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This publication is designed to showcase the accomplishments of our poet-athletes.
Dear America SCORES
Poet-Athletes

Welcome to the 2015 Kicker! Magazine! We hope you’ve all had a fun and productive year with your teachers and fellow poet-athletes in SCORES.

With the World Cup in Brazil last summer introducing soccer to more people than ever in the United States, the sport we love is finally making an impact on American culture. This summer, we get to do it all again! The 2015 Women’s World Cup will bring together thousands of people attending games in Canada and millions of people watching on television here at home as we root for the U.S. Women’s National Team to win for the third time. For a sneak peek, check out our interview with U.S. player Sydney Leroux on page 10!

The Women’s World Cup is a great time to remember how important it is for young girls to play sports. Nationwide, girls tend to enter sport later than boys (7.4 years compared to 6.8 years for boys), and girls also drop out sooner and in greater numbers. So if your friend at school wants to quit soccer (or any other sport), remind them of the values they’ll gain by playing sports. As we learn in SCORES, sports teach you about Teamwork, Leadership, and Commitment. With soccer, you are learning skills and beliefs that will be useful to you throughout your entire lives and will help you transform your community.

This school year, over 5,000 girls participated in America SCORES programming around the country, making up 50% of all participants. Read many of these girls’ poems in the following pages, as well as selections from over 70,000 original poems written by poet-athletes just like you.

We’d also like to take a moment to thank over 50 full-time SCORES staff, over 140 SCORES board members, over 750 teachers, coaches, countless volunteers, and the passionate donors who have contributed over $7 million to make everything we do possible over the last year.

And, don’t forget: this summer, while you’re rooting for our women in Canada, let’s root for the future girls of the game!

Ben Chrnelich
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What if, instead of going home after school, we played soccer, wrote poetry, and improved the community?

America SCORES inspires urban youth to lead healthy lives, be engaged students, and have the confidence and character to make a difference in the world.

A national nonprofit, America SCORES engages low-income urban youth with innovative after-school and summer programming which builds teams through a unique combination of soccer, poetry, and service learning. Our holistic, team-based approach works – America SCORES poet-athletes improve academically, increase physical fitness, and have a greater sense of confidence and belonging in their communities.

For more information, please visit AmericaSCORES.org
14 Cities

180 Schools

363 Teams

10,877 Students

70,000 Original poems written by poet-athletes

2 Million hours of after-school programming each year
Bright Star
I am as bright as a star that shines in the sky
that explodes on my heart that lives
In my life everywhere I go I follow the star that
lives in my heart.
I pretend I never see it but I do see it.
I am feeling the fresh breeze of the air but I
do not feel it.
I feel the hot sun
I am going to melt
My heart beats and beats everywhere I go.
The star I follow everywhere disappears.
The night comes and my heart stops beating fast.
The bright star that shines on my face and the
fresh breeze of the air
Make me relaxed.

Ariana, 10, Bay Area

I am a Snake
I am a snake, long and slimy,
I hate that humans are so grimy,
Tall and loud,
Not paying attention and too proud.
Buildings are huge and round,
Cars stink and don’t slow down,
They will make me a pancake,
I hope they don’t get out a rake.

Giovanni W., 11, Cleveland

Untitled
Today, my name is Awesome
I feel like a volcano
I want to explode
Yesterday, my name was Beyonce
I woke up like this
I was born to be flawless
Tomorrow, my name is veteran
I will become a leader
I will be responsible

Vickii P., 10, New York

I am
I am that strong African queen of Liberia
I am the strawberry banana smoothie
I love to drink
I am that beautiful crescent moon
in the night sky
I am the complete solar system outer space
I am that sweet chocolate chip in the
vanilla ice cream I love to eat
I am that caramel ice coffee I love in the mornings
I’m just little ole me

Adrianna Y., 10, D.C.

Me
I was looking at my reflection in the sea
and it seemed to be looking back at me.
I can only see me,
lovely as I can be.
Being the only one that believes in me,
seeing my future that’s ahead of me.
Dreaming the Dream that only I can see.
Black hair, dark brown eyes,
smart kid, that’s me!
My future is still a mystery.

Andrew, 9, Seattle

I Am Izick
I am a cheetah
sneaking around to get my food
I am Doritos
kind of spicy but kind of sweet
I am a Lamborghini
moving as fast as the wind
I am a volcano
erupting when I get mad
I am the color green
crazy, cool and fun.
I am Robin
helping those in need.
I am Izick.

Izick C., 11, Milwaukee
Why God Made Me Black

Why God make me black, the color of the sky
Why God made me black, I’m still a little shy
Why God made me black, the trait of sorrow
I made you black because you’re the future of tomorrow
You’re the stars shining bright,
you’re the clouds rolling by
You’re the sun up so high, everybody cries
You’re the color of a panther with skills and speed
You’re the dirt so moist with beautiful seeds
You’re richer than gold but not wild
You’re the prettiest thing that ever walked on earth
You are my child

Fritzmael D., 9, New England

What I like about myself

What I like about myself
I am always Happy
I always share and I care about different people and little kids.
What animal I would like to be
I would like to be a kangaroo so whatever comes and hurts me I can defend myself.
I am a rainbow because I like all the different colors and they all are so happy for me.
I feel like water because I feel safe as water so if a fire comes it will not hurt.
People think that I am crazy but when you get to know me
I am so nice.

Cynthia, 8, Vancouver

A Recipe For Me

1 half of spoon of fashion.
100 pinches of love.
A cup of caring.
2 cups of cheer.
4 tea spoons of anger.
A sprinkle of jealousy.
3 cups of sadness.
3 cups of sweetness.
1 can of shyness.
1000 cups of laughter.
Put it all together and you get Leslie Lopez

Leslie L., 9, Los Angeles
You’re never too small for a big dream.

Each year, thousands of elementary school students across the country dream of the chance to travel to New York City and perform at the America SCORES National Poetry Slam! A red-carpet and star-studded event, the SLAM! showcases the amazing talents of poet-athletes and the power of America SCORES to improve the lives of children through after school programs.

On April 13, 2015, 28 of these poet-athletes had their dreams come true and showcased their powerful words on a national stage, performing at the 9th Annual National Poetry SLAM!. Against the backdrop of the “Crossroads of the World,” Times Square, these students shared their thoughts, feelings, and poetic expressions in front of a crowd of amazed supporters at the top of the Thomson Reuters Building. Proving that big things can happen no matter who you are or where you’re from, the SLAM! will continue to fill the dreams of poet-athletes for years to come.

Read more about the 2015 SLAM! at AmericaSCORES.org/NPS
The Road to Times Square

Meet a SLAM! Finalist from D.C.!

When Jency M. took center stage at Columbia Heights Education Campus on Dec. 3, the fifth-grader couldn’t believe how many people sat in front of her during the 17th Annual DC SCORES Poetry Slam!

“I was thinking, ‘Oh my God! Look at all those people. I’m scared. I’m scared! I’m nervous,” Jency recalled.

But then Jency, age 10, took the microphone and calmed herself. For one, she was wearing glasses and the bright lights were hitting them. “I couldn’t see,” she said. And she thought of what her teammates had told her before the performance: “Look, come on, you can do it. You can win this.”

“They helped me a lot,” she said.

Jency’s solo poem for Barnard Elementary School, “Be Yourself, Do the Courage,” was a major hit, and about an hour after performing, her name was called as the Shine Award winner for the best solo poem by an elementary school student.

“I felt proud, especially when they said that I was decided as the winner,” Jency said.

When Jency retook the stage, this time to claim her trophy and pose for a photo with D.C. United coach Ben Olsen and U.S. World Cup Champion and America SCORES National Spokesperson Briana Scurry, she was overcome by emotion thinking about her accomplishment. She had never thought when she and a friend came up with the idea for a poem that combined ideas about bullying and courage, that the end result would be holding a trophy. Yet through rounds and rounds of practice, including learning how to handle a microphone, she went from a novice poet to a star.

In early January, Jency joined the DC Poetry Slam!’s other Shine Award winner, Leron Boyd of Imagine Hope Community Charter School – Tolson Campus, at NBC Washington Studios to perform their poems live on the news with local anchor Barbara Harrison. Jency looked like a natural in front of the bright TV lights, preparing her even more for her next big performance:

The 9th Annual America SCORES National Poetry SLAM! in the heart of Times Square in New York City.

Jency, Leron and 26 other athletes from America SCORES’ 14 affiliates took the stage inside Times Square’s Thomson Reuters Building on April 13. Before she left, Jency couldn’t wait for the opportunity.

“I feel thankful because I know a lot of kids wanted this opportunity but they chose me,” she said. “I’m going to practice a lot with my teacher, go to classes, and say my poem.”
The Girls

The Girls are brave like lions

The Girls give respect like people at church

The Girls have big hearts like teachers at school

The Girls play fair, like people playing Connect 4

The Girls love soccer like a soccer player

The Girls are thankful to each other like Martin Luther King Jr

The Girls are thrilled at the soccer game like a whale trying to get food

WE are those Girls

Emeli, 11, Bay Area

Courage

Courage is doing what’s right and not cheating
Courage is facing something challenging like a test
Courage is sometimes helping others
Courage is respecting little kids and adults
Courage is working hard
Courage is never giving up
Courage is studying all the time
Courage is being thankful for everything you have
Courage is doing your best even though things are challenging
Courage is working together
Courage is keeping the world clean
And finally, courage is being yourself

Fabian M., 10, Dallas
My People
I see my people hurting each other
Sometimes I wonder who’s going to stop them
Could it be me?
It can’t be, I’m just a little seed
But still got big dreams out there for me
My pain is rising deep inside of me
Playing this game called life
It’s like getting stabbed in my chest
If I’m stressing you out just confess
Because I’m just trying to address
What I can one day make a success
My people impress me
The people that paved the way for me
To say what I have to say today
On this stage
My people

Mohamed, 10, Seattle

Possibilities
Stop all of the crime
So that we know the people are fine
Stop all of the crime
So the people can stop dying
Because a lot of people are dying all over the world
Stop crimes at home, school, park and daycares
And then let’s see the world’s possibilities

Darius D., 8, St. Louis

Never Give Up
Red is for the blood to play,
playing to win the game.
White is for the White Caps
for showing us new skills.
Black is for dirt
when you trip and fall.
Never give up and
get back into the game.

Jondale, 10, Vancouver

Be Yourself, Do The Courage
Do you have the courage to go against bullying?
Do you have the courage to feel free?
To do you and be yourself
Do you have the courage to see?
To believe that you can view the world
Do you have the courage to feel me?
To not judge me by how I look, how I talk, my
music, my culture
Do you have the courage?
Be who your heart tells you to be.

Jency M., 10, D.C.
A powerful and crafty forward, Sydney Leroux has scored 33 goals in 64 appearances with the U.S. Women’s National Team since 2011. She was named a finalist for U.S. Soccer Female Athlete of the Year in 2014 and was a valuable member of the U.S. team that won the Gold Medal at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. When she’s not scoring goals for her country, Sydney plays for Seattle Reign FC in the National Women’s Soccer League.

Q & A

What sports did you play when you were young?
My mom put me in to every sport she could. I was a wild one and I was always running, or kicking a ball, or swinging a bat. From the moment I could walk, I wanted to play.

Why do you love soccer?
I feel free when I play soccer and it has been a constant in my life and given me so much. Not only an Olympic Gold Medal, but friends that I will have forever.

What are you most excited about for the World Cup in Canada this summer?
To play in front of my family. To put on the U.S. jersey and know that everything I gave up was for moments like this. To have 22 other teammates who want the same dream as I do - to lift that World Cup trophy come July 5th.

Growing up, what was your favorite subject in school?
I loved creative writing. I’ve always loved to write, even as a little girl and I think I’m very good at putting my emotions and thoughts in a way that allow people to see me in a different light.

What advice do you have for young girls who play sports?
To have fun! I know it’s so cliché to say, but never forget what it feels like to have fun while playing the sport you love - whatever that sport may be.

What would happen if you and your dog, Boss Leroux, switched lives for a day?
Boss lives a pretty good life, so I know I would be pampered and fed 5 star meals.

* The 2015 Women’s World Cup begins June 6th in Canada.

“...Never forget what it feels like to have
I’m a Girl in a World

I’m a girl in a world
who’s trying to be herself.
A girl who likes to have fun.
I’m a girl in a world
who’s trying to be herself.
Being myself is a way to show others who I am and who I wish to be.
I don’t want to be like the crowd.
I want to stand out.
I don’t want to be popular.
I want to be noticed.
I’m a girl in a world
who brainstorms every single world and letter
and thinks to herself, is this the person who I really want to be?
I’m a girl in a world
that when the world brings pain
I will always try to remain the same.
I’m a girl in a world
who’s trying to be herself.
Welcome to my world.

Abril G., 13, Chicago

Stroll with Me

I want my stroll to be noticed fairly
So we can stop protesting
I want my stroll to be noticed everyday
Because bad things come my way
My stroll is so strong so I keep moving along
But I want my stroll to be noticed fairly
So I can stroll today to my future and show the way
So I want people to get noticed fairly
So stroll with me

Ranila H., 8, St. Louis

Make Others Believe

Make others believe
I am strong and not scared
Make others believe
That I’m not the same
produced out of a factory
I want to believe that
I can fly away from danger
Jetting away with speed
Unknown I do not want
people to think I’m my sister nor brother
I am me
I am not going to make
people think I’m not smart
I don’t want people to think
I’m selfish, a cancer
I am a friend
A teacher
Willing to give
I need people to believe that
I’m always here
I am what I think
I am.

Aysia, 11, Bay Area

Animal

If I were a cheetah
I would run to my favorite places in the world
If I were a cheetah, and got caught,
I would escape before the gate closed
If I were a cheetah
I would be able to get my food anytime I wanted
But you know,
I love being myself

Gianna A., 9, New York

fun while playing the sport you love - whatever that sport may be.
I Wish
I wish that I could sleep on the clouds 
High in the bright blue sky with birds flying by 
Soaking in the sunshine and watching below 
While all kinds of people come and go 
Driving to work or taking the bus 
We all have wishes that connect each of us 
More time with family and people we love 
Shelter and food with a good paying job 
For violence to stop and peace to start 
Why can’t we all look inside of our hearts? 

Ja’Nya T., 8, Chicago

The Light Shines Bright
The light shines so bright 
Just know that you can fly high as a kite 
We can be wild and be free like the child 
I want to be 
People killing each other that whack 
We need to do what’s right because 
there’s no need to fight 
This stuff isn’t cool 
The light shines so bright there’s no need to fight 
Everyone, friends, family and loved ones need to 
stop and see that the light shines so bright.

La Monte D., 10, St. Louis

Forest
Quiet nighttime, quiet friend 
soon the earth will turn again 
Stars will fade and suns will rise 
and I will find a new surprise. 
I have found you fish and owl 
I have learned to see you now 
Snowy-foot rabbit, moths with eyes 
You are nature’s masters of disguise 
Hide by sun and hide by moon 
But I will watch you & I am you. 

Jolie, 9, Los Angeles

Do What I Love
I want to be a famous singer 
Who travels around the world 
And entertains people 
Who love music like I do 

Are you ready to hear a song that I wrote? 
I don’t want to be the girl who says I can’t 
I don’t want to be the girl who tries to hide 
I don’t want to be the girl who’s afraid to try 
I don’t want to be the girl who feels so shy 

I’m gonna give it everything I’ve got 
I’m going to be the best that I can be 
I’m going to prove to the world that I can shine 
But most of all I want to prove it to me 

Did you like my song? 
I want to encourage young girls 
Who have the same dream in their hearts 
To keep on trying and never give up 
To keep on and do what they love. 

Anahi G., 8, Dallas

Space
I feel free in space 
I want to visit the moon 
Man I miss earth now 

Kelly D., 10, Milwaukee

Untitled
Sometimes I wish I was a star blinking 
brightly from afar 
looking down on everything, thinking of 
the light I bring. 
Sometimes I dream I was a fish swimming 
everywhere 
Moving smoothly through the world. 
But most of all I am glad to be a girl! 

Pyu O., 11, Portland
by SCORES poet-athletes

A Fighting Rabbit

I dreamt I was a rabbit hopping
Whose ears were constantly flopping
I dreamt I was hopping flopping
I dreamt I was a boxing fighter
I dreamt I was a fighter pilot
I dreamt I was a back flipping rabbit
Bopping, chopping, mopping
You think it’s fun
Until you need to run
And you find the floor you are mopping

Bryan T., 9, New England

Sleep

What does the sky look like when I’m sleeping?
Does it turn black? Does it stay blue?
I wish I had all the answers.
I wish I had a superpower to me let me see when I am sleeping.
I would watch the dust settle, the moon move, the people sleeping.
What would you watch?
On a full moon I would watch the sky all night
But I would eat a lot of food.
Can you eat while you’re sleeping?
Maybe I’ll just stay awake!

Cory C., 10, New England

Future

I think the future has new cars,
I think the future will destroy mars.
If I had a time machine
It would go like Lighting McQueen.
It will go fast
It will never go to the past.
Will I be a soccer player?
Or will I be a future mayor?
Will I be a cool dad?
Or will I have kids that are bad?
Kids dream about the future tonight,
They think the future is going to be bright.

Christopher C., 10, Dallas
Neiel Israel is an internationally acclaimed poet, vocalist, and arts educator. Emerging from the Boston spoken-word scene, she has distinguished herself as a powerful and lyrical poetic voice. With her captivating voice, she has participated on several National Poetry Slam teams and performed at the 2011 Women of the World Poetry Slam. An international teaching artist, Neiel leads workshops and classes in creative writing for schools, community programs, and colleges.

Last winter, Neiel co-hosted and performed her original poem “FLY” at the America SCORES Boston Poetry Slam! and dedicated it to all Boston poet-athletes. She also mentored the two Boston nominees for the 9th Annual National Poetry Slam!, helping them prepare to take the stage in New York City in April.

Q & A

What’s your favorite memory of working with SCORES students?
My favorite memory of working with SCORES students was having the opportunity to hear poet-athletes perform their poetry at the Annual Boston Poetry Slam. It was exciting to see so many students enthusiastic about poetry as an art form!

Why do you think writing poetry is so important?
Writing poetry is essential. Essential means absolutely necessary. Poetry is a part of us. It is a part of our very lives, our history, our culture, our music and our songs. Writing poetry is essential, because it is the first story we learn about ourselves.

What inspires you to write poetry?
My inspirations vary, but recently I’ve been writing poems about winter, love, and my grandmother’s smile.

Do you ever get nervous performing onstage? Do you have any tips on how to stay calm?
Inside the word Poetry is the word Try. I Try not to be nervous, and that’s what you must do: Try not to be nervous. Try to be the very best you can be! You can do it! Poetry asks us to Try.

What advice do you have for SCORES students who are writing & performing their original poetry?
A) Have fun with poetry!
B) Trust your creative self when you write and perform.
C) Keep a notebook and pen with you; and when poems and ideas come, you’ll be able to write them down.
D) Go back and reread A.

*To see more of Neiel’s work > visit neielisrael.com

Why Poetry Is Essential

with Neiel Israel

Writing poetry is essential, because it is
If I never joined SCORES, I wouldn't be comfortable with myself. SCORES gave me a new family.

We Fly, I Fly, You Fly
No broken covenant wings here
We dust off persecution, that’s not a problem
Figured out the exact calculations
Of water walking, and moon gliding

We Fly, I Fly, You Fly
Put on our best clothes when we leave home,
And oh, just let the sun be shining,
let the sun be shining
We do give thanks, speaking, greeting, smiling

Hair always looking good, stop playing
We know what it is to be Fly
Dodging bullets, that’s nothing
Just look at all the babies being born everyday
Another one and another one

We Fly, I Fly, You Fly
They write songs about the sun malfunctioning
when we leave,
“Ain’t no sunshine when she’s gone,
it’s not warm when she’s away”

I wear lip gloss because it’s Fly,
looks like a sunrise to me
Fly is the cherry on top just because it can be
Move over ordinary, I’m not from that tribe
A wife is not the same thing as a bride

We Fly, I Fly, You Fly
We try to exemplify Fly-ness
We are schooled about Fly-ness early
We may be asked to change position
Or move, or Fly away, to the before life

We may be asked to Fly away at any minute
On command, no questions asked

We Fly, I Fly, You Fly
There are rewards for being Fly
Fly house, Fly car, Fly girl,

Fly man, Fly woman, Fly spirit,
Fly feel it, Fly lover, Fly friend,
Fly noun, verb Flying
Water Flies, Wind Flies,
Planets Fly around the sun
The sun has everyone’s attention
It is the Fly-est-making days happen
And months and years too
It’s Fly the way the sun tells time
Be careful you don’t get burned
The sun spits

We Fly, I Fly, You Fly,
Like an army of dragons
Rappers, poets, singers, teachers, preachers
Bishops, pawns, rooks, knights, queens, kings,
Ballers, gods, Children of God
Fly seed, Fly mentality, uplifting, giving

Fly like Jazz,
Fly like the color blue
We made the color blue, Music!
Heaven and earth Fly, giving birth Fly
Having enough to eat Fly,
Eating healthy Fly,
Taking care of mind, body, soul, spirit
Fly, Fly, Fly,
Meditating Fly, communicating Fly

Fly people have the Holy Ghost
Good intentions, not pretending
They forgive and ask forgiveness

We Fly, I Fly, You Fly
Enough to detect negativity, Fly
Immune to negative frequencies

Fly aura, Fly freedom, Fly justice,
Fly hope, Fly truth, Fly love,
Fly ancestors guiding us

the first story we learn about ourselves.
Tiana joined SCORES as a 4th grader at Pilsen Community Academy. A somewhat shy student with promise and drive, Tiana made it her goal to exemplify the SCORES core values of teamwork, leadership and commitment. She became a model for teammates and an active leader who never gave up. Tiana’s hard work paid off when she was selected to represent Chicago in the America SCORES National Poetry SLAM! in New York City!

After 5th grade, Tiana’s ties with her team were cut unexpectedly. Her family moved and she started at a new school. She struggled to fit in and experienced what she described as, “the worst year ever.” Eventually, she transferred back to Pilsen Academy, and one of the first things she did was sign back up for SCORES. She was back on the team!

Tiana turned to poetry to reflect on the challenges she experienced during her year away from SCORES with the poem “A Year I’d Like to Forget”, which she performed at Chicago’s Red Carpet Poetry Slam:

I didn’t want to go
They’ll get to know you my Mom said
But I felt like I walked into a different world
Everyone was a stranger
Speaking the language of gossip
To me, the new girl
Trying to paint my lens the color of judgment
But they didn’t know me
And even with eyes blurred by tears
I see better than most
Razor sharp assumptions that cut deep
and divide

Have no place in my mind
Inside jokes meant as jabs
Echo like nails on a chalkboard
So I shut them out
and remain on the outside
Not looking in, but ahead
Determined, to achieve my goals and live my dreams
Committed to who I am and who I want to be
My focus is on the future
And even with eyes blurred by tears
I see better than most

The leadership Tiana built in the classroom and on the field opened up new opportunities. With the help of her coaches, Tiana applied for and was awarded a full scholarship to the Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy in 2013. Now an 8th grader, Tiana is stepping up in a new capacity as an Assistant Coach with the Junior SCORES team at her school. Tiana feels strongly about the impact that SCORES has had on her:

“On the field, I feel like I can make more friends. SCORES coaches made me feel like I can be myself and help others.”

“" If I never joined SCORES, I wouldn’t be
I Am From
I am from Mexican music and Mexican food, like camiones a la diavala, tacos, posole and mango nada diavlos.
I am from animal sounds and animals.
I am from my Grandma’s hat that says Mexico on it.
I am from the clothes that my Grandma made me, and where she is now, in the hospital when a car went over her.
I am from the cholos of my neighborhood that are friendly.
I am from playing with my family.
I am from Latinos and I am proud to be Latina.
Brisa M., 11, Bay Area

My Best Friend
I have a friend
Her name is Pinky
She is always clean, I make sure of it
I take care of Her
As She takes care of me
Pinky knows when I get home
She comes running to say hello
Pinky and me play for hours
She loves to play catch
And jumps on top of me when taking a nap
My dog Pinky is my best friend
I hope you have one as well!
Alejandra C., 10, Dallas

My Friend is Sweet and Salty
My friend is as sweet as honey
We bounce and hop like a bunny
We make funny faces
and use our imagination to go places
We have sleep-overs all the time
And lay around thinking of rhymes
Using our minds to create fun times
Sometimes a friend can turn into a bully
They get a new friend and talk really silly
Like that one time we had a fight, that night
I was like an eggshell when it’s cracked
Yolk oozing because
I was losing my best friend
Let’s not say mean things that could hurt our friends
Because our friendship could end
Friendship is like a chain
Hard to be broken
So we are locked together
Mad for the time being
But we will be besties forever
To all my teammates
Remember to stay sweet
And more good friends you will meet
Hughes Elementary, Girls Team, Chicago

I Wish
I wish I could bury all the bad I’ve done
Into a toxic lake never to hear or done again
I wish I could be a baby
Not a care in the world
I wish I could be an angel
Help others not make mistakes
I wish I could have the best family
But my wish won’t come true
Because I already have one
Marissa M., 11, Denver

comfortable with myself.
SCORES gave me a new family.
Coach Spotlight
Seattle

Meet Coach Trevor Stevenson. Trevor has been a SCORES coach at Maple Elementary, on Seattle’s Beacon Hill, for eight years. A native Australian, Trevor hails from Brisbane and has lived in Seattle with his wife Janet for the last 27 years. He is the girls’ soccer coach, and in the winter he teaches writing to 20 boys and girls in our Junior SCORES program.

In addition to being a dedicated coach, Trevor also served on America SCORES Seattle’s Board for three years. During his service on the Board, he put on several fundraisers at The Kangaroo and Kiwi, Seattle’s Aussie/New Zealand pub. The fundraisers featured highlights of Australian culture that included vegemite sandwiches, a replay of the Melbourne Cup, and trivia. These evenings in support of SCORES raised close to $8,000 for our program!

His support of the program goes above and beyond. Five years ago, we had to suspend the program during Spring Season. Trevor believed in the program so much he chose to run the program at Maple with no pay, organizing other staff to volunteer their time and arranging girls vs. boys and staff vs. kids games to make the season fun even without traditional game days with other schools.

Coach Trevor is a dedicated teacher, coach, and thoroughly wonderful member of our Seattle community. He has become a hub of SCORES at Maple, inspiring students and staff to make the program successful. We’re lucky to have him!

In his own words, what Trevor enjoys most about America SCORES Seattle:
"When I grew up in Australia, we always played sports in elementary school. I played throughout high school, was always on a sports team, and it meant a lot to me. All my friends in Australia that I’ve stayed in touch with are friends from sporting teams I was on. When I think about the kids we teach, a lot of them can go through 13 years of public school and never be part of a sports team. I think being part of a team is an essential part of a child’s development. These kids that we have are challenged in many ways, but they are part of our team. And you see them blossom and prosper within that team aspect - they belong, it’s important to them.”
Sometimes We’re Angry or Afraid
by SCORES poet-athletes

Mad

Mad is in the jar
He is screaming and wants to punch someone
He is as mean as a big lion
He fills the jar with mean words
I think I want to throw away the jar.
Alexis A., 9, Milwaukee

Bullying

Bullying, Bullying
The biggest problem
Bullying can be everywhere
I recommend you stop
Pushing, hurtful comments are annoying
Stop bullying and start being friend
Bullying, its not cool to be a fool
You can always tell a teacher and parents
You should be sharing and caring
But not always
Don’t be a selfish person
Just tell an adult how you’re feeling
The person should be ashamed himself
The solution is to be friends and end bullying
Oliver G., 10, New York

Mad

Smells like steam of boiling garlic
Tastes like hot sauce burning my mouth
Sounds like stomping on the floor
Feels like I’m a red tomato
Feels like pointy thorns poking me
Feels like hot sun hitting and burning me
Angry
William R., 9, New England

I Remember

I remember darkness
I remember the beating of my chest and the pumping of my blood
I remember my stomach twisting, and turning, mixing around
I remember my arms tightened and the drops of sweat rolling down my face
I remembered silence
I could taste fear coming from me
I remember seeing black and the monsters in my head rolling in
I remember being afraid of feeling fear
Trey, 10, Seattle

Mad Times

My anger is like a jaguar.
My rage is like Africa.
My rage takes me to China.
My anger is like a malfunction.
The only thing that stops my rage, is Grand Theft Auto.
I am going to heaven.
I am going to leave my anger behind.
Derry E., 9, Los Angeles

I Am!

They say I am a four-eyed geek
But inside I am a dangerous heart
I am a nice fun Friday
I am a perfect pair of new Air Jordans
I am the high sounds of a song
My life is a volleyball
My heart is cherries
I am as red as wildfire
ReeAnn A., 11, Denver

start in third grade and become leaders in fifth grade - the progression.
Eagleton Elementary – Keeping it in the “Family”

On any given game day Friday, the Eagleton Elementary sideline turns into a reunion of teams both past and present. As one of the original schools when America SCORES Denver first started, the connections and history with the program run deep.

“Because of SCORES, I met the friends that I know today. We drive each other to be better and we are all going to college! I like going back to the games and seeing old coaches and all my old teammates,” says Mariela V., a biology major at Metropolitan State University of Denver, a former SCORES poet-athlete and big sister to Melanie, the last of the four girls in her family to go through the program.

Her mother, Angelica, says, “It is special because it is something their father has been able to take part in with the girls and they all like that a lot.” Almost every game day you can find him cheering on each small and large victory his girls have had on the Eagleton team with an expressive “Esol!”

Angelica’s youngest, Melanie, says, “It makes me feel like I can fit in with my sisters, since they’re a lot older. I can’t do a lot of things with them, but soccer is like our special bond.”

Another mom on the team who has had three children go through the program, Silvia, sums up the feeling on the sideline, “It is like a family coming together.”

Both Silvia and Angelica mention how they still catch up with families who were on their eldest daughters’ teams on game day and enjoy seeing all of the kids growing up, especially when they stop by games after being in high school and college. “Even if they don’t play anymore, they are still friends and come back to hang out during the games,” says Silvia. Angelica talks about the kids sticking together long after their time on the team as a healthy distraction that she, as a parent, likes to see.

Keeping it in the family is one thing that has made the teams at Eagleton special. Sarah, a fifth grader with an older brother and sister who used to be on the teams says, “I like when they come and watch me play because I used to watch them play.”

Angelica likes how SCORES has given the kids good ánimo (spirit), but any observer who stops by to watch a game at Eagleton will notice that it is not just the current players who display this, but an entire community who keeps coming back and creating their own special ánimo that ties them all together.

“Because of SCORES, I met the friends that I
Sometimes We’re Sad
by SCORES poet-athletes

Goodbye
You held me close when I was scared
We had good times you and I
I can’t believe you would go away like this
But now you are free, following your own path
You could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work and play
We spend hours looking at the clock
Her death was society’s cost
Wishing it was just a dream
It makes me want to scream
She’s never coming back
Goodbye my dear friend
Just follow your path
Yasmin S., 12, & Maria Z., 13, Chicago

Without You
Without you my world is black & white
No expression on my face
Everything is so sad & dull
But with you I am HAPPY
If anyone tells you to change your looks
I will tell you not to
Because without you my world would be boring & drab
If you were forever long gone the Earth would be like an old movie all silent, only shades of gray
If you ever wanted to change yourself I would tell you “do not proceed” because without you my world would be rainy & sad
Shayla K., 11, Portland

Tears That Freeze
My tears drip and drop in the snow
Before it hits the snow
It freezes and breaks with sadness
It drops to the ground
I feel the tears run down my face
I have a rose, one of my tears falls in the middle
My tear freezes the whole rose
Alayna E., 8, Denver

My Sad Life
Depressed?
Lonely?
Sad?
Am I a sad clown?
Am I a loser with no friends?
Am I a sour apple that no one likes?
No!
I am me… Miguel
And I am awesome!
Miguel P., 10, New York

Missing my Mom
I remember my mom that I had
I remember going over to her house
I remember the love and fun we used to have too
But now she is gone and it is hard
I remember everyday when she would go to work
She would give me hugs and kisses
But now she is gone but she will always be
Remembered and loved in my heart
I will always miss you Mom
Alexis S., 10, St. Louis

Cancer Now and Then
Cancer, why do you exist?
Why can’t you leave their hair long and pretty, but instead
You make them feel like they are in prison with no freedom in
Counting down the days until they can breathe on their own with no tubes, machines, robes or walkers.
Leslee S., 11, Dallas

know today. We drive each other to be better and we are all going to college!
A 10-year participant in America SCORES, Karen P. has done something nobody else has ever done at America SCORES LA. Although a number of alumni have gone on to play college soccer, Karen is the first alum to receive a soccer scholarship to play.

An excellent student and one of the top high school players in Los Angeles, Karen scored more than 60 goals during her high school soccer career, was honored on the City All Star Team, and also helped lead her club team to the State Cup.

From Karen

“Growing up and being part of SCORES was my home away from home. The coaches and poetry teachers were like my second family. Now that I will be playing soccer in college I have SCORES to thank for providing me with such a strong foundation. Over the years I built strong friendships with not only teammates, but the staff as well. Without the support of my coaches, being focused and driven in both school and soccer would have been a difficult task. In the past 10 years, I’ve grown as a strong individual because of SCORES and the great experiences, relationships, and opportunities they offered me.”

A captain at Hamilton High School, Karen led the Yankees to their 4th consecutive playoff appearance in 2014. She graduated last year and decided to attend the University of South Carolina at Beaufort. While playing in college last fall, Karen earned a Sun Conference Player of the Week Award and was also honored as an Honorable Mention All-Conference selection. Even though she was only a freshman, she was 2nd on the team in goals and points.

In the past 10 years, I’ve grown as a strong experiences, relationships, & opportunities they
How Are You Feeling?
I feel happy when I am eating pizza
I feel mad when I get bullied
I feel sad when mom goes to work
I feel afraid when dolls are by me

Isaiah E., 7, Cleveland

Open
I open my brain
and out came my thoughts
I open my thoughts and out came my feelings
I open my feelings and out came my heart
I open my heart and out came my love

Fatima D., 9, D.C.

Untitled
My heart is like thin glass
It beats fast like a cheetah when I’m happy
And is like a hurricane when I’m hurt
It reminds me of a time when my baby brother
Is sleeping, then smiles
It makes me feel like a happy big sister

Layla L., 10, Denver

I am Who I am
I am a boy like the sea
really peaceful in the sea
I am a whale shark swimming in the water
making no harm to the people swimming above
I am the sun reflecting to the moon
shining bright in the night
I am the sky always being bright
I am who I am

Steven, 10, Seattle

The Sky of a Million Colors
My sky, sky of a million colors, with its many
vibrant colors glimmering in the dark sky.
With its red as red as blood-red apples
Its orange as soft as a lovely sunset
Yellow bright as the blazing sun
Green as grassy field at dawn
Blue as the delightful icy blue sky
With violet as rich as dew covered lavenders
on a spring day
And pink as a flower blooming slowly
Sky of a million colors, my sky.

Lesley C., 11, Bay Area

Love Never Ends
You take care of me
From the beginning when I was born
You care about me
I care about you
You stuff me up
With hugs and kisses
And you tuck me into bed
Our friendship will never end
I love waking up to you,
This love will never end

Samantha M., 11, New York

LOVE
Love is a special word my parents say to me every
single day of the year
Love is what we discover every day
Love is wonderful
Love keeps me active and alive!

Ariana M., 9, & Evelyn S., 9, Portland
A Mover
Moving across the dance floor
Dancing before I run out of time
I think of the dance more and more
Is whatever I’m doing a crime?
So I keep trying and trying
If I get hurt I won’t be crying
When you see me I’ll be a prover
That I am a mover!
Imanee H., 11, Cleveland

Chip Monster
Brrrrrrrr!
Chips are really awesome
Up in the air I toss them
I catch them with my mouth then swallow them
down south to my tummy
Yummy yummy yummy
If you eat too many chips you’ll become a chip
monster
If you turn into a chip monster you will eat every-
body’s chips
And you’ll have salty lips
Brrrrrrrr!
Abel G., 10, Dallas

The Dance Floor
Me in the dance floor
Thinking of a sunny day
It’s raining instruments
Over my head
The dance floor is shining
Just like me
Athziri V., 9, Denver

Tammy the Tourist
Tammy tourist travels to Tokyo to play the trumpet.
She plays a typical tune that truly takes time.
She takes a terrific train tour and listens to two
trumpet tunes on her telephone.
For a treat to eat, she tries tuna tacos, and then
she takes the taco tray to the trash.
Zoila R., 10, Milwaukee

In the Deep Blue
Nothing matters to me
Unless I have my color blue with me.
On a sunny day at the busy pool
Or trekking through the snow
Or in a quiet school room.
My color reminds me
Of blueberry pie
Of spaghetti and meatballs
Of a breeze in the summer
Of drizzling rain
Of boysenberry pastries
Of a shower, refreshing
Before I go to bed.
Vilmarie S., 9, New England

I am an All-Star
I am an all-star, yes I am
I rock my shoes the way I can
I’m going to stay the way I am
Because I am Astrid and I like
Cooking in the pan

When I cook I put in the oil and my mom puts on
the aluminum foil
The alarm goes on I’d wish it will stop
Then it falls on the pot
I say “Mom, it’s not my fault!”

I am an all-star, yes I am
Just remember
I love cooking in a pan
Astrid R., 9, New York
The Beach
The beach is warm. Why not go there
Get packed, get ready, get sandals & hats
Go pack them in the car.
WAIT
You don’t have a car.
Now go write a poem about the beach
Serena A., 10, Portland

Summer
Summer makes me suffer
All I have to do is get out this bummer summer
I just lost my ball of rubber
I bought a buzzer
I just had a slumber
And I found my mother
I called the plumber
I became a drummer
Until midsummer muttered
Omar, 9, Seattle

I Can Rhyme
There was once a cat
That chased a rat.
It got so mad
That it hit the rat
With a bat.
The rat put on a hat after that.
The rat got fat
And lay on a mat.
And I’m not sure what happened after that.
John A., 10, Los Angeles

Untitled
I saw a man, very black suit
Red tie, brown leather shoes
Very, very tall.
He turned around
He had a very pale face
With no eyes, nose, or mouth.
He was starting to take off his face
And said “Happy Halloween!
I’m Lebron James as slenderman, like it?”
Jackson L., 9, Bay Area

by SCORES poet-athletes
“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

~ Margaret Mead

Each spring, the poet-athletes of America SCORES work together as a team and get out of the classroom to address different problems in their community. Through service-learning projects, these teams make a difference in improving the environment, helping those less fortunate, and teaching people in their neighborhood the core SCORES principles of “Teamwork, Leadership, and Commitment.” By working in their communities, these poet-athletes have a better understanding of where they come from and how they can make a difference in the world, both now and in the future.

HERE’S HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

➤ Work in a team to find a problem in your neighborhood
➤ Brainstorm ideas on how you can help fix this problem
➤ As a team, work on accomplishing one idea
➤ Reflect on how you and your team made a difference in the community

Last spring, America SCORES poet-athletes volunteered service through more than 300
Last Spring, the girls of PS 161 created a poetry project with the residents of a nursing home in East Harlem. Before starting, their teacher, Ms. Berger, had them analyze many of the poems they had written to figure out what the best way to teach someone to write poetry would be. On their first visit to the nursing home, the girls performed their poetry and gave the residents letters introducing themselves. The students returned the following week and led writing activities with the residents, listening to their stories and turning them into poetry. The residents then read the poems to the larger group, in what was a truly special occasion for both the students and the residents.

The **SCORES** students were able to see the joy in the residents’ eyes as they saw their words printed on paper and performed in front of them, especially since many of them were unable to write anything down. The project helped encourage the residents to express themselves and feel valued as members of the community while the students got a chance to have a direct impact on someone’s life.

Their teacher, Ms. Berger, says:

“It was beautiful to watch the seniors share stories with the girls, the girls giving them tips and sharing their own experiences.”

“I think the girls left feeling confident in their abilities, feeling compassion towards the elderly, learning life stories, and ultimately, recognizing the immense power poetry and writing can have on a person’s spirit.”

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On the Team

How does it feel to be on the Pilsen Boys Team?
It feels like a Zombie Jeep that is happy
Jumping and squashing brains for no reason
How does it feel to be on the Pilsen Boys Team?
It is a cool alligator race
while the sleepy koala runs to an ice cream goal
How does it feel to be on the Pilsen Boys Team?
It is a horse dancing a sloppy dance
In his wacky, giant underwear
How does it feel to be on the Pilsen Boys Team?
Fast like a cheetah
Strong like a rhino
Strong like King Kong
Fierce like a shark
Tough as a wolf pack
Dancing like an internet cat
Doing disco like a dog
Angry as a spicy taco
Fearless as a lion
That’s how it feels to be on the Pilsen Boys Team!

Pilsen Community Academy, Boys Team, Chicago

SCoReS

You would think it’s a bore
When you think about SCoReS
But when you finally get in it
You will have fun in a minute
You try your hardest to kick the ball
And then your coach would call
And say you can do it
You kick the ball in the goal
It rolled
And hit the net
And I will bet
You won
And then you danced in the sun
And you had companionship
And you did teamwork
And now you know it’s a not a bore
To be in the sport
Of America SCoReS.

Ariana V., 11, Cleveland

Education

AHHH education is fun
School is where you get it from
Music can help you play the drums
While PE helps you run
Math helps you not be dumb
And getting those A’s means you’ve won
I can’t wait to do my homework
It makes me smarter
Plus it makes my brain grow larger
Transition to math
Upstairs is my path
After arts and crafts we pack our bags
Following the rules with our heart
We get on our mark
And Anne Beers is where we start

Jamean P., 10, D.C.
We are the Poet-Athletes of America SCORES!

Whitman Elementary Cheer

Listen Up, We have something to say.
Sit back & enjoy our party
But that's not all, that's not it.
Now listen up as we kill it.
We know how to rhyme,
How to rock a beat
We know how to dribble
How to use our feet
We pass & shoot
We like to score
But that's not all,
We're so much more!
We practice poems
We never quit
We learned a lot
It's totally worth it
We try our best
That's the key
It takes effort
To be an MC like me
We are LOUD
We sing & cheer
When we say "GOOD JOB"
We are being sincere
WE ARE HERE
Ours fears left at the door
We are the Whitman Wildcats
HEAR US ROAR!!!

Whitman Elementary, Co-ed Team, Portland

School

I like school.
I like it because its cool.
The only thing I wish we had was a pool.
I don't want a job where I use a tool.
I want a job where I can wear jewels.
I think my partner next to me rules.
Samantha L., 9, Los Angeles

My Canada SCORES Poem

Soccer ball into the net
Pass the goalie and into the net
Falling down, someone helps me get back up
Never ever in 1000 years going to quit
Passing to my friends
Kicking the ball into the net
I missed, maybe next time
Doing poetry, writing on my paper
Try to finish my last sentence
I finish my poem, its 5 sentences long
Telling my poem to the kids
They all like it
Canada SCORES Rocks
Angus, 8, Vancouver
Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message

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CORCES      _ □   _   □
NMIEMTTOCM  _ □   _ □   □   □   □
REEVCIS     □ _ □ _ □ _

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Directions > Each of the letters at the top has a corresponding number to help you solve the secret phrase below. Figure out which letter belongs to which number and solve the puzzle!

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Casa View Elementary
Cesar Chavez Learning Center
L.O. Donald Elementary
Lorenzo DeZavala Elementary
Maria Moreno Elementary
**Denver**
4900 West 29th Avenue  
Denver, CO 80212  
Barnum Elementary  
CMS Community School  
Cowell Elementary  
Eagleton Elementary  
Knapp Elementary  
Munroe Elementary  
Schmitt Elementary  
Traylor Academy

**LA**
3685 Motor Avenue, Suite 110  
Los Angeles, CA 90034  
Braddock Dr. Elementary  
Charnock Rd. Elementary  
Palms Elementary  
Palms Middle School

**Milwaukee**
7101 West Good Hope Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53223  
ALBA  
Hayes Bilingual Elementary  
Lincoln Avenue Elementary  
Riley Elementary  
Windlake Elementary/Academy

**New England**
29 Germania Street  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130  
Boston Teacher’s Union School  
Clarence R. Edwards Middle School  
David A. Ellis Elementary  
Dennis C. Haley Pilot School  
Donald McKay K-8 School  
Elihu Greenwood Leadership Academy  
Gardner Pilot Academy  
Henry Grew Elementary  
James P. Timility Middle School  
James W. Hennigan Elementary  
John F. Kennedy Elementary  
John W. McCormack Middle School  
Lila G. Frederick Middle School  
Mario Umana Academy  
The Mather School  
Orchard Gardens K-8 School  
Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary  
Thomas A. Edison K-8 School  
William Barton Rogers Middle School

**NY**
520 8th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 201C  
New York, NY 10018  
Hamilton Grange Middle School  
PS 161  
PS 173  
PS 192  
PS 325

**Portland**
AC Portland, 5055 N. Greeley Avenue  
Portland, OR 97217  
Barnes Elementary School  
Bless Field  
Cesar Chavez School  
Davis Elementary School  
Hacienda CDC (Community Development Corporation)  
James John Elementary School  
Lincoln Park Elementary  
Markham School  
Oliver Elementary  
Park Lane Elementary  
Whitman School

**Seattle**
2450 6th Avenue South, #203  
Seattle, WA 98134  
Bailey Gatzert Elementary  
Dunlap Elementary  
Highland Park Elementary  
Maple Elementary  
Roxhill Elementary

**St. Louis**
Better Family Life, 5415 Page Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63112  
Barack Obama Elementary  
CEBC - Cultural Educational Business Center  
Jefferson Elementary  
Lucas Crossing Elementary  
Washington Elementary

**Vancouver**
1000 – 840 Howe Street  
Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2M1, Canada  
Edmonds Community School  
Stride Avenue Community School  
Taylor Park Elementary School  
Twelfth Avenue Elementary School