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The Dolphin Splash

Though we had a late start with the 6th Grade Expository Class' newspaper due to schedule changes and other unforeseen events, we finally have our first edition on the first month of 2015! We are inspired by Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Laureate ever, and an unwavering advocate for the rights of girls to have an education. Here's to our heros!

Our Inspiration

An archetype is defined as a model or pattern which can instruct or inspire us. Arth and Christian share their hero archetype.

Spider-Man, by Arth Shukla

Young Peter was once a genius teenage boy with no friends until one fateful day when he was bitten by a radioactive spider on a field trip to the science corporation, Oscorp. Then, he became the "Amazing Spider-Man." But there is more to this iconic super teenage hero. There is Spider-Man's past, and what pushes him to fight on, his influence on children all over the world and his similarity to the amazing arachnid...the spider.

After being bit by the radioactive spider, Peter had amazing power. But, being selfish as he was, he decided to wrestle for a grand prize of \$1,000. He won and bought a chemistry set with the money, and made two wrist-mounted web shooters. He fought again, but when he wasn't paid, he was angry. Just then, a robber stole the prize money. Peter let him pass, as his revenge. He later found out that the same robber had killed his Uncle Ben. With this, he found the drive to fight for what's right. He made a costume to announce his presence to New York as Spider-Man.

Of course, super-powers and an emotionally scarring back story aren't all that make up Spider-Man. He has an influence on children all around the world, including me. He taught me to do

what is right, have a positive attitude, and help those who need it. He has made a great impact on the world.

Spider-Man does seem like a spider, but how alike is he to the icky arachnid that we find in our sinks? Well, he can climb walls and sling webs like a spider; however, his webs are man-made, while a spider's is organic. Also, Spider-Man's webs are durable and dissolve in an hour. A spider's are relatively weak, but do not dissolve. Spider-Man is as agile as a spider (if it were a human's size) and as strong as a spider (if, once again, it were a human's size). But his most well-known resource is his spider sense. This gives him omnipresent detection of his surroundings. Even though there isn't a tingling in a spider's head when danger is coming, the spider sense is similar to a spider's ESP (Extra Sensory Perception). This is when a spider uses its leg hairs to sense the flow of air around it. So that's why it takes a million smacks with a newspaper to kill one!

As you can see, Spider-Man is more complex than he seems. He is more than just a fictional superhero that beats up the bad guys and saves the city (and sometimes the world). He's a role-model; a teenager (now an adult in the Spiderman series) who faces many troubles in life — someone kids can connect with in times of trouble. He's someone to look up to. He's no ordinary man. He's Spider-Man.

Superheroes and Super-villains, by Christian Martinez

I really love heroes and villains. I like everything about them. You can never guess what will happen when a hero fights a villain. I love that all heroes don't have to have powers like Batman. They can fight and have no power. The thing that is most interesting about heroes is how much they will sacrifice to help. Then, that gets me thinking how could I help and what would I sacrifice?

The two companies I love that make heroes and villains are DC and Marvel. My favorite villain is Joker because he is crazy and never knows what he will do next and he's evil for the fun of it. My favorite hero is Batman because he does need powers to be a hero and he is a smart fighter and very rich.

The weird thing is that DC and Marvel are basically always competing. They both have the same heroes like Flash and Quicksilver, also Justice League and the Avengers. The reason I love heroes and villains is because all my friends have their own thing that is theirs, like sports, smarts, lots of friends. I didn't have stuff like that, but when I learned about heroes I felt that I was good at something, and I just want to be different and not normal. But I have learned that heroes are not just for entertainment, but for seeing who we are and there is always a hero for us. Also there is a little hero in all or maybe some evil.

My Favorite Sport, by L.Valeria Caballero B.

My favorite sport is soccer. I've been playing soccer for about six years. I started playing soccer when I was four years old. I love soccer because when I play soccer, I feel happy.

I like soccer. My top three soccer teams are Pumas from a Mexican soccer league, Real Madrid and my last soccer team is Mexico.

My favorite soccer player is Cristiano Ronaldo. He plays in one of my favorite soccer teams. His soccer team number is 7. Cristiano Ronaldo plays for Real Madrid.

“BASKETBALL”, is Marisol Berta's inspiration and puts her in the zone.

When I play basketball I feel like I just got my energy back. When I dribble I feel like no one's there, like I'm the only person in the world. It's like no other feeling in the world. Not the one where you see someone you haven't seen in a while, it's like a whole new world. Well...for me. Everyone has that one thing that makes them feel like they're the only ones in the world. It's the greatest feeling in the world.

Basketball's in my blood. My grandmother used to play basketball when she was younger. My mom used to play basketball. She played for the Guatemala Nationals. She was a pro. My sisters, Andrea and Melissa played basketball for a couple of years. And then there's me, the fifth generation of my family.

No one can take basketball away from me. I love when I score a basket. People cheer me on—they encourage me to play more. I tried to sit out to catch my breath, but I couldn't. I just wanted to jump back in the game. I may sound like I'm addicted to basketball...but I am. I can't help it. I don't know what else to say; the only thing I can say is basketball is my life.

With basketball I can express myself. If I'm trying to get my anger out, I just dribble or score a basket. If I'm sad, I just think basketball... It may sound weird, but that's just how I work. If I'm happy, I help my team-mates out (even if I'm not happy, I'll still help them) with dribbling or shooting.

I hope one day I could play for the WNBA Sparks. With just a little more practicing, one day I'll make it. I like to think and imagine that one day, a huge arena filled with people cheering me and my team on—the sound of dribbling, the sound of the announcer, the scoreboard buzzing. Ahh ... that seems like the life for me. One day. ☺

Christmas, by Jeremy Kreidler

During Christmas I'm going to go ice-skating with my friends, Donnie and Daniel. I am also going to spend time with my family.

On Christmas day I will be so excited to open my presents and get hockey gear and go ice-skating to try the stuff out.

I will also be having dinner with my mom and my brother.

Our Traditions

My Thanksgiving, by Charlie Axiaq

We took three hours, but we got to Bakersfield. We unloaded the car and went inside. There we met my uncle and aunt.

Then we had Thanksgiving dinner. We had turkey and three pies. I ate a whole pie.

The night we slept, for I could not rest in the morning. We left with nothing except for our stuff and my Mountain Dew.

In the Christmas of the Future, by Jesus Mercado

In the Christmas of the future, I want to be with my family having a good time and all together pray to God for this beautiful and good food that he's given us tonight.

The second thing I'd like to do is have a good time with my cousins opening our presents saying, "oh" and "wow," and saying, "Thank you," for the present they gave us and sitting by the fire.

The last thing is eating my grandma's *buñuelos* with my cousins and building the gingerbread house with my family and getting mad when it falls down.

Christmas, by Damare Ward

This is what I do on Christmas with my family this year. This year my sister and her boyfriend are coming from Southern California. Then I'm going to Southern California. So here we go!

So when my sister comes, we'll do a lot of things. I will be going to a Niners' game. We will go out to eat at places that they don't have in SoCal, like Patty Shack and Pasta Pomodoro. We will also just plan going to SoCal, packing presents and clothing. Then we might go look at a car for my brother.

Then my mom and I are going to SamTrans to SoCal, taking eight hours by train and bus. Then we're finally there. We're going to pack the gifts under the tree. We will also go see people we haven't seen in a while. I will see the rest of my family in SoCal, then celebrate my mom's birthday on Christmas Eve and get ready for Christmas the next day. That's what I'll do on Christmas this year.

Game Review Corner

Caspian Thomasian reviews *Madden NFL 1994-2015*.

Madden was created in 1994. When the first Madden '94 came out, it didn't have as good graphics as today in Madden 15.

The first Madden didn't have as good graphics and would only have seven buttons to press, but in today's Madden football there are 16 buttons. The graphics went to from one star to five stars—top of the list. Madden was the top rated best sports game of the year ten times and second place 21 times.

Madden can be a difficult game at times and sometimes it's easy. But the main part about Madden is the gameplay and how fun the game is.

Dahlia Bahamondes reviews *Minecraft*.

Survival mode in *Minecraft* gets hard at night. At night you have to fight off monsters with the resources you find during the day. Zombies, skeletons, creepers, slimes, cave spiders and normal spiders are mobs that attack you at night. There are many things you can find when you mine for ores and precious stones. The ores and stones that you can find are diamonds, lapis lazuli, gold, emeralds, coal and iron.

In creative mode you can build whatever you want. You can build arenas or *parkour* sets. People that play on-line get other people to help them build. There are no mobs that will attack you in creative mode.

There are people who make videos on playing *Minecraft*. There are different types of arenas and maps that they play on. There are many games and quests. In conclusion, *Minecraft* is a very fun game to play.

Poetry Corner

Rain, by Genevieve Dwyer

Gently falling from clouds.
Swirling and twirling,
Swaying from side to side.

A mirror, a reflection when
Gathered together,
Falling free in spirit and free
In soul, innocently splashing
The ground.

Free of knowledge flying free,
The impact of the ground
Shattering its future. Colors
In lines flying high in the sky.
Leading to a pot of gold.
Great light shines, a ball of
Light, rising in the sky.

Puddles turn lighter, to kind
Of mist, evaporating back
Into the clouds. The cycle
Starting again when fluffy-
Ness soaks the last of
The water puddles and they
Disappear leaving WONDERS
On Earth.

Pet Corner

Luz Jimenez shares her sage advice about owning pets.

Today I'm going to talk about pets. Pets seem easy to care for, but they're not. Look, I'm going to tell you something. To care for a pet, you need to clean the poo, give it a shower and buy it food.

I know it seems and looks easy. Trust me; I have a dog, a cat, two parrots and two chickens. I only have one pet which is a dog (she's so cute and adorable), but it's really hard to take care of her—especially when it's raining.

Well here's another thing. It all depends on how old your pet is. Well here's another thing. It's the same thing! Whether it's a puppy or an old dog, the cuteness doesn't matter. What matters is if it's tiny or big. :)

Dedication

This issue is dedicated to the 145 students and staff of the Army Public School in Peshawar, Pakistan and the 12 people affiliated with the ***Charlie Hebdo*** publication, who perished as martyrs for the rights of education and freedom of expression.

