

Student essays published by Creative Communication

Students in Lisa Gibson's writing classes have, once again, been selected to be a published author in the Spring Creative Communication essay contest.

"This is awesome," she said. "I am so proud of them and their accomplishment."

"The eighth grade class has achieved a phenomenal accomplishment not only for themselves, but for me. I have never received this type of accomplishment in my writing classes before."

The class will be receiving a free anthology book titled "Celebrating What Is Important to Me." Each essay is 250 words in length. The school is also eligible to apply for a \$250 grant.

Creative Communication said the reason for the essay contest

is to bring recognition to student writers. With the publication being regionally based, students are competing against their peers in both age and location. With the guidelines of accepting less than 50 percent of the essays that are entered in each contest, the contest is selective so it is an honor to be accepted. Their staff is comprised of teachers, professors and writers.

The freshmen had the same writing requirements. Over two-thirds of the freshman class's essays were chosen to be published. This is an awesome accomplishment for these students. Mrs. Gibson said.

In the future, the essays will be run, some alone and some in a group. They will have the student's name at the top of their essays.

Know the Consequences

By *Aby Fernandez*
Freshman

"Don't drink and drive!" I bet you've heard this quote being said many times. You would be considered a very smart person if you follow this quotation. There is at least 10,000 deaths relating to alcohol every year, and most of those are involved with vehicles.

Is it really necessary to lose a life for being unintelligent and not obeying the laws? I think while driving intoxicated is pointless. If you know you are going to be drinking, always have a designated driver appointed. A designated driver is a person who is sober and doesn't drink while the company they are with does consume alcohol. This may be one of the greatest ideas to prevent an accident.

Many people get a DUI or DWI for drinking and driving. A DUI means driving under the influence and DWI stands for driving while intoxicated. If you get pulled over and the policeman thinks you've been consuming alcohol, you may be asked to check your BAC. (Blood Alcohol Content). This has to do with the Implied Consent Law. This law may be the cause of license suspension if you choose not to be tested for BAC.

Who drinks more, teens or adults? Research has demonstrated drinking is more likely during the ages of 18-34. College students are the most common to be caught drinking. It's less common for the too young or the too old to be drinking large amounts of alcohol.

Be smart. "Don't drink and drive!"

Huskies

By *Alexis Frink*
Eighth grade

Huskies are beautiful, spectacular dogs. Most huskies do require a lot of attention. This beautiful dog has a double fur coat and needs a whole lot of grooming. The husky is a medium sized working dog. It works for pulling heavy loads for a very long distance.

There are four main types of Huskies: Snow Angel Husky, Alaskan Husky, Malamute Husky, and a Siberian Husky. The Snow Angel Husky has vivid blue eyes, and his/her colors can be white or gray, but mostly white. Alaskan Huskies get to be about 40 to 60 pounds each. The colors they come in are brown, white, or black. Malamute Huskies can get to be at least 85 pounds due to all of their thick fur. Siberian

Huskies are the most common type of Husky. Siberian is Russian and stands for breed of sled dog developed in Northern Siberia.

The Husky is noticed for its thickly furred double coat. This dog is usually found in cold, harsh environments. This breed of dog is an active, energetic dog. They have been described as a domestic dog and a cross between a bear and a wolf. Huskies were sent to Alaska and Canada as sled dogs.

The word Husky is a nickname for Eskimos. In result to their thick coat, they can handle the harsh cold weather. Huskies are highly intelligent. My favorite thing about a Husky is their beautiful eyes. What are your thoughts about Huskies?

9ine Foot Squirrel

By *Austin Patton*
Eighth grade

Have you ever had something very special that only you can do? That's what it's like for my dad, my brother, and I in 9ine Foot Squirrel. The entire "9ine Foot Squirrel" concept started back in the nineties when my dad made a song called Nine Foot Squirrel.

The first major obstacle we faced was the same that every band faces at the beginning of their careers. We needed instruments! My dad already had a bass but he also needed an amplifier to increase his sound output. I needed an electric guitar and an amplifier with a lot of power. After the guitars were taken care of, my dad needed a microphone, a stand, and speakers to sing through. Finally, we needed to find the most important part of the band. We needed to locate for

my little brother a drum set with the works.

After the instruments were taken care of, we had to make some original music so that we could perform. Right now we have two songs that we think are special. Our first and best song is called Sedative along with Forward in Reverse which is our second song.

The final step for our band is to finish the songs for people to listen to them. One way we've gotten our music out into the world is by using certain websites like Facebook, Twitter, and Myspace. We also use another website called ReverbNation. This is what it takes to start a band and we have only just begun. Are you ready to hear our songs?

Tebow Time!

By *Ashlee Orth*
Freshman

"Play to win. Don't play not to lose." This was said by a Florida State graduate as the quarterback for the Gators, currently a quarterback for the Denver Broncos, and the first-ever sophomore in college to win the Heisman Trophy. This famous football player and my true mentor's name is Tim Tebow.

To me, Tim Tebow is the best role model anybody could have. He always has a positive attitude, whether the team wins a nail-biter game or a game that went down the drain. Tebow also comes from a very religious family who cares so much about their Savior.

Tebow is my role model mainly because he is somebody who wants to accomplish his dreams, and will do anything to reach them. Another reason

I love him is because he cares about his team. He has made them believe in each other ever since he got drafted to the NFL in 2010 by Josh McDaniels.

His favorite quote since he was six is "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard," by Tim Notke. To me, this saying means to work hard at anything, go above and beyond your goals. This is Tim Tebow's favorite quote because he does his best at whatever he does.

I have been a Bronco fan for as long as I can remember. I will never give up on them no matter how bad a game is. Tebow will always get his team to believe in each other and in themselves. That's what I love about him. Once a Bronco fan, always a Bronco fan. Do you have somebody to look up to even if they're famous?

The Sport

By *Cade Bracelin*
Freshman

If you have never raced a dirt bike, then you don't know what living on the edge is like. It is a very awesome feeling to race. Gear up, I am about to tell you what it's like.

Imagine it is in the heat of summer, you are dressed and ready to race. The gates drop and the race is on. Trying to make it past the first corner is always challenging. You are going to get hit, your hands might get pinched, and you will get muddy. After the corner though, the race seems to flow smoothly. These are just a few of the reasons I love racing.

Once I have made it through the first corner, the race just comes to me. When I race, I give it my all. The thing I concentrate on most is not letting my mind figure out I am getting tired. I always have to be sure to hang

tightly, but not too tight so my hands start to hurt. The sound of the motor humming under me is an indescribable feeling.

The only way to discover the true feeling of racing is to do it yourself. It isn't going to be easy, you will get tired and you might get a little scared at times. Try racing to feel what living on the edge is really like!



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