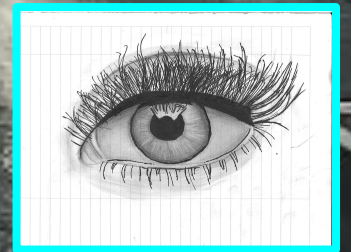


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Dear Reader,

Thank you for reading our first issue of Mustang Magazine! Our Merton Press Room is a place for our Merton students to share their stories, news, art, podcasts and videos with a public audience.

Our Merton Press Room is under construction. We will be adding digital stories, art shows, podcasts and videos soon.

I am excited to work with Bailey Striepling, journalism mentor from the Marquette Wire. Bailey attended Merton Intermediate and worked on our first version of Merton Press Room ten years ago.

I look forward to an exciting year with our Merton Press Room staff!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kasprovicz
5th Grade Language Arts



Art by Emily P.

School News and Opinions

Christmas Events By Whitney

There are so many things going on during the holiday season, some of them including the Christmas concert, the Merton tree lighting and the giving tree. These are some of the things that I think everyone should be looking forward to and participating in. This article will be including some more information about these topics so everyone knows when these events are going on and how you can participate.

The Giving Tree- The giving tree was a tree that was in the commons in the Intermediate School, there was also one in the lobby of the Primary School. This tree had ornaments that tell you what someone wants for Christmas. Each ornament had a tag on it with instructions on how to package the gift and when to bring it. The gifts were brought to school by December 10th. The giving tree is for certain families in our community. If you participated in the giving tree we thank you for your generosity.

The food tree- The food tree is very similar to the giving tree only instead of gifts you can bring in the food item that is on the tag that you can take off of the tree, you cannot bring items that need to be refrigerated.

Choir Concert- The choir concert represents what 1st through 8th graders have been working on for the school year. The concert dates were December 6 2021 for the Primary School and for the Intermediate School the date was December 7 2021. Some of the songs that were performed by the Intermediate School were "Jingle Bells Rock," "Only Time" by Enya, "Jingle Bell Medley" and a medley of songs from the Broadway musical "Elf". It sure was a feel good, joyful event!

Band Concert- The band concert is was on December 7th 2021 at 5:30. This concert showcased what the band students had been learning this year. This performance included songs such as "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," "Shark," and "Good Kings Wenceslas." Grades 5th through 8th performed. This performance was a joyful experience filled with holiday cheer.

Merton Tree Lighting- The Merton tree lighting was an event that the whole community is invited to. It was at the Merton Fire Department. This event lets the whole community come together and celebrate the Christmas spirit. There were activities like caroling, and other events. This event will surely boost your Christmas spirit every year.



Everyone Should Adopt A Dog By Nathan

I believe everyone should adopt a dog because some shelters kill the dogs if no one adopts them. Also they are awesome and they are very easy to take care of.

Everyone should adopt a dog because some shelters kill the dogs if no one adopts them. For example we got a dog from a shelter that got her from another shelter in Alabama that was going to kill her. So then she got a second chance at life. You will save one of the **390,000 dogs THAT GET PUT DOWN BY SHELTERS EACH YEAR!**

Everyone should adopt a dog because they are awesome. They are cute and cuddly. They also need you and sometimes you need them to make you feel happy and not alone. Dogs are always with you ready to lick your face and ready for you to pet them.

Everyone should adopt a dog because they're easy to take care of. The only things dogs need to live are food, water, shelter, regularly scheduled vet appointments, exercise, and attention. If you do all those things you will have the best dog ever.

In conclusion, everyone should adopt a dog because some shelters kill them, they're awesome, and they're easy to take care of. Also they are man's best friend. So now go read my other article called Dog Care to learn how to care for your new puppy. Then go read my other story Man's Best Friend which teaches you the history of dogs.

This is a link to my website about protecting the animals and most importantly dogs from kill shelters
<https://sites.google.com/view/protectthepuppy/>



School News and Opinions

Video Game Review

By: Blayne S

Forza Horizon 5 is based on a driving game that you can get on Xbox, and computer. All of the Forza games that have come out have been a real hit. There are a bunch of forza games. The first Forza to ever come out was in. And that one was called just forza horizon. But back to Horizon 5. Forza Horizon 5 is a never ending multiplayer and singleplayer game. I have played most of the Forza's besides the older ones. Horizon 5 is somewhat based on real life. For example you can crash into fences and objects that would normally destroy a car in real life, but sometimes it doesn't even dent it. Forza Horizon 5 is a really fun game to play once you get the hang of it. I've been playing the game for almost a month now and it's super fun, Same with Horizon 4. It's super fun even though it's a little older.

If I rated Forza Horizon 5, I would give it a five star rating and I would say you should buy it.



Movie Review *Ron's Gone Wrong*

By: Kate R.

Ron's Gone Wrong is a movie by locksmith animation. The movie is about a boy named Barney. His family doesn't have that much money. When a robot called a b-bot (Best friend out of a box,) comes out, everyone at his school gets one. But Barney's family can't afford one. He gets bullied about it. Finally, for Barney's birthday his father gets a malfunctioning one. He names it Ron. Ron does all sorts of crazy things that other b-bots can't because of their programming. When something happens at Barney's school, he runs away. Barney has asthma and that causes many problems for him since he ran away to the woods. Finally, Ron saves his life. The people who used to bully Barney become his best friends. Overall, I'd rate it 2 out of 5 stars. In my opinion, I think the story line is a bit too soft. And I think it was all too easy. I prefer a bit more violence and destruction in my movies. And personally, I don't want little kids going around thinking family and friends are always going to be there for you, or that good always defeats evil. It's not always true. I've had plenty of experiences where nobody was there for me. I've tried asking for help many times, but nobody listened. But I do like the character Savannah. I love how she's famous online and has this great life, and then everything goes wrong for her. It teaches kids sometimes bad things happen in life, and you just have to endure it. I personally would not like to see it again, but if you like happy stories with friendship and love, go ahead and watch it. But if you think that stuff is too sappy, like me, that's perfectly fine. Don't ignore your feelings!



Winter Holidays in Merton

“Cassidy’s Gifts”

By Abbey

Every year, Cassidy and her mom volunteered at the soup kitchen. It was their Christmas tradition. When Cassidy was younger, she loved feeling important. But now, in fifth grade, all of her friends went sledding and did super exciting winter adventures, and Cassidy was missing out.

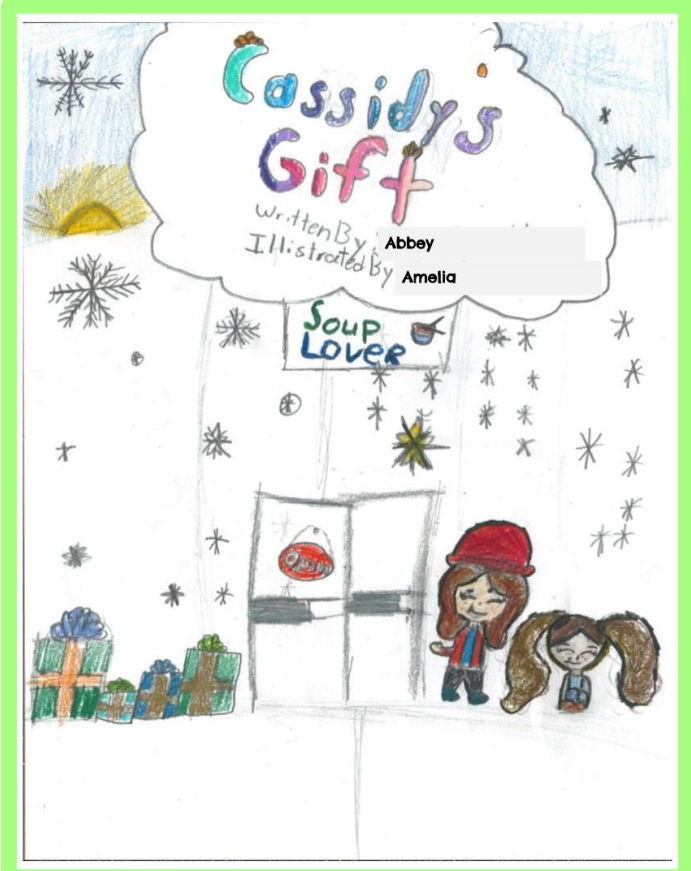
“We need to keep serving our community,” her mom would say. “Think of how many presents you get, and some people get nothing.”

So, when all of Cassidy’s friends were out having fun, she was working in a hot, crowded soup kitchen, feeding poor people. She sighed as she spooned steaming chicken noodle soup into a cup for a woman with no coat or shoes.

Cassidy looked around her. Everyone else who was volunteering looked so happy and dedicated to the job. She didn’t understand how people were happy about spending their Christmas break serving food in a soup kitchen.

“Cassie, there’s people waiting!” Cassidy’s mom said. Cassidy peered around the corner. Sure enough, a line of people were waiting for bread and soup. She reluctantly wandered to the counter.

Although she tried to serve people with a smile, she never was happy inside. Until 2:00 PM, when a man walked through the door.



It wasn't the man Cassidy was looking at, though. It was his daughter, who looked about Cassidy's age. She had no coat and no shoes, and her hands were red and cracked. Cassidy had never imagined a girl like her could be poor.

The girl and her dad got two cups of tomato soup and a loaf of wheat bread. When Cassidy handed her dad the bread, she met the girl's eyes. The girl suddenly looked embarrassed to be so poor that she had to go to a soup kitchen. They turned away and walked outside.

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It was Christmas Eve! Cassidy's mom and dad hung the garland while she and her older brother Mark decorated the tree. When they finished, the house had never looked so sparkly.

Cassidy knew she should have felt happy in the middle of the beautifully decorated house. But she felt upset. The girl at the soup kitchen would never be able to experience this. **(continued....)**

No One Gnome's Him



Cole

“Cassidy’s Gifts” continued

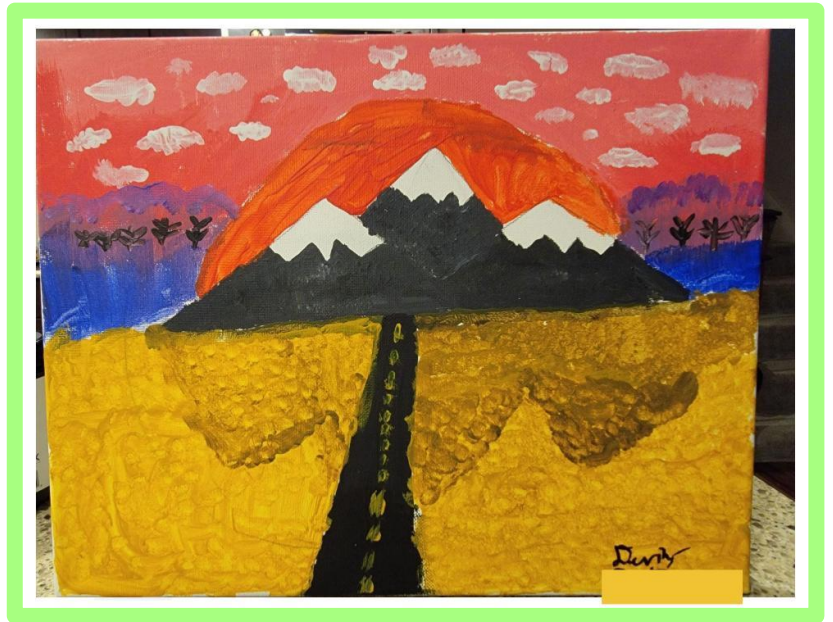
On Christmas morning, Cassidy and Mark sat down by the tree and opened their gifts from Santa. Mark tore his open like a lion eating its prey, while Cassidy halfheartedly ripped open the gifts.

“What’s wrong, Cassie?” asked her mom at the breakfast table. “Aren’t you hungry?” Cassidy pushed her pancakes around on the plate with her fork. She shrugged as she stared at the pile of gifts she had received. That gift hadn’t gotten anything.

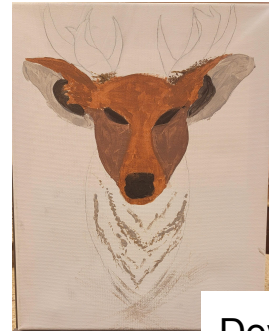
After breakfast, Cassidy and her family drove to church for the Christmas service. By the end of the service, Cassidy knew exactly what she would do to give that girl a merry Christmas.

“Really?” asked her dad, surprised at Cassidy’s suggestion to give away half of her Christmas gifts to people at the soup kitchen.

Cassidy’s mom, however, was happy to drive to the soup kitchen with Cassidy. A pile of Cassidy’s gifts sat in the back seat. Cassidy smiled at them. She finally was having a good Christmas day. (continued...)



“Over the Horizon” by Devin



Devin

Dancing Deer



Cole



“Holiday Table” by Amelia

Drawings



Lexie



Emily P.

"Cassidy's Gifts" continued

When they arrived, another volunteer at the soup kitchen helped Cassidy unload the gifts and put them by the front door of the kitchen. It was cold, but Cassidy didn't mind at all. She was helping others celebrate Christmas in a way they never could have celebrated.

Every kid she handed a gift to smiled and hugged it close to their bodies. Cassidy handed one boy a gift that Mark had agreed to contribute to Cassidy's mission. It was a Lego kit to build a rocketship. The boy's eyes lit up as he stared. Finally he took it, dazed.

It was towards the end of the day when Cassidy saw the girl she'd been waiting for all day. The girl she'd seen a few days earlier.

Cassidy picked up the last gift, a beautiful doll she'd gotten from Santa that morning. The girl's eyes widened. "That's... for me?" she asked. Cassidy nodded and handed the doll to her.

"Merry Christmas," Cassidy said as the girl and her dad moved towards the entrance. The girl smiled slightly and said quietly, "Merry Christmas."



"Snowy Branch"
by Kaylin

Sports

Check out
Josh's Videos
and Podcast [on
our website](#)

Wisconsin Sports

By: Collin M

With Marquette having a good start to the season they have a 7 and 2 record. Then the badgers have 6 and 1 all of this as of December 5. Both these teams have a good chance of making it far in march madness. The Milwaukee Bucks are having a rough start, but when Giannis, Khris Middleton and Jrue Holiday are in the lineup, they are undefeated. The bucks are still the favorite coming out of the eastern conference.

Now moving on to football. The Wisconsin Badgers had yet another mediocre season going 8-4 with a chance to improve their season to 9-4 with a bowl game win in Las Vegas against Arizona State. Now to the NFL

The Green Bay Packers are almost good with Aaron Rodgers fixing his issues. The Packers are on top of the NFC north. They have a record of 9-3. Their odds are high in the playoffs. This all the information you need to know about our Wisconsin sports.

World Cup Men's Speed Week Dec. 2nd- Dec. 5

By; Mason K

Super-G race two podiums:

1. Aleksander Aamodt Kilde, NOR
2. Marco Odermatt, CHE
3. Travis Ganong, USA

Travis Ganong scored his first Super-G podium. Aleksander Kilde joined his teammates Bjarne Solbakken (2003) and Aksel Lund Svindal (2008) as the only Norwegian racers to capture a World Cup super-G in Beaver Creek. Ryan Cochran-Siegle sadly had to ski out. Bryce Bennett got 22nd.

Downhill race podiums:

1. Aleksander Aamodt Kilde, NOR
2. Matthias Mayer, AUT
3. Beat Feuz, CHE

Kilde beat Mayer by a whole 0.66 seconds. That may not seem like a long time but in ski racing that's huge! He beat Beat Feuz by 1.01 seconds!

Downhill race 2 podiums:

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Sadly the final Downhill race was canceled due to high wind speeds.

High winds haven't canceled a race since 2010

Chemistry and at Home Experiments

By: Ava M

Winter is coming and I am so excited to show you a few experiments that you can do on Christmas. These few experiments are chemistry related so get ready to get your chem on! In chemistry there are a lot of things you work on and do. The main things of chemistry are elements, biochemistry, chemical reactions, matter, and atoms. Those are just a few things you work on in chemistry. My personal favorite to learn about is chemical reactions and I think talking about the elements is fun! Today I will give you the steps on how to do an experiment.

Things you need to make this experiment are: a paper plate which you will shape into a cone, baking soda, vinegar, water, sequins, food coloring, a squirt bottle, and finally a bowl, spoon, a tray to put in the freezer.

Step 1: First, add water to the baking soda and if you would like to spice it up a little you can add sequins and green food coloring.

Step 2: Next, you mix all of that stuff and you will shape your paper plate into a cone. You don't just have to use a paper plate, you can use a snow cone wrapper.

Step 3: Once the paper plate is shaped into a cone you will put the mixture you made in the previous step. If you want you can even put a little figurine inside.

Step 4: Now that you have put all of the stuff in the paper cone and stuffed it in you should put it into the freezer. The amount of time you can put it in is from a few hours to overnight. A little tip is the longer you freeze it the longer it is going to fizz. Now go put your tree in the freezer!

Step 5: Now that you let it freeze in the freezer you can take it out. But now that you took it out remember that you have limited time before it comes out of form so you better hurry.

Step 6: Things are getting a bit risky here! We are pulling out the vinegar! So some tips before we get the vinegar! First, you don't want to spill on your hands right? If you don't get some gloves! Next, for your clothes you will want to wear clothes you don't like too much because then it will stain! Finally, this is a big one! For your surroundings, if it is a little bit of a warmer day then you can go outside but if you're inside you will want to put stuff around you so you don't get vinegar on that stuff. Now to get back to the step you will want to put vinegar in a squirt bottle or a baster.



Tips:

- When you use the squirt bottle or baster don't put too much on at a time!
- Make sure your original baking soda mixture doesn't turn out too much like oobleck.
- Make sure your baking soda mixture isn't too soupy, it has to be more moldable and packable! If it's soupy it will not fizz as well!

This experiment is definitely a fun one to do! I hope you have as much fun as I did creating this experiment!

Site: [Little Bins, Little Hands](#)

Chemistry is super cool and has so many different experiments you can do! A few things about Chemistry that I learned from this experiment is that, for chemical reactions to happen chemical change must happen, and a chemical reaction could be just as simple as mixing two normal things you may have in your house!



Art and Entertainment Scene

By: Emma D

Now, if you're like me, you love plays/musicals. And if you're like me, you are excited about the school play. Well, if you want to know some more things about the musical than just "It's The Little Mermaid," then read the rest of this section. It will tell you about the dates of the auditions, when tech week is, and more! (Tech week means when you use costumes, lights, props, makeup, hair, etc. It's like you're running the actual show.)

Information for the Musical

Q: When are tryouts for the musical?

A: Tuesday, January 11th/Wednesday, January 12

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Q: How many people are needed for the stage crew?

A: 10-15 people/volunteers

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Q: What types of things can you do for the stage crew? (Costume makers; ETC)

A: Props, Set painting, costumes, sound/lighting equipment, flyer people.

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Q: About how many people will be cast into the play?

A: 15 main parts, and people for the ensemble/chorus. About 20 or more.

Q: When do rehearsals start?

A: Last week of January.

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Q: When are the performances?

A: April 7th-April 9th

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Q: When is tech week?

A: Starting March 29th

Now I hoped I answered all of your questions about the musical. These things will also probably be announced, just in case you forget, or you don't read this part. Remember, there are no small parts, only small actors. And if you don't get into the play, the stage crew wants people! Remember, in the words of William Shakespeare, "Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them." Until next time!

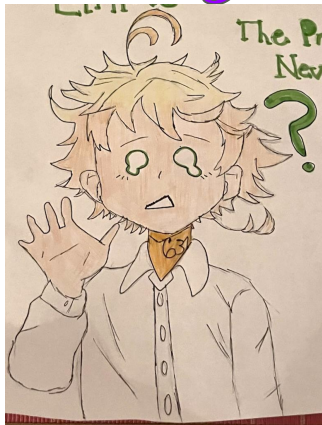
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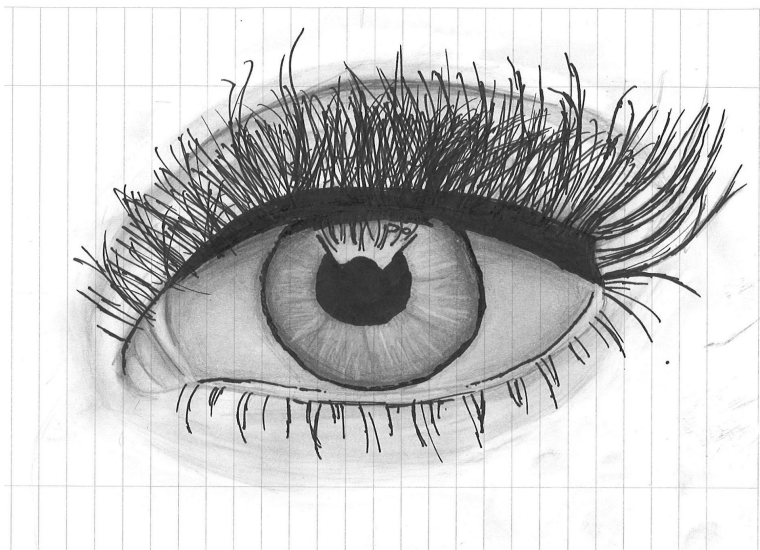
Van Gogh Exhibit Review by Cara

Hello everyone! You may be wondering where, how, and why I got these videos! Well, I went to this gallery walk for Van Gogh that was in the Milwaukee conversion center. I was at the conversion center because my brother had a volleyball tournament and there was a long break in between games so me and my dad saw this and decided to take a look! It first started with facts about him with pictures of his art in the background. Then the 6 minute light show was after that, this one was just colors melting together. Lastly, the 35 minute show. This is where I got all the pictures and videos from. This one I found the most interesting because it was the most elaborate. If this show ever visits Milwaukee again you should definitely take a look!

By Kylie



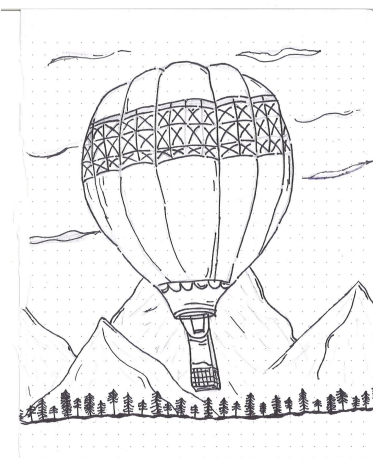
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"Old City Skyline"



"Montana"

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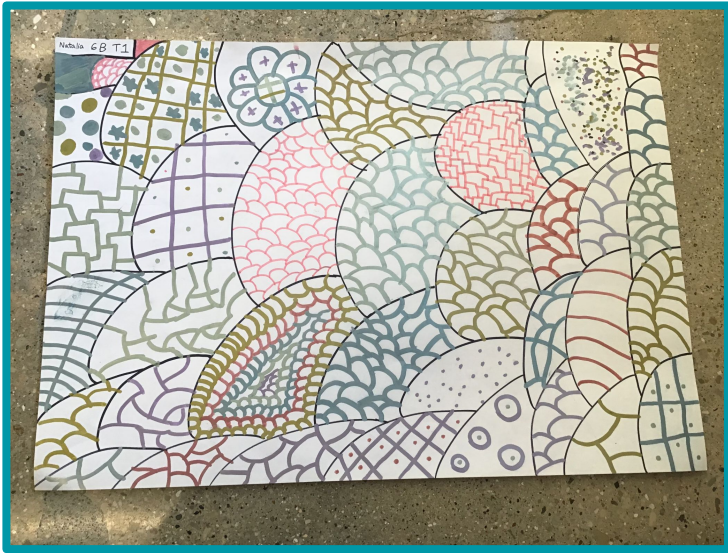


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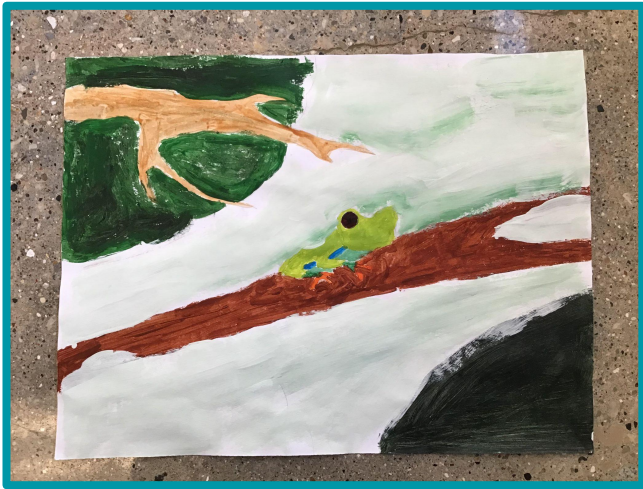
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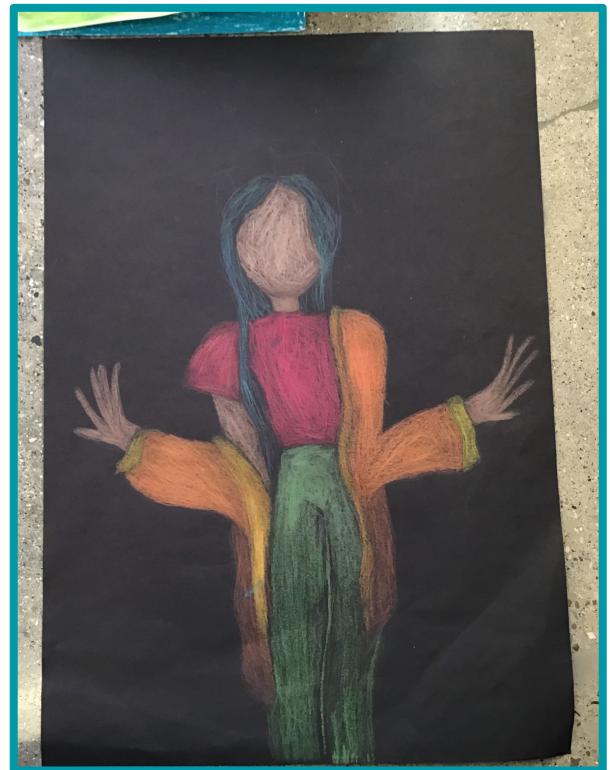
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DIGITAL ART SHOW

BY: THE ART DEPARTMENT

Kaylin S has a really cool art shows full of amazing art work with intricate details! Go check out our website!

Cara also has a really cool video about Van Gogh on our website!

Go an watch Emily's art show on our website! Her video is full a christmas drawing sure to get you in christmas spirit!

You're also going to want to watch Ava's art show on our website! It has so many cool original drawings!

The Merton [Press Room Website](#) is under construction:

Go visit Coles art show on our website! He has a really cool drawing called "no one gnomes him!" Check it out!

Don't forget Lexie's amazing winter art show on our website! You're really going to want to see her Guinea Pig drawing!

Emily P.

