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Dear Students, Parents, and Teachers,

Welcome to the second year of Treasures and Dreams! This magazine showcases the finest writing produced by University School students from grades one through five. Inside you will find poetry, creative stories, personal narratives, artwork and more.

Many thanks are extended to the teachers and Director of the Lower School for their support of this endeavor. A special thanks to the student staff for this session. Their creativity and talent made working with them easy and lots of fun!

A word to the students: Most entries are submitted by your teachers. If you would like to submit something you have written at home, please do! It must be your own original work.

Enjoy!

Nancy Cantor, Editor

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Seasons in the Sun

Autumn

Autumn is my favorite season of the year because when the leaves turn orange, red and yellow, it's a pretty sight to see. When the leaves fall off the trees you can play all you want. And when you look outside your window the trees are all bare but you can always look down and remember that autumn is still there.

by Jacey Siller Grade 3

The Changing Season

The trees are changing
It is a very pretty sight
The leaves are changing
They are changing and falling
The world has changed.

by Michael Hacker Grade 3

Seasons

The summer can't be beat,
That's when I go to camp
with the Miami Heat.
In winter I like to ski
With my whole family.

by Josh Roberts Grade 2

Autumn

When autumn comes it's pretty to see,
When a leaf falls off a tree.
The leaves turn orange, red and yellow,
This season is very mellow.
People start to rake up leaves,
From the very pretty trees.
The breeze is always pleasant,
When that happens I'm always present.
So now I think you really know,
In the autumn it does not snow.

by Elana Schulman Grade 3

Fall

The air is changing
The leaves are more colorful
I really love fall.

by Ben Morrison Grade 3

My Summer

This summer I went to the Olympics. The first event I went to was kayaking. I had a great time.

by Brittnie Baker Grade 1
Cool School

The First Day of School

Before school started I was completely disorganized. My brother said the teachers were fierce and I believed him. The night before school started, I was trying on my thirtieth outfit when my mom said, "It doesn't matter what you wear." So I finally made my decision: I wore a beige outfit.

The first day of school I had a biscuit for breakfast. My mom packed my lunch and put it in a briefcase. She made a jam preserve sandwich. Uck! When I walked into the classroom, I had the weirdest feeling that I wouldn't get through the day. By the end of the day, I was relieved.

by Danielle Fishman

Third Grade

Third grade is not hard. Sometimes you'll think it's hard, but when the teachers explain things to you, you don't believe how easy it was. I've loved third grade so far. Third grade couldn't be better. You're treated tough in third grade, but I've learned a lot. If I couldn't be at University School it would break my heart.

by Brendan Blase

My First Month

My first month at University School was odd. I'm not used to being the new kid in school. I like my new friends and teachers. They all greeted me politely. I miss my friends at Indian Trace very much. It was not my decision to experiment at University School. I believe my parents thought it would be the best for my education. The weirdest part was meeting all new teachers and students. It was also hard to learn how to maneuver from class to class.

I like University School and I plan on staying through high school. I'm glad my parents preserved the money for me to attend a school that doesn't have overcrowding. University School recruits really nice teachers. And I'm thankful to my parents they didn't waste their money on other things.

by Jeff Kaplan

by Danielle Fishman Grade 5

Third Grade

by Brendan Blase Grade 3

My First Month

by Jeff Kaplan Grade 5
Just Say No

The Last Rap
Yo, I do drugs
(when I really need hugs).
I have a high degree of vulnerability
but almost no personality.
I can't quite figure the real significance of the policy of zero tolerance.
I hang with some adolescents who have serious drug dependence but no idea of consequences.
I use chemical stimulants with deadly significance.
I use medicine like antihistamines and narcotics like amphetamines but the real hallucination is I'm blind to the deterioration and maybe, just maybe, all this leisure will end in one big seizure.

by Shay Carlson Grade 5

Healthy is Smart
Keeping your body healthy is smart,
If not you'll have to pay the consequences which might damage your heart,
Don't take drugs they aren't good for you,
If only people who took them knew what bad things they do.
Antihistamines are a different story,
If your sinuses ache and you take these you'll be in your glory,
Stimulants keep you up all the time,
Take this pill and to your body you've committed a crime,
Chemicals that are in the air, can give your lungs a great big scare,
If you take drugs you might have a seizure, hallucinations, illusions--you won't be at leisure.
The significance of being healthy is so you will stay alive,
A lot of kids want to live to be sixteen so they'll be able to drive,
Drugs affect people of all presence, children, adults, and even adolescents,
So many people use drugs as a dependent, You will be in for a personality change,
If you take drugs you'll become strange,
Taking will make you physically vulnerable, It will make you mentally miserable.

by Dara Gurman Grade 5

Think About the Consequences
You can take your vitamins every day and be happy in every special way!
Take care of your lungs and your heart too!
If you take care of them they will take care of you!
Taking drugs is dangerous and you won't be famous.
Drugs can give you hallucinations and you will have to take medicine and read lots of information.
Drugs can give you a seizure so don't do the procedure.
There is no significance in such a chemical except to give you medical trouble.
After Drug Awareness Week all adolescents should have perceived the consequences of drugs are not cool—they're just plain cruel!
Don't be mean—keep your body clean.

by Danielle Sclafani Grade 5
Pumpkin

A pumpkin is something round and fat,
It sits on the ground or in your lap,
It's orange and green and very clean,
You use it on Halloween.
You'll scare people round the block,
They scream and shout and cry "Yah, yah"
People will want to buy it 'cause it's cool,
They'll even bring it to school,
A jack-o-lantern you can make,
It would be as simple as making a cake.

by Katie Packer

Pumpkins are pretty,
All of them come with the frost,
I love all pumpkins!

by Rena Behar

Pumpkins are orange, pumpkins aren't green
Pumpkins make you scream on Halloween.
Pumpkins are full of laughter and fun
Pumpkins are scary and grow in the sun.

by Alexis Adler

Halloween is a holiday with scary ghosts
and small or large pumpkins.
And it is my favorite holiday of the year!
Laying all the Halloween stuff on the fields
Love to cut out all the pumpkin tops
On my patio we play with the pumpkins to carve
We set up all the pumpkins outside the door.
End of the day we clean up our mess.
Everybody loves Halloween
Now we go to bed.

by Mara Schwartz
If I Were President

If I were president, the U.S. would be a better place in many ways. I would try to stop animal abuse and drug abuse. And I would give people a start on saving the environment.

Now I will tell you about animal abuse. The first thing I’d do is consider whipping and hurting animals prohibited. Then I would stop the terrible process of catching wild animals. Last, I would make more animal clinics.

My second concern is taking care of our beautiful Earth. First of all I would make less factories. Second I would consider littering prohibited. And last I would minimize driving cars.

My third issue is drug abuse. We would have less alcohol in the U.S. Also there would be no illegal drugs allowed. And finally, I would see that no people could drink under 21.

I think it is important to think about drug abuse, animal abuse, and our Earth. Maybe someday I will be the president. If I do, I would be and do my best for our country, the United States of America.

by Elana Fishman  Grade 4

If I Were President

If I were president I would make many changes. The three problems I would try to solve are drugs, immigrants, and homelessness. I’d have lots of things to do and I’d be very busy.

Drugs are a very big problem in America. People are bringing in drugs from other countries. I would send people that take drugs to special schools and therapy.

Immigrants are also a big problem. They are coming into the U.S. illegally. I would send the immigrants to a country that has a lot of space. There could also be police boats out so they could stop them from coming in the U.S. Homelessness is the biggest problem. Most people have lost their homes from hurricanes. I’d take some tax money and some of my own, and build a really big apartment building that they wouldn’t have to pay for.

Those are the things I’d try and solve being president. I hope people will vote for me. Peace!

by Ilana Pregen  Grade 4

If I Were President

If I were the President I would make many changes. Four of these changes are: video games, hunting, violence and Medicare.

On video games I would make better graphics. There would be better controls to play with. They would be cheaper to buy.

On violence I would put more cops on the street, better alarm systems for houses and I would put more people in jail.

On hunting I would reduce the days for hunting and I would have a longer mating season. No one could shoot an endangered animal and if they did they would be fined $300.00.

On Medicare I would make it so old people could come into nursing homes and get good care without a lot of money if you needed it.

Being President is a lot of work to do. Yes, some of you may think it is an easy job just to sit in a chair saying "do this" and "do that" but it’s not. It’s tough. You have to make good decisions and make speeches.

by Ryan Guy Rovere  Grade 4
Gobble This Up

Preparing a Turkey

So you don't have to watch a T.V. program to prepare the turkey I will tell you. Go to the nearest zoo and ask to buy a turkey. The simplest way to kill it is to chop off its head. WARNING! Keep out of reach of children!! Before you do anything put the head in a garbage bag and tie it tight! Then take the turkey and put it in a big platter type bowl. Put some salt and pepper on it. Now put it in the oven and set it for 30 minutes. Then set the table. When the turkey is ready take it out and then put it on the table. Last but not least, chow down!!!!

by Ilana Pregen

How to Prepare a Turkey in the Old Old Days

I am going to tell you how to prepare a turkey in the old days. First you must get your club. Then try to get a turkey not a dinosaur. Then you invent the rotisserie and try to make a fire. After that get a twig and a sharp rock to use as fork and knife. If the turkey is very brown on one side, better turn it over. Then invite a few friends and have a great feast. One more thing, what a coincidence--you have invented four things while you prepared your turkey.

by Xanquaniai Lee

How to Prepare a Turkey

I'm going to teach you how to make the best turkey you will ever have. You will need a parent if you are under 13 years old, a turkey from the store which should be about 15 pounds, stuffing, yams and mashed potatoes. First get your turkey and wash it out thoroughly. Prepare the stuffing and stuff the turkey. Then put it in the oven at 350 for 3 1/2 hours. After that, get your mashed potatoes and yams, prepare them the way you like. Next, after 3 1/2 hours of cooking, place the turkey on the platter and let it cool for 15 minutes. Finally, serve the meal to your family and watch them smile. Please send all comments to...

by Amanda Murphy
I Am Thankful For...

I am thankful for my parents because if they didn't exist I wouldn't be here. Another thing I am thankful for is food because if there wasn't any food we would starve to death. I am also thankful for health because if I wasn't healthy I could die. Another thing I am thankful for is a home because if I did not have a home I would be homeless and that would be bad. I am thankful for friends because they are there for you when you are in trouble. I am thankful for clothes because they keep me nice and warm. One other thing I am thankful for is trees because they give us oxygen. Those are all the things I am thankful for.

by Sarah Burris Grade 3

I Am Thankful For...

I am thankful for my family. If I didn't have one I wouldn't be here right now. My family was carried on from my great great great etc. grandparents. They gave birth until they got to me. But the most important thing is health. If there weren't doctors I'd be dead because doctors help us survive. I also think I should be thankful for schools because if I didn't go to school I'd be dumb. I think I'm thankful for clothes because I'd hate to be naked in public. That's what I'm thankful for.

by Meryl Schulman Grade 3

The Turkeys' Meeting

One day before Thanksgiving all the turkeys gathered together on Old Ben's farm. Today was very scary and sad. Today the farmer would come and...and...and take the turkey he wanted. But this year was different. The harvest was very good. So Old Ben bought a turkey. All of the turkeys were thankful that their friends were safe.

by Pamela Brown Grade 2

I Am Thankful For...

I am thankful for food because without food I couldn't live. Some people can't be thankful because they have nothing to be thankful about. I can be thankful. I have food, a nice home, clothes, money and very nice parents. Some people can be extremely thankful by having whatever they want. I am also thankful for having a life. I think that no matter what everyone should always be thankful. I'm thankful for everything.

by Lindsay Rubin Grade 3
Days of Our Lives

My Memorable Moment

My most memorable moment was in Vail, Colorado when I had my ski accident and it was horrible. My dad and I went to Vail to ski. I had skied several times before when I was about seven with my mom so I told Dad that I didn't need any dumb ski instructor. When I started going down the mountain I was terrible! I kept falling down. My dad tried to show me how to stop but I just couldn't. I was so upset and freezing cold that I didn't care what my dad said. My dad asked me if I wanted to leave but I just wouldn't budge. So, then, when I went down the last slope of the mountain I realized that it was very steep and icy. I started picking up speed and realized that I was passing everybody by. I realized that I had to stop then and there because I was going to break my neck if I didn't. So, I had to think fast. I saw a narrow path that nobody went into hoping I would get hit by a tree. Then I forced myself to fall. I went in a wild tumble then "WHAM!" A steel pole smacked me right in the head. This story was told to me by my dad because I vaguely remember it. Ever since my accident I think my story is important because it shows everybody to ski with a helmet.

by Michael Marks

That Safety Patrol Thing

When I am on Safety Patrol, I feel totally psyched. But, I think you will want to hear the whole story. I believe it all started when Ms. Propos handed out a beige form for Safety Patrol. She said, "Preserve this until your parents can read it and bring it in as early as possible. Remember, only the first forty-five are picked." So, the next day I awoke at 6:15 AM to get to school early, but there was already a group of students. I politely maneuvered my way through the line. I wound up thirtieth, but the weirdest thing happened. Ms. Propos selected me fourth! I wanted to be a lieutenant but her decision was to start everyone at the bottom. It doesn't really matter to me as long as I get to work with the first group. My position is usually between Adam F. and Alex K.

Some of the kids have the briefcase type backpacks with wheels and they pull them over my feet when they get out. When that happens, I shoot them a fierce look. My advice to any future Safety Patroller is look out for those wheels and don't forget "Have a nice day!"

by Shay Carlson

My Wish

I wish I had two cats and a big dog so my big dog could sleep with me and my kitty could sleep in my room.

by Samantha Boden

My Garden

I wish I had a garden because I want a bunch of flowers and I love the fresh air.

by Samantha Lang

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by Samantha Lang
Once upon a time, there lived a very different prince. He was always kissing everybody. Everyone would say yuck! Especially a girl named Uglyella. She is so ugly that everyone thinks she's beautiful. She also wears the ugliest clothes. Her favorite thing to do is flirt with the girls. That is what the boys love about her. Everyone wants to marry her she's so ugly. The prince has a huge crush on Uglyella. So he decides to have a disco. Uglyella didn't have anything to wear so she said "Oh, well" but just then an ugly devil rose up from the ground. The devil asked, "What's wrong UGLY?" Uglyella said, "I don't have anything ugly to wear to the disco." The devil said, "What you're wearing is ugly enough." Uglyella said, "But I want something uglier." The devil said, "Hmm, I know, how about muddy rags, no shoes, messed up hair and NO MAKEUP!"

So a second later she was all nice and ugly for the disco. After the disco the prince saw Uglyella walking home and started walking with her. The prince said, "You're a bad dancer." Uglyella said, "I know." The prince added, "You're also my favorite girl to kiss out of the whole town because you're very ugly and that's what I like in girls." Uglyella said, "I heard you have a huge crush on me and I bet you're probably going to ask me if I'll marry you." Then the prince started to blush. He thought she didn't know. The prince said, "I'll give you time to think about it, until then, SMACK!" and then he left. While he was gone Uglyella thought and thought and thought about what he said. Finally she came to a conclusion. She said, "Hmm, let's see, he's rich, he's nice, and he's a big kisser. He's all those things except smart, in other words not intelligent. There, I got my answer. The answer is NO." So she told the prince and he was happy. So they lived not happily ever after.

by Jessica Goldberg

Rocky's Bad Day

Rocky forgot he dropped a bean. It had his name on it. Also he left a piece of meat on the seat. The meat had his teeth marks in it. The jewelry store was always clean. Now it was messed up by him. He also stepped in a sink that had a leak. His wet footprints were everywhere. It was a great feat to try to get away. He got caught and tried to make a deal. He only made an appeal.

by Zachary Davis
Imagine This

The Pickle

In a land long ago there lived a lot of pickles. Out of those many pickles there was a pickle different than everyone else. Her name was Andi, Andi Pickle to be exact. She lived with her mother and stepfather. Her mother's name is Jean, Jean Cucumber Pickle that is! Her stepfather's name was Gary Berry. She had a sister named Lisa Pickle. Lisa lived with another pickle and a piece of pizza named Pepperoni.

Life was great in their little town of Probably Pickle. Everybody knew each other and because they all knew each other there were no robberies or fights! The kids all had a favorite park. It was called The Especially Pickle Park! This is where their story begins.

It was a nice pickle pretty day in September. It was also the first day of school! Andi found out that her friends Olivia Apple, Jennifer Cucumber and Keslie Carrots were in her class. She also found out about her great teachers Mr. Chewing, Mrs. Raisin, Mrs. Kaulliflower and Mrs. Carroting. She couldn't believe how beautiful the school was this year! Everything looked so nice and new at the school! Then a masked pickle came and took one of the teachers away! Everyone gasped and the girls fainted. But luckily the bell rang and the scene was over! "That's a wrap" yelled the director of the movie they were making called A Pickle!!!

Andrea then went in her dressing room and saw a pickle with the words Andi Pickle written on it.

A PICKLE!!! COMING SOON TO A THEATER NEAR YOU!!

by Andrea DeField

Love Story

Once there was a maiden, a very pretty one. She loved a prince but her dad was against them. But they loved each other very much.

One day she ran away. She went deeper and deeper into the forest. A dragon caught her.

The prince ran into the forest. He slayed the dragon. The king let the prince marry his daughter because he saved her. And they got married that day.

by Haley Holeman

by Andrea DeField

Grade 5

by Haley Holeman

Grade 2
Imagine That

The Flying Horse

Once upon a time there was a horse. Its name was Sugar. It was just a baby horse. It didn't have any wings yet but she knew that someday she will grow some big beautiful wings. So as she grew she waited and waited but she never grew her wings. When she was three years old she still didn't have any wings. She blew out her candles and wished that she would have some wings by her next birthday. So she waited until her fourth birthday. When her birthday came she had some beautiful wings. She was so excited she flew around the room. She was so happy that she had wings. Her mother and father were very proud of her. They said she looked much better with her wings because her wings were so beautiful. Her friends liked them too.

by Nicole Bell

My Mission

My name is Mallory Hellman. I am an emissary. This is the story of the time that Bill Clinton sent me on an outrageous expedition. I was suppose d to go to the Middle East and help with the peace process. I was absolutely elated!! I had been researching the peace process for so long and now I was to be a part of it. About a week and a half later, I found myself traveling on a plane headed towards Israel. Finally, when we landed, I got my baggage, rented a car, and drove out to the place where I was supposed to have a talk with Yasir Arafat and Benjamin Netanyahu. I was horrified by how much the land there differed from America. I realized that America would probably look just as strange to them as Israel did to me. Finally I got to the building where I was to talk with Ben and Yasir. I was getting a little nervous so I kept repeating "I am committing myself to doing this" in my head. When I got inside, a man escorted me to a big, lovely room. There, at the table sat Yasir Arafat, Benjamin Netanyahu and their translators. We began speaking right away. At first I was nervous, but then I realized that it was fun. I felt almost as if I was controlling what came out of their mouths. When the meeting ended, I left Israel with a good feeling in my heart.

by Mallory Hellman
Restaurant
I went to a restaurant.
That's where ants rest I guess.
It was very messy.
An aunt came up to me and said
Her name was Tessy.
She was also very messy.

by Alissa Alperstein Grade 2

Under the Sea
There is a place that is pitch black.
It is called the black swallow waters. We
also know our great white shark. But there
is a great white shark down here too so beware.
And an angler fish too. Some fish have clear
stomachs. That means that if this fish eats
another it will appear in his body. You could
never go down there without a submarine. This
place is amazing.

by Anthony Carriuolo Grade 2

The World So Great
If you see the world so great
Let's protect it in its fate.
Help it come out every day
Let's not let it fade away.

by Jaclyn Einstein Grade 3

Gorillas
Gorillas make good pets. One of the
reasons gorillas make good pets is because
if someone picks on you the gorilla will
scare him/her away.
Another good reason is you can ride
on it to school and to a lot of places. I
also think gorillas make good pets because
you can tell them to mow the lawn and do
your chores.
Gorillas make good pets and I think
all kids will like gorillas.

by Michelle Bejar Grade 4
Ready for Adventure

If I Went to Space

The things I would miss most if I were to take a long trip into space would be real food, my house, my friends, my family, my pets and seeing the sun. I would also miss the palm trees.

I would miss real food because I think I would get sick of freeze-dried food. I would miss my friends and family because it would be lonely without them. I would miss my house because I think the Shuttle might be cramped. I would miss my pets because it would be too quiet without them. I would miss seeing palm trees and the sun because they are the best parts of the scenery.

A problem would be I would get space-sick. I never want to work in a space ship or airplane ever.

by Rena Behar

The Haunted Mansion

Once upon a time there was a girl. Her name was Stacy Magill. She was twelve years old and she wasn't afraid of anything. She loved to go in spooky caves and haunted mansions. Once her friends even slept in a cave.

Then one day Stacy said to one of her friends, "Hey Megan, tonight when you sleep over, let's sneak out after my Mom puts us to bed. We can go exploring in a cave or something." Megan thought that was a good idea so she said OK.

That night after Stacy's mom put them to bed they snuck outside and instead of going to explore a cave they went down the street to a mansion that no one had been in for at least fifteen years.

But then, when they went inside, they saw a dark figure. They were horrified! The figure came closer and closer. Then they saw it. "Melissa? What are you doing here?" "I was just looking around. You know, exploring."

by Lauren Weiss

Boom

As you well know, it has been argued that Sadam Hussein used chemical weapons during the Gulf War. Many before you have traveled to the area and researched this horrifying problem. We have received information that there are others in the Middle East who are planning on mimicking this form of terrorism.

Ms. Raizin, you are our most qualified agent. Your mission, if you choose to accept, is to travel undercover to Iraq and find out whether chemical weapons are still being produced. If they are, you must discover how, when, and where they will be used.

This mission is yours to accept. This message will self-destruct in five seconds.

by Olivia Young
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or poem on this page!