacefully and
glints off the sunlight.
And it reminds me
of times when I had
a joyous memory.
It makes me feel
like I can
conquer anything.
I want to feel it forever.

*Miracle B., age 14
Jefferson M.S
DC*

COMMUNITY VIOLENCE

The community needs to stop
all of the killing
I think it's time for some healing.

I don't want to hear the police any more,
I don't want to hear someone
getting robbed and now poor.

I don't want to see people go to jail
Now their family is forced to pay bail.

We need to have love in the community
We need to have neighborhood immunity.

We need to stop acting like beasts
We need to have love,
and community peace.

*James P., age 12
Raymond Education Center
DC*

I feel happy, everywhere I go

HAPPY

I feel happy
everywhere I go
Smiling and laughing
all the time.
I feel happy
all around town.
I'm very happy
and I'm very sweet
I'm like a sweet sweet
candy treat
I'm very excited and
very cool
Everyone loves me
in school.
I walk around my
neighborhood
everyday
smiling at everyone and
they say HOORAY!
I always believe
that I'm great, beautiful,
loving, and cheerful
I help
everyone around me
smile!
That's why I feel happy
everywhere I go.

Corrianna P., age 10
Carter G. Woodson E.S
Atlanta

THANKSGIVING

I love turkey.
My last name is Murray.
I love beets.
There's something good
to me,
but what could it be?
Thanksgiving is the best,
but don't make a mess.

Shykeria T., age 10
Carter G. Woodson E.S
Atlanta

ME

I am so beautiful, that's
the truth.
Sometimes I picture
myself taking a picture
in a booth.
I am so smart, I get all
A's and B's.
I don't dream of getting
any grades lower, that's
just me.
I love to read but there
are lots of words I have
not heard.
I tell my feelings when I
am mad.
I had great teachers
in 3rd grade and they
made me glad.
I need a book to read
so I can relax.

Jalissa H., age 10
Carter G. Woodson E.S
Atlanta

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is scary, it
frightens your heart.
The good thing is you
can eat candy darts.
If you eat too much
candy you might barf.
Halloween feels like
candy dropping from
the sky.
Halloween tastes like
pie, it's so sweet.

Shunteka W., age 10
Carter G. Woodson E.S
Atlanta

HELP

I feel like raindrops
falling down.
My eyes and face are
sore because of the
tears I cry.
When people die every
day I feel sad
It makes you want to cry.
I feel like I am saying
help help help
Some people say help
help help help all the
time because they need
help
The homeless people
need help because
they don't have family
and friends to help
them.
The government needs
to help these people.
The government needs
to find the homeless
people shelters, families
and clothes so help
people who need your
help. They will love it
and I won't have to cry
anymore.

Destinee B., age 11
Carter G. Woodson E.S
Atlanta

STAR

I am a shooting star.
I am a shiny star.
I see teachers passing
by me.
I am a comet flying to
land.
I am not cool, I am hot.

Samuel B., age 10
Carter G. Woodson E.S
Atlanta

CRYING

Sobbing, wallowing,
however
You put it. It's still crying
The thing I won't do
As though I say that
I still feel blue
I feel down, like a
clown, like Cinderella
Without her gown
But unlike her I
Won't cry. The most
You'll see me do is
Sigh.

Mya N., age 11
Nance E.S
St. Louis

GRANDMA

Grandma, grandma
Why did you
Have to go
It only seems
Like a little
While ago.
The way you
Used to comb
My hair and
The way you
And I like
To stare.
You and I
Were like
A famous duo.
The way we make
Funny words
Like rufuo.

Cheyenne A., age 11
Nancy E.S
St. Louis

Looking Back 2010



What I loved most about being a part of America SCORES last year was how the coaches were so nice. Coach Mimi was great because if we weren't in position, she would help and tell us where we should be. I liked how the coaches cared for everyone. I liked the poem we wrote with Coach Erikca, where we were able to write about ourselves. We would write what our favorite color was and if we could be something what it would be. I had so much fun that I'm coming back this year!

I like being on a team because I like to show teamwork. I'm the oldest, I like feeling like a leader. I felt like we helped our community. I like game day, too, because I like playing against the other teams and showing what I learned.

Leila W., age 10
Charnock Elementary School, LA

October - November
Poetry, soccer & game days!



October
Fall Festival!
soccer tournament



November - December
Poetry Slam!



April Shout!, a day of service
& the National Poetry Slam!



March - May Poetry,
service-learning,
soccer & game days!



May - June Jamboree!
soccer festival

June - August
Summer
SCORES
camps
and clinics



MOONLIGHT SORROW

The moonlight
of sorrow
Brightens my sadness.
Through the dark,
long sky
With my friends I enjoy.
Enjoy this lovely sight,
I won't forget
This moment.
Never in my life
This dark
and lonely night.
I love, I live,
for the moonlight.
My moonlight of
sorrow.

*Katherine E., age 11
Braddock Drive E.S
LA*

MY HAPPINESS

My happiness is
like the bright sun.
It shines and lights.
And it reminds me
of the time
When I danced
all night.
It makes me
feel happy every day.
I want to dance
my whole life away.

*Alexa G., age 11
Braddock Drive E.S
LA*

THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE

November 27
Was the best day
of my life
That's when
I got my guinea pig
His nails were sharp
like a knife.
But he didn't have
a house.
So when he was sleeping
quiet like a mouse
We went to buy him
a home.
We named him Jerry
because he's sweet
like a berry.
November 27
when I got
sweet Jerry berry.

*Marilyn T., age 10
Ceasar Chavez E.S
Dallas*

MY ARM

It is special because
it moves
when I tell it to
It shakes
When it senses fear
When it feels the
coldness in the air.
It high fives someone
if they do a good job
or make an awesome
goal in soccer,
And it is good
for writing poems.

*Marcos C., age 11
Ceasar Chavez E.S
Dallas*

MY GIRL THAT'S A FRIEND

You're a very little girl
with very short hair.
I saw you at the store
You went up to me and
said your feet were sore.
I asked if you were okay
I walked away and
you screamed, "Hey!"
I said, "What is wrong?"
You said:
"Let's go to my house
and listen to my song."
We went to your house
and you showed me
your mouse.
You gave me your
number
And a cucumber...
I went home
Where I'm always alone
The following day,
we sat on a bench
and talked.
Then we stood up and
started to walk.
People stared at me
because I was with you.
Your eyes are blue.
Our relationship
got better,
And I started calling
you "my little Heather".
When I have problems
you give me advice.
You were turning seven.
Four years later,
you turned eleven.
That year was
the worst one.
At least for four years,
we had a lot of fun.
You moved
to a far-away place.
After that, I never saw
your face.
I'll never have a friend
as good as you.
But I'll always
remember
your cute eyes
that are blue.
I was gonna give you
a present, but now
it's too late.
At least you left
with no one to hate.

*Jose P., age 11
Palms E.S
LA*

GREEN / VERDE

Green is the grass
Verde es el zacate.
Green are the plants
Verde son las plantas.
When you go outside,
you see green
all around.
Cuando vas para
afuera ves mucho
verde
Green are the frogs
Verde son las ranas.

*Evelyn S., age 10
Eagleton E.S
Denver*

UNTITLED

It's not just a home
It's a property
you take care of
Living and believing in it
To care about.
it's where you made
your first friend or
made your own
Creative world.

*Marcos C., age 11
Ceasar Chavez E.S
Dallas*

MOTHER'S DAY

I love my mom
because she blesses me
every day.
She gives me
spiritual gifts.
I'm blessed to have you
as my mom.
I love you, mom,
with all my heart.

*Thabiso M., age 11
Charnock Road E.S
LA*

WHAT IF?

What if the world was made out of cheese? People would have to drink melted cheese every day. Also, we will turn into people-cheese. Then the rain turns into cheese. Even the buildings are made out of cheese. EVERYTHING is made out of cheese. My bed will feel "Yuck!" and wet, (which means the cheese has melted) If everything was made out of cheese, Computers, beds, drinks, food, homes, flowers, streets, and even us, human being, people! The cheese will feel nasty and it will sound as if you were stepping on sponges with water. It will look yellow with holes in it. And when the flowers open, whole pieces of cheese will be in there melting. On computers, there will only be websites about cheese. Even the Sun! is made out of cheese (melted cheese because the brightness of Sun will melt cheese). And the moon is going to be made out of cheese too (but not melted because it doesn't have the brightness). And they will call the town, Cheese Town!

*Monica A., age 9
Pilsen Academy
Chicago*

MY BIRTHDAY

Today is my birthday.
I am 11
The absence of peace
Surrounds me
Gunfire drowns
The sound of party
Cries for help are my
'Happy Birthday' songs.
The candles on my cake
are the burnt hopes
around me.
Today is my birthday
I am 11
I close my eyes
Hold my breath
And make a wish
That I'll be here next year
To turn 12.

*Karneil S., age 11
Corkery School
Chicago*

I AM

I am a soccer player
and a poet.
I wonder why everything
costs so much.
I hear children giggle
like monkeys.
I see children work hard
to get smart.
I want people to be
respectful.
I pretend that hatred
doesn't exist.
I understand that
everyone gets mad
sometimes.
I dream that violence
will stop.
I hope that I will get a
scholarship to college.
I am a soccer player
and a poet.

*Keila V., age 10
Corkery School
Chicago*

MY WISHES

I wish I could
bring people back to
life
I wish I could
breathe underwater.
I wish I never had to cry.
I wish I could
forgive and forget.
I wish danger
did not exist.
I wish school
was a piece of cake.

*Vanessa T., age 14
Eil Whitney School
Chicago*

THE SEA

Down in the sea
is a group of jelly fish
as pretty as can be.

Sharks hunt for food,
not like me,
I think that is crazy!

I swam out of the sea,
as fast as can be,
and they weren't
friendly.
So I start panicking!

*Sayvion H., age 8
Chalmers Specialty
Chicago*



I hear the **tremendous roar of the crowd...**

SOCCER

Dribbling down
the field,
Sweat crying down
my face.
Going directly
for the goal.
Feeling thrilled
Going by
the defenders,
Shifting the ball
Left to right.
I kicked
With all my power.
Face looked
Determined,
Ready to fall down,
when I finished
the game.
GOAL!
Excitement running
through my body,
I feel as exhausted
as a sloth.

*Jorge C., age 12
Corkery School
Chicago*

REDS

Today we have
the reds.
The having-so-much-
homework-
it-touches-the-ceiling
reds.
No-time-to-play reds.
The kind of reds that
makes you gawk
Out the window
Watching kids
play soccer.
Wanting to
kick the ball
With all your force
Reds.

*Oskar O., age 9
Washington Irving
Chicago*

GAME DAY

I smell
freshly mowed grass.
I hear the tremendous
roar of the crowd.
I taste sweat dripping
down my face.
I feel stress
in my muscles
after a game.
I see the soccer ball
flying past the goalie
and into the net.

*Jacob S., age 11
Washington Irving
Chicago*

I'M STRONG

I'm strong,
I'm very strong
I may not look strong
but I am
I'm strong enough
to do my best,
I'm strong enough
not to fall into bad
choices.
Are you strong
enough?

*Jorge A-L., age 10
PS 192
New York*



THE PERFECT WINDY CITY

First, buy the materials;
a drop of trees,
the fresh smell of
kindness,
cool parks,
a sprinkle of stars,
a farm of gummy
animals

Next, chop the sadness,
Violence and bad
people away
They make our sky gray

Add more and more
and more and more
sugary people
Now don't forget more
crime-free streets
clean the dirty streets
sweep crumbs away

Let people of all kinds
smell the perfect windy,
pretty city

*Desiree G., age 11
Pilsen Academy
Chicago*

JUMP

Don't be lazy or bored
Just jump up and down
To throw out your
laziness and boredom
It is so fun to jump
It is very simple
Just jump up and down!

*Dilenny C., age 9
PS 192
New York*

LADY BUG

A bug has red color.
With a black spot on its
body.
It has six legs and two
antennae.
It climbed on a leaf.
Sleeping for an entire
summer day.

*Thomas L., age 10
Emerson E.S
Seattle*

WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE WANT, WHAT WE DO

We are
the knights of SCORES.
We practice hard
To earn the gold card.
We try our best
To pass the test.
There's nothing
we can't accomplish.
We are true
to our every wish.

We want to
protect the environment.
We need to help
Remove old electronics
Or we'll turn into
unhealthy bodies
with bionics.
Don't throw it away.
R-E-C-Y-C-L-E!
To help our community
And save humanity.
We unite to pass around
the recycle bin.
Recycling is better
for the world to win.

We do
what we can
to recycle electronics.
Please help us
Turn your old, "
Hooked on Phonics."
Wednesday and Friday
are the pickup days.

We play
Soccer, how 'bout you?
We kick the ball to you.
And now
you got the taste
of the SCORES crew.
Now you can come
and say, "Woo Hoo!"

*Boys Team
Dunlap E.S
Seattle*

WHO WE ARE

We are full of love
To show our faith,
we cheer each other on
We are faithful
in what we do.
We are a smart
and powerful team.
We are agents of good
Helping out
whenever we can.
We are always proud
to wear
black and yellow.
Showing school spirit
and pride!
We want to give out
and get respect,
Friendliness and safety
We want equality
for all
Everyone deserves
a second chance.
We want zero violence.
So we will always have
each other.
Colors don't matter.
Because the only signs
we want to see
are the signs of peace
and love.

We got informed
and spoke our minds.
We are determined
to stop the violence
Through prevention,
education, and respect.
We raised awareness
and asked for help.
We were not afraid to
speak out for others.
We are going to
make a difference.
No matter
how long it takes.
We are ready to
put a stop
to gang violence.

*Girls Team
Dunlap E.S
Seattle*

WHAT WE LIKE 2 DO

We are the Harlem Girls
We love to play soccer
We always play fair
So our names won't be
"the shockers"

On top of playing fair
We like to play cool
We love to help each
other
Counting our teachers
at school

On Monday's and
Tuesday's
We have so much fun
We share our poems
Without any guns!

*Harlem Girls Team
PS 192
New York*

MY ANGEL

My sweet little angel
Up in the sky
Take my hand
Put me on your wings.
My sweet little angel
You alone I will keep
in my arms.
Sweet little angel
Flying on your own
I love you
I would never
forget you.
I love you
Sweet little angel
I am singing this
from my heart.

*Aaliyah E., age 8
PS 325
New York*

Pablo Mastroeni: more than just a game

This past summer, the 2010 FIFA World Cup took place in South Africa. Every four years, the world is united around the game, captured by the best players from around the globe. Some of the greatest moments happen off the field as fans celebrate and meet one another.

1

The World Cup consumes every part of a country's culture when they are hosting the world's greatest event. Schools are closed, cars proudly display country flags, and bakeries create World Cup pastries. The World Cup is inescapable and indescribable.

2

Players take the role they have in representing their country with great pride. When Ghana advanced to the Quarterfinals, in a great display of sportsmanship, they showed the world they were representing the entire continent of Africa as the only remaining African team. African nations showed their pride as they cheered for the Ghanaian National Team.

3

The fan's love of the game and their country's team is unconditional. Each country has different expectations for the World Cup. Regardless of results, fans display team colors, wear face paint, wave flags, and experience every emotion supporting their country!



Pablo Mastroeni plays for The Colorado Rapids of Major League Soccer and has appeared in 2 FIFA World Cups for the US Men's National Team.

TODAY MY NAME IS

Today my name is
revolution
I feel like a screaming
prisoner
I pretend to be a
person I'm not

Yesterday my name
was depressed
I heard about people
starving and dying
I found no more money
in my wallet

Tomorrow my name will
be clock
I will forget that there is
such a thing as life
I will remember that the
only thing I can do
is go through time not
knowing who I am

Daniela S., age 11
H.D. Cooke E.S
DC

CHINO

He was born
I was born
He walked
I walked
He smiled
I smiled
He turned 12
I turned 11
He breathed
I breathed
He ate
I ate
He had munchies
I had munchies
He got high
I stayed home
He got stabbed
I wondered
He died
I cried

Brenda G., age 14
MacFarland M.S
DC

SOCCER STARS

We are all stars on the
soccer team
I see people staring at
me
Soccer is what I do
Go against me and I'll
be better than you
I'm on the field wearing
black shorts, socks and
cleats
Number 1 rule is no
hands only feet!
Goals are what we
score

Ingrid M. age 12
Columbia Heights M.S
DC

LISTEN TO

Listen to the people
Cheering!
Listen to the crowd
Screaming!
Listen to the kids
boot the ball!
Listen to the coach
Saying:
"Change Positions!"

David M., age 13
Brightwood Education
DC

STOMACH ACHE

Sprinkles dripping
Like my heart
Ice cream floating
On the sky.
Birds are eating
Ice cream.
They shouldn't eat that
They are going to have
A stomach ache

Damaris V., age 9
PS 325
New York



My happiness is
like a mother
having her first child.
It screams
and screams
and it reminds me of
the time my brothers
got scared
It makes me feel like
I should be glad
I want to be who I am!

Thea R., age 11
Young Achievers
Science & Math
New England

MUSIC POEM

Light soft, beautiful,
cool
might make you
want to swim
in a pool.
So soft I might faint
So light I want to cry
with sweet violins
And the nice piano
with a hint of
old grunted guitar.
The most
heartwarming thing
I heard
makes me want to
think of heaven or
being a bird.
Oh the things this song
makes you think of will
always be a mystery.

Alyecia K., age 11
Mather E.S
New England

BARE & COLD

Spiny trees
bare and cold
Only a few weeks left
until its family
of leaves is gone.
They tumble to the
depth of the ground
To see their fate and
find out how.
They are living beings
trapped in their bodies
of leaves
My spiny bare tree.

Cynthia P., age 11
Jackson Mann E.S
New England

DREAM

A dream come true
Once upon a time
Something happened
to me.
It was the sweetest thing
That could ever be...
A fantasy,
A dream comes true.
It was the day I met you.

Vairiolet R., age 9
PS 325
New York

ALLITERATION

Craving cranberries
all the time
Cost
isn't that much money
Come sour goodness
for my buds
Create new flavors
Call the local
food market for some
Care is
what makes it grow.
Can or jar- its fresh
goodness
Color of rubies
and crayfish
Check the list and
see if
cranberries are on it
Could be the best
fruit ever.

Hamil J., age 11
John Marshall E.S
New England

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Kristine Lilly: stronger together

The best soccer teams have great leadership and selfless teammates. This spring, as you set out to change your community through service, remember that we are stronger together.



1 Listen. Hear and think about what your teammates say. Be respectful of ideas, opinions, and feelings. This will help bring the best ideas together.



2 Be organized. Create a 'to do' list to complete your project. Determine who is leading which parts of the project. This will help the entire team stick together to create incredible change in the community.



3 Communicate. Share your ideas and opinions. Speak up and speak clearly. The only bad ideas are the ones not shared!



4 Be a Leader. Every team needs a leader. Being a good listener, demonstrating teamwork, communicating well, and being organized are all important skills. Remember, it's not just a captain that needs to be a team leader.

Kristine Lilly plays for the US Women's National Team and the Boston Breakers of Women's Professional Soccer.

HIGHER & HIGHER AGAIN

Higher and higher
you can reach
that goal.
Higher and higher
you can climb
that pole.
Higher and higher
you try not to fall.
Higher and higher
you guess
you can do it all.
I get tired of falling.
I get tired of crawling.
The Senior Citizens
showed me
another way
and gave me
a brighter day.
I know you ain't through
teaching me
who I am
supposed to be.

*Jackie R., age 11
Michael R. White E.S
Cleveland*

UNTITLED

We are intelligent
We are smart
We are friendly
To our community
And we have a heart.

We are helpful to others
We are fast as light
We are short and tall
Soccer players
And we do not fight.

We want respect
We want to be strong
We want to be healthy
(and wealthy!)
And have fun
all day long.

*Boys Team
Highland Park E.S
Seattle*

THE DOG

I just really want a dog!
It's filling me with rage!
I just might turn wild,
So lock me in a cage.
Every where I go,
I see dogs.
They are so darn cute.,
The least I can do
is stare.
A dog would be destiny.
It's truly a sign
'cause my sister likes
them too,
Wouldn't that be divine.
I've waited Christmas,
Easter, and more.
I just really want a dog
It's what I've waited for!
I have already
picked out names:
Like, Daisy, Tinker
Or Lucky.
So I think
Not having a dog
makes life feel
kind of sucky.

*Lauren L., age 10
Hayes Bilingual E.S
Milwaukee*

TODAY MY NAME IS

Today my name is Wind.
I feel breezy,
I pretend
I'm feeling warm.

Yesterday,
my name was Rain.
I heard people crying,
I found tears.

Tomorrow, my name
will be Sunshine.
I will forget
people's tears,
I will remember to shine.

*Vairiolet T., age 9
PS 325
New York*

UNTITLED

Having fun
with teammates
and SCORES.
Practice is sometimes
like doing chores.
Making friends
at other schools.
Playing soccer
is kinda cool.
Having uniforms
black and red
When on the field
I don't feel so dead
Showing respect,
doing what's right
Representing our school
Michael R. White!

*Dontae R., age 14
Michael R. White M.S
Cleveland*

THE CRAZY CAT

The cat lived in a hat,
He had a funny green
bat. The cat
was really tall,
Sometimes he'd play
with his ball.
A windy breeze
came by,
So the cat spotted a fly.
The cat made the fly
cry. Because the fly
cried he wiped tears
goodbye. The cat
watched the clock,
He got bored so
he began to fold socks.

*Aaron H., age 9
Walbridge E.S
St. Louis*

GUN VIOLENCE

Roses are red.
Bullets are blue.
Flying through the air
Aiming at you.

You can run or hide
But guns will find you
Doing something stupid
Trying to fit in
with the crew.

But when you get shot
You'll wonder
where's your crew.
So just turn around.
They're the ones
who shot you!

You will not
make headlines
on the news
Cause your crew's
Gonna ditch your body
Behind some alley.

*Byron W., age 10
John W. Raper E.S
Cleveland*

JOB DONE

Weeds are gone.
Seeds have sprung.
Flowers are
about to bloom.
We work super hard.
We played some cards.
Flowers are
About to bloom!

*T.J. F., age 10
Emerson E.S
Seattle*

Looking Ahead

"SCORES keeps me healthy and motivated."



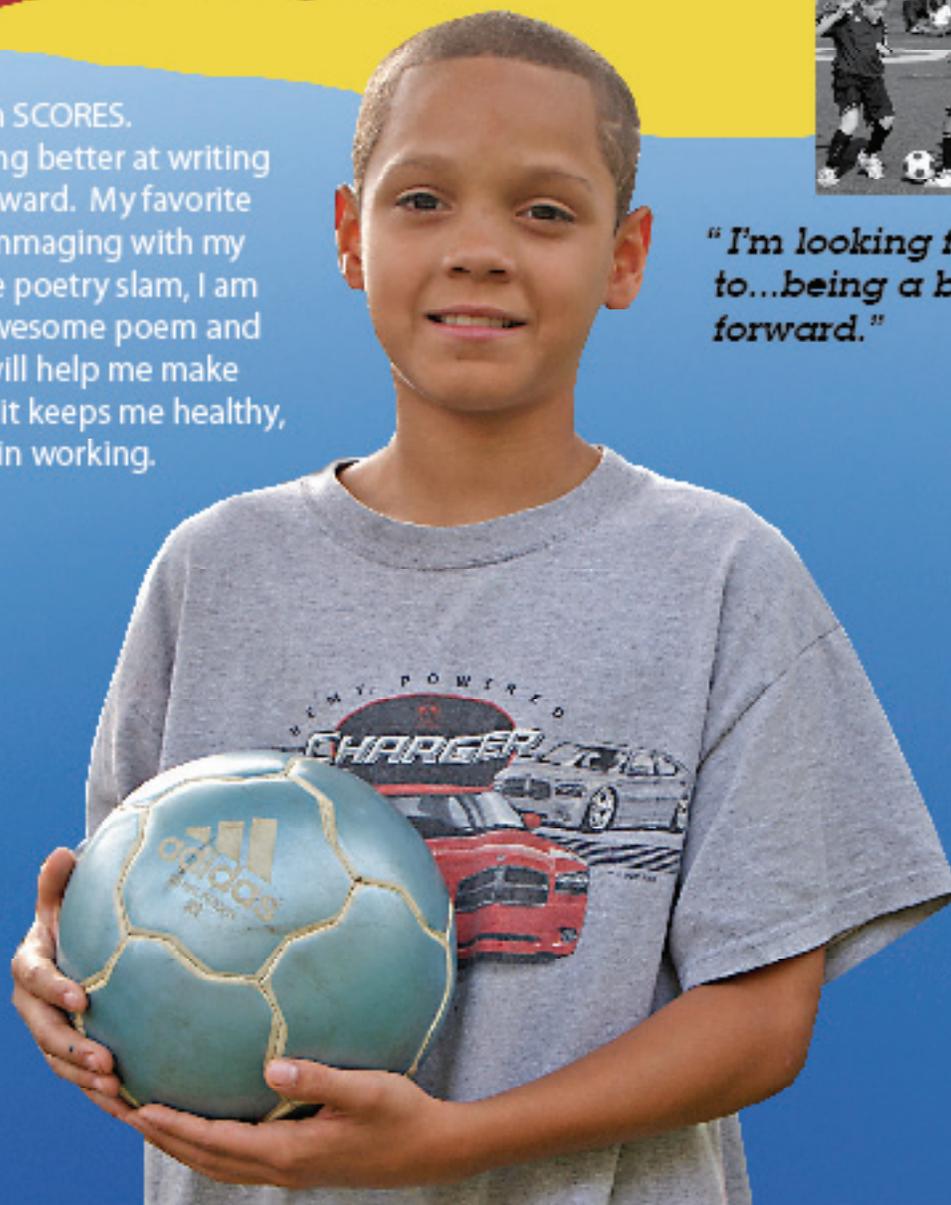
"My favorite part of practice is scrimmaging with my friends."



"I'm looking forward to...being a better forward."

This will be my second year in SCORES. I am looking forward to getting better at writing poetry and being a better forward. My favorite part of soccer practice is scrimmaging with my friends and having fun. At the poetry slam, I am going to try to win with an awesome poem and an awesome voice. SCORES will help me make good choices this spring and it keeps me healthy, motivated, and keeps my brain working.

Xavian C., age 11
Windlake Elementary
Milwaukee



 **Winter 2010** Present our poems at the end-of-year citywide Poetry SLAMS!



Spring 2011 Work on healthy habits as soccer starts back up...and make a difference in the community through service learning.



April 2011 Fly into NYC from around the country for the National Poetry SLAM!



Fall 2011 A new season and a new team of friends on the soccer field...and in the classroom to work on our writing and poetry.

ALL ABOUT AUTUMN

Leaves are green,
Yellow, brown and red.
Autumn makes it rain
and us rake.
When the snow breaks,
The wind shakes,
And the sun
goes down.
The moon comes up
And the stars glow
Among the moon.

*Karina A., age 8
PS 325
New York*

LIKE MY LIFE

I like my life and
that's what's great
With this thought,
this is how
I start my day
I make straight A's
I concentrate
on my work
Instead of trying to flirt.

I like my life
cause it's great
I am special and
I don't care what
anybody says
I don't fight,
I never do
I talk it out,
like my other friends do
How do you start
your every day?

*Harold R., age 10
Lexington E.S
St. Louis*

SOUNDS

I hear billions of sounds
But sometimes
they are not found
They are everywhere
But people don't care
Sounds, Sounds, Sounds
what do I hear
Sounds, Sounds, Sounds
trust me they are near
We hear a lot of things
That maybe
ring, ring, ring
Sounds are
all over the town
As people boogie down
Sounds Sounds Sounds
what do I hear
Sounds Sounds Sounds
trust me they are near
Ding Dong
as the bell rings
Crunch Crunch as
people eat wings
Birds chirping
during the day
To go inside the park
you have to pay
Sounds Sounds Sounds
what do I hear
Sounds Sounds Sounds
trust they are near

*DAndre H., age 11
Carter G. Woodson E.S
Atlanta*

THE SOUL

The heart, the peace,
the liberty, the brain,
the body
Just for me.
My soul will tell me
what to do.
You can do the same
for yours.
The fights, the cries,
Heart, and mind.
Fight for justice, liberty,
peace,
we will always find a way
to keep you safe.
That's the name.

*Ashley E., age 10
Eagleton E.S
Denver*

HYPNOTIZED

Look into my eyes
And count back with me
Five, four, three, two, one
When I snap
my fingers again
You will applaud

I hypnotized
my writing coach
to say every other word
backwards one day

I hypnotized
my soccer coach
at noon
Then she jumped into
a blue lagoon

I hypnotized
the ladies at lunch
And now they're so nice
they make me Sunday
brunch

I hypnotized
the boys in my class
And now phew!
they stopped
passing gas

I hypnotized
my poor student teacher
And now she thinks she's
a gospel preacher

I hypnotized my
big sister this morning
And now she finally
stopped snoring

Five, four, three, two, one
When I snap my fingers
again
You will applaud.

*Shayanna L., age 11
Washington Irving
Chicago*

MY COMMUNITY

As sun rises.
The community wakes.
Young kids watch the
empty streets
from their windows.
The block is
theirs to take.
Older neighbors
sit and watch
the wonderful day.
Some teens
wander the community
in search of trouble.
Others try
to stay out of the way.
Night is coming and
the community is filled
with whispers of trouble.
The community goes
cold and dark.
Young kids and elders
are safe at home.
The birds stop singing
and the dogs start to
bark.
Familiar bangs ring on
the block.
Danger lurks, hope your
doors are locked.

*Tavon J., age 13
John W. Raper M.S
Cleveland*

WHO AM I?

I run fast
I eat meat
I sleep
My roar is loud...Lion

My horns, they are sharp
I am heavy,
I am still
I run fast...Rhino

I live in a desert
I am long
I lose skin when I grow
I eat rats...Snake

I fly
I have a long nose
But I am gone.

*Edgar G., age 9
Braddock Drive E.S
LA*

TODAY MY NAME IS

Today
my name is Sunny.
I feel hot as the sun.
I pretend to be the light.

Yesterday
my name was Hungry.
I heard
my stomach growling.
I found a cookie.

Tomorrow
my name will be Afraid.
I will forget
my spelling words.
I will remember
my math work.

*Diana D., age 9
Eagleton E.S
Denver*

MY SOUL

My soul is as good as
ice cream
and a cherry on top.
As silly as a clown
and as mad as
a volcano.

My soul is as fat as
an elephant
and as smart as
the Earth.

My soul is Mother Earth
with nothing on it.

*Clara M., age 10
Eagleton E.S
Denver*

NONSENSE

Yum!
That's a bum.
Like it's yum
But not very.
That like yummer
and that's a bummer.
Why?
Are you shy?
I'll give you a pie
And you better be
The guy for a pie.
You're so shy.
You're so funny.
I have
a bunch of money.
Yummer...
And that's a bummer.

*Haley K., age 10
Eagleton E.S
Denver*

J - JENNY

Jenny jumps with
jelly beans in her jacket.
When Jenny jumps rope,
she jams her finger.
Jennifer and Jenny
go to Juniper.
Jenny joins
a jogging group.
Jennifer joins a journey.
Jelly beans, Jell-o and
Jolly Ranchers
are all to eat.
Jennifer drinks juice when
she is in jail.
Jennifer is just in a jungle.

*Jennifer S., age 11
Eagleton E.S
Denver*

Quaker Quest

set goals & eat smarter

Just as you do for soccer and school, set some health and nutrition goals for yourself! Here are a few things to keep in mind as you set your goals:

- ✓ **Be a good role model.** People learn by example, so be a model for younger siblings, family, and peers. Let them see you choose from a variety of healthy foods.
- ✓ **Make exceptions.** It is unrealistic to expect that you will never eat sweet snacks. Choose snacks that contain lower amounts of added sugar and are made with whole grains.
- ✓ **Encourage your family to sit down for meals as often as possible.** This will provide an opportunity to spend quality time together, and can also help reinforce your goals.
- ✓ **Don't do other activities while you are eating.** Talking on the phone, searching the Internet, and watching TV while eating can cause you to overeat.

Be amazing.



GUILLERMO

I like when people
know my personality.
I fear when I am alone
and the door is locked.
I like it when
I get respect.
I hate it when
people think
I don't need care.
I need some feelings
to be happy.
I like Mrs. Peterson
because she is
teaching me
about poetry.
I love writing stories.
I want to become
an author
when I grow up.
I feel special because
I am in this life.

*Guillermo R., age 10
Windlake E.S
Milwaukee*

MICHAEL JACKSON

Would you rather do the
bunny hop
Or do you want to listen
to the king of pop
Everyone knows
he passed away
But we'll remember him
till this very day
Everyone knows
he had a great past
Including friends,
families and his cast
He went from a group
to solo singer
Once he died
it was a ringer
Hits like Beat It, Bad, and
Billie Jean
Made big hits
on the big screen
This is why we should do
a tribute to him
He will always shine and
never dim

*Amaya R., age 10
John F. Kennedy E.S
New England*

ANGER

My anger is like
an exploding volcano
It streams lava rivers and
it shakes the mountains.
And it reminds me of
the time when
I was on a crazy roller
coaster against my will.
It makes me feel like
yanking my hair out.
I want to scream until
I lose my voice.
My anger.

*Jennifer M., age 11
Windlake E.S
Milwaukee*

THE YELLOW POPCORN

Pop, pop, pop went the
yellow corn
Flop, flop, flop the
popcorn
drops to the floor
Swish, swish, swish I had
to sweep up the corn
No more yellow
popcorn on the floor!

*Silverio G., age 11
Riley E.S
Milwaukee*

MONEY

I have money in my
pocket.

Ching, ching,
Ding, ding.

When I get on the bus,
I put my money in.

Ching, ching,
Ding, ding.

Then the bus goes
roaring!

Vroom!
Beep!

*Oscar C., age 9
Hayes Bilingual
Milwaukee*

MY HEART

**My heart is marching.
It makes everything faster.**

**My heart is an art masterpiece.
It grows more valuable every year.**

**My heart is a gift.
I give it to my friends and family.**

*Janessa R., age 9
Windlake Elementary
Milwaukee*

SHINY STARS

Shiny stars light up the
night
Those balls of fire that
shine so bright,
They help me go to bed
at night.
Then I tell the stars,
"Sleep tight."

*Noelia G., age 9
Hayes Bilingual E.S
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PENNY WISH

My feet are strong
They kick the ball
into the goal.

My feet are
rough and fast
They are small but not
too small to play soccer.

My feet are my mind
on the field
They are like machines,
and they turn the field
on fire.

*Kiara M., age 9
Windlake E.S
Milwaukee*

MY SMALL FEET

My feet are strong
They kick the ball into
the goal.

My feet are rough and
fast
They are small but not
too small to play soccer.

My feet are my mind on
the field
They are like machines,
and they turn the field
on fire.

*Claudia V., age 10
Windlake Elementary
Milwaukee*

THE GAME

Before the game I eat
During the game I kick
and pass the ball
After the game I drink
water
We are the Grasskickers
and
We never give up!

*Jalen G., age 9
PS 325
New York*

PRESIDENT

We need peace in the world
We have less peace day after day
Peace is the missing piece of a puzzle.
Peace is the missing page in the book
Peace is the missing hole of friendship
Peace is the glue that could bring us together.
Peace is the rhythm to my ears
Peace makes the world a better place.
Peace is the thing that makes us respect one another.
It's not that hard and it all starts with you...

*Michaela D., age 10
Elizabeth Stewart School
Bay Area*

FEAR

Everyone in the world has a fear.
People have many fears like monsters, ghosts, and other things.
People know their fears can reach them in their dreams.
Some people fear things like losing, getting hurt, feelings hurt, or losing someone or something that is close to them.
Conquer your fears and don't be afraid of them.

*Courtney C., age 10
Elizabeth Stewart School
Bay Area*

SLEEP QUESTION

When you're asleep you're probably awake, but you don't know it.
As you dream you might be looking with your eyes closed.
While you're lying down you might be standing horizontally?
As you lay on your pillow you might not be laying on anything at all.
When you put on your pajamas to sleep you might be putting on different clothes to wake up again.
As you get sleepy you're probably getting more awake.
When you lay down in the bed you might be laying on the floor.
While you get a midnight snack you might not be eating at all.
Your sleep is a question, so are you asleep or awake?

*Courtney C., age 10
Elizabeth Stewart School
Bay Area*

UNIQUE

I am unique
Not just on the outside
Not just on the inside
Being unique is my passion
Being unique is being myself
Not just copying or being someone else
Unique is a great thing
Unique is who I am

*Kaila A., age 10
Brookfield Elementary
Bay Area*

MEXICAN FLAG

Waving at the poles tip top
Is a flag to make you stop
Running across left to right
Colors of red and white
In the corner clear to view
Stands the field of the darkest green
In that field, as the night stars stand out pure and bright
Taken together for all its right
It's the Mexican flag standing tall.

*Gloria G., age 10
Brookfield Elementary
Bay Area*

PRETTY & POWERFUL

The pretty is on the outside
The power is within
When it comes down to me
I'm going to win
Pretty and powerful as can be
That's just me
I'm not just pretty I'm unique
You can see it right through me
I am...
Pretty and powerful

*Jermera H., age 10
Brookfield Elementary
Bay Area*

THE WORLD IS AN IMPORTANT PLACE

The world is an important place,
For me and for you.
The world is a place,
Where we can find jobs and live our lives.
But we never know what will happen next,
If we don't take good care of the Earth.
Our future will be affected,
And our generation will be destroyed.
We need to work together,
And we need to help one another.
We should all work hard in life,
So we can all have a bright future.
We should not be greedy,
But we should help others.
We should not become murderers,
By harming the animals, flowers and trees.
We should always remember,
To take good care of the Earth.
Because the world is where we live,
And the world is an important place.

*Kimberly S., age 11
Bayview Elementary
Bay Area*

Shout!

say it loud & proud

With the close of the Fall comes Spring and the beginning of a new service-learning project! Public speaking is an important part of being a leader. Practice your speaking before it's time to share with the community. Here are a few tips to help you be successful:

1

Speak to your parents. Share your day or recite a poem. When family visits, do the same in front of them to get you more comfortable presenting for a larger group of people.

2

Write down what you are going to say. Make sure the words are your own so you are comfortable speaking.

3

Practice in a mirror. As silly as this may seem, it will help you get comfortable!

4

Record yourself speaking. Try not to use the words 'um', 'like', or 'uh' too often.

5

Look up & speak with confidence. Don't hide your face in your notes. Look at a spot on a back wall if looking at a person is distracting.



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National Slam! *it's your turn to shine:* *my advice to you*



The Poetry Slam! in New York was *brehtaking* and a chance I never had before, so of course I took it.

You may feel very scared at first when you see the other people from different states but you end up getting attached to them.

Here is some advice I have for you if you go to the National Poetry SLAM!:

- Get as many *phone numbers and email addresses* of all the friends you make there so that you can *keep in touch* with them.
- When you perform your poem, make sure to *use hand expressions* and don't worry about feeling embarrassed.
- Just *do your best* and you will be fine!

You will meet a lot of great people on your trip to the Slam! *You will have fun and you'll never forget it!*

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