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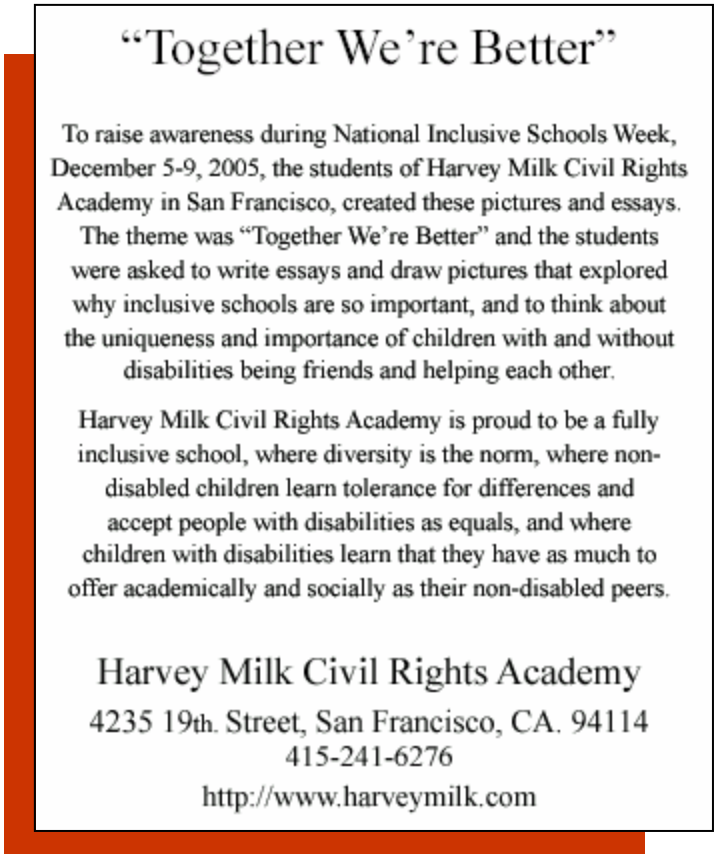
- A special **thank you** goes to the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy in San Francisco for sharing their National Inclusive Schools Week Celebration with us…



"Together We're Better"

To raise awareness during National Inclusive Schools Week, December 5-9, 2005, the students of Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy in San Francisco, created these pictures and essays. The theme was "Together We're Better" and the students were asked to write essays and draw pictures that explored why inclusive schools are so important, and to think about the uniqueness and importance of children with and without disabilities being friends and helping each other.

Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy is proud to be a fully inclusive school, where diversity is the norm, where non-disabled children learn tolerance for differences and accept people with disabilities as equals, and where children with disabilities learn that they have as much to offer academically and socially as their non-disabled peers.

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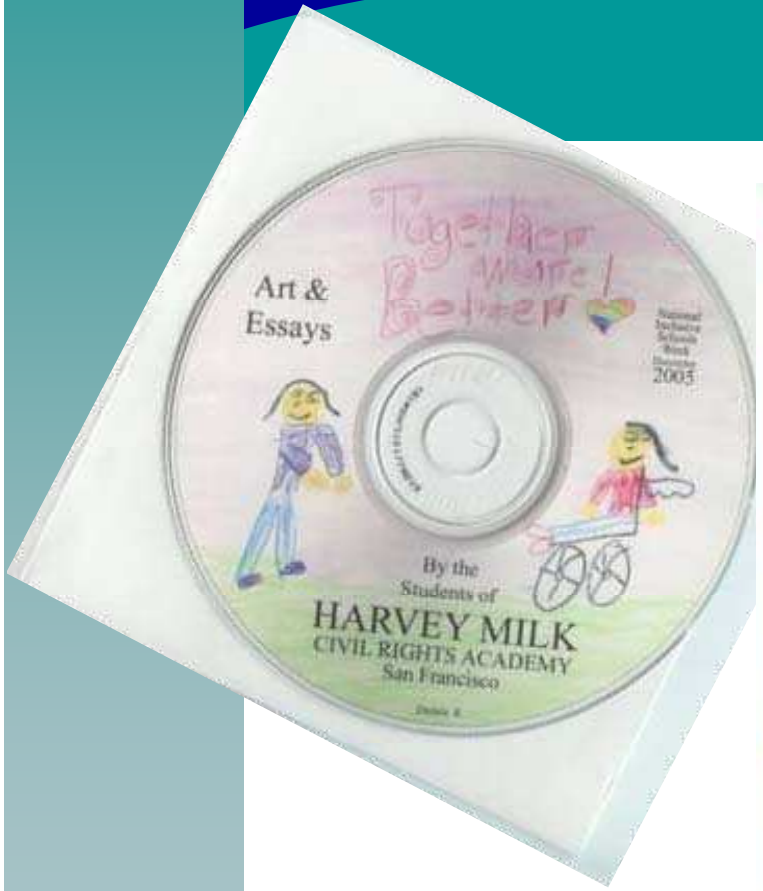



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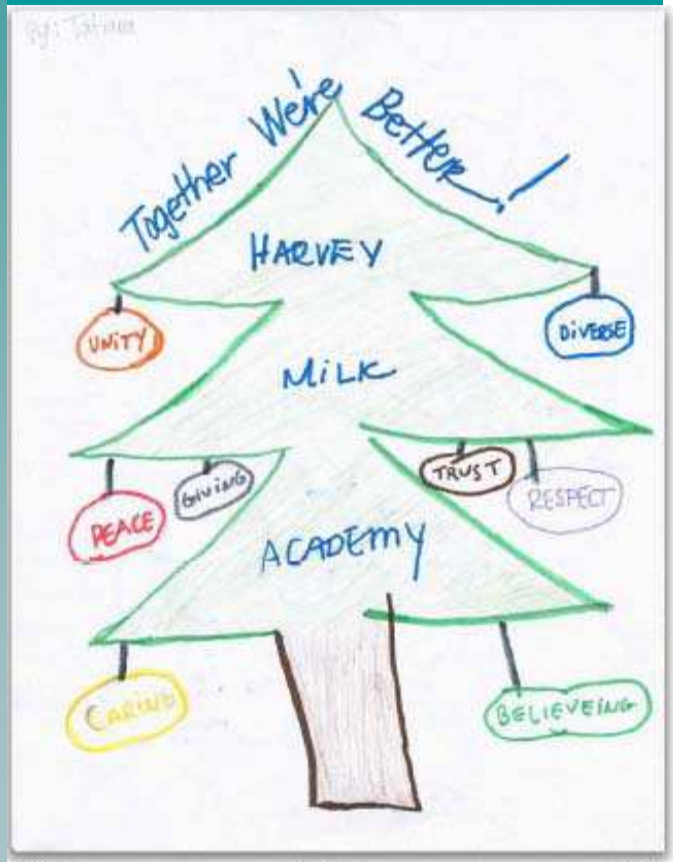

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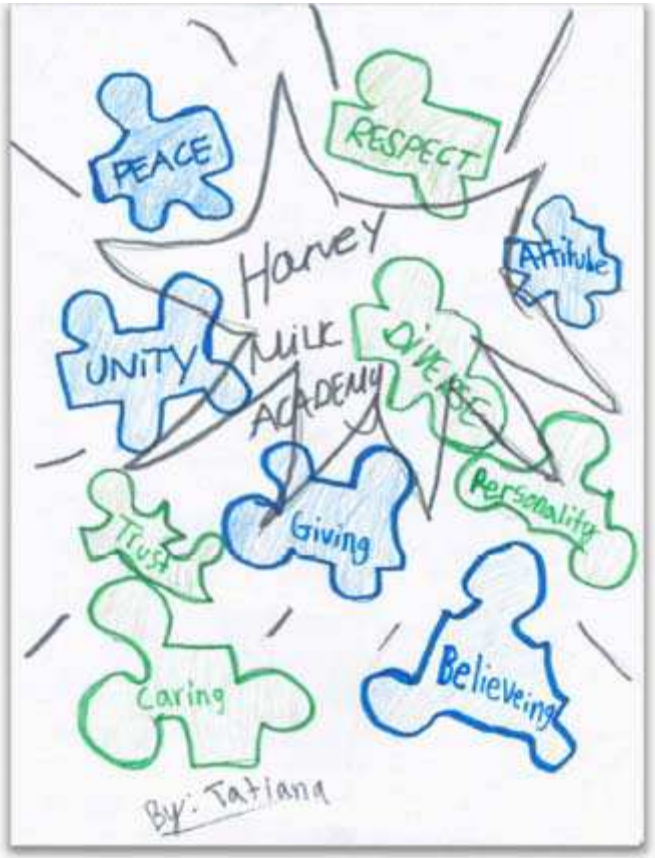

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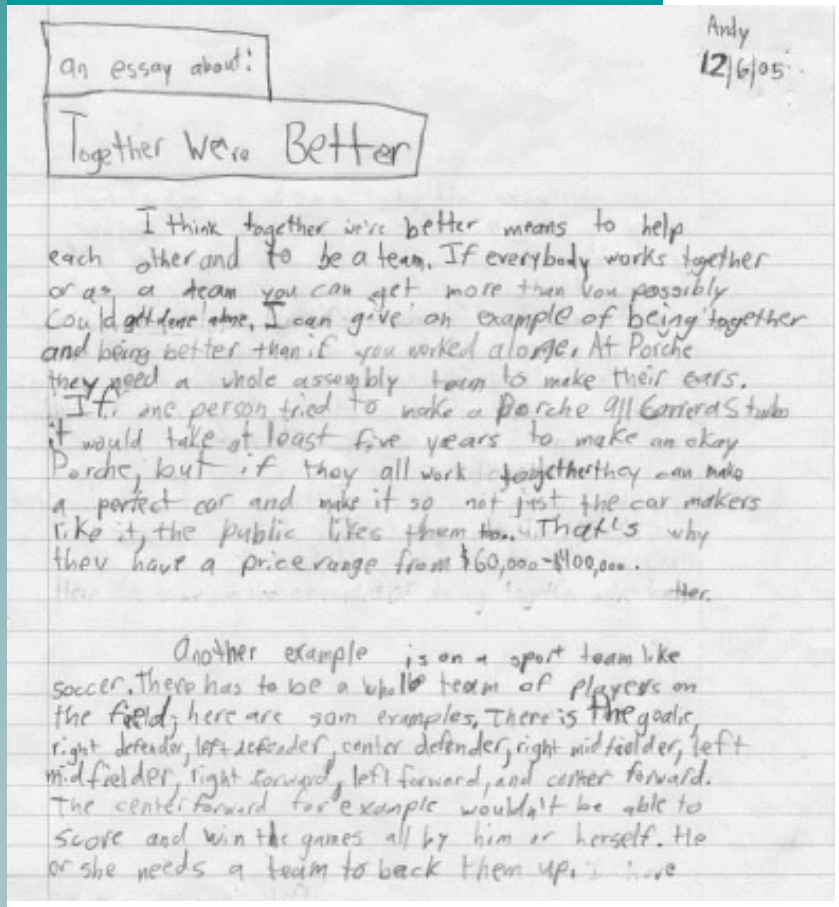

Andy
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an essay about:

Together We're Better

I think together we're better means to help each other and to be a team. If everybody works together or as a team you can get more than you possibly could get done alone. I can give an example of being together and being better than if you worked alone. At Porche they need a whole assembly team to make their cars. If one person tried to make a Porche all Carrera S take it would take at least five years to make an okay Porche, but if they all work together they can make a perfect car and make it so not just the car makers like it, the public likes them too. That's why they have a price range from $60,000-$100,000.

Another example is on a sport team like soccer. There has to be a whole team of players on the field; here are some examples, There is the goalie, right defender, left defender, center defender, right midfielder, left midfielder, right forward, left forward, and center forward. The center forward for example wouldn't be able to score and win the games all by him or herself. He or she needs a team to back them up.

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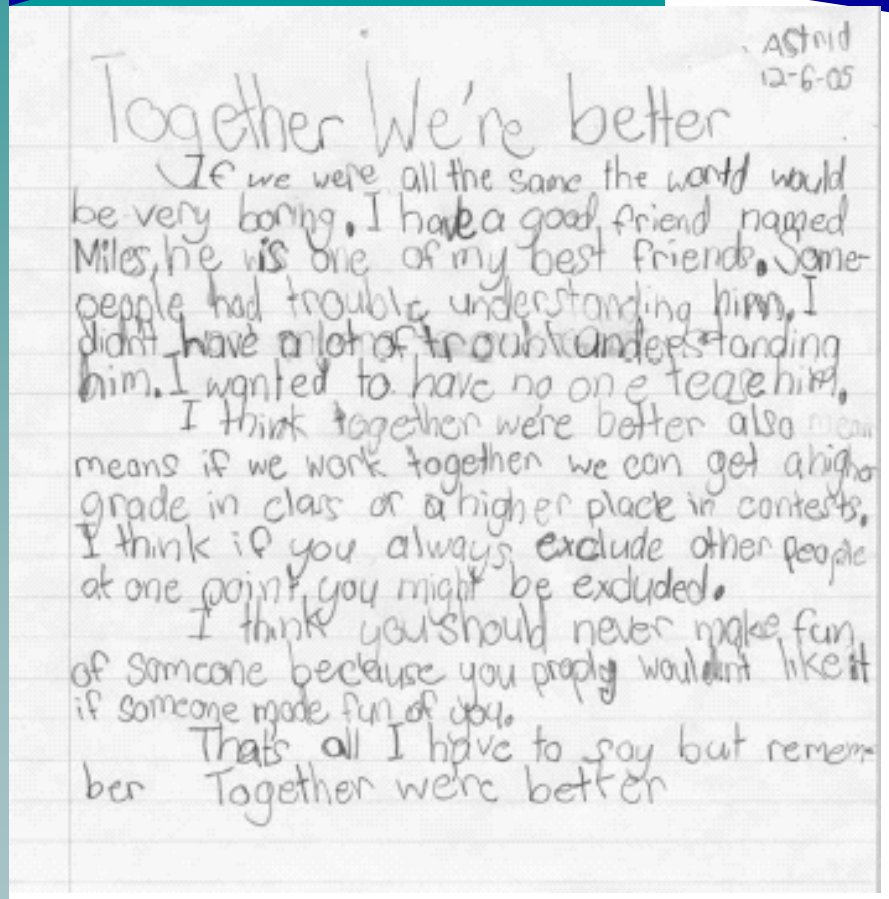

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If we were all the same the world would be very boring. I have a good friend named Miles, he is one of my best friends. Some people had trouble understanding him. I didn't have a lot of trouble understanding him. I wanted to have no one tease him.

I think together we're better also means if we work together we can get a high grade in class or a higher place in contests. I think if you always exclude other people at one point you might be excluded.

I think you should never make fun of someone because you prolly wouldn't like it if someone made fun of you.

That's all I have to say but remember Together were better

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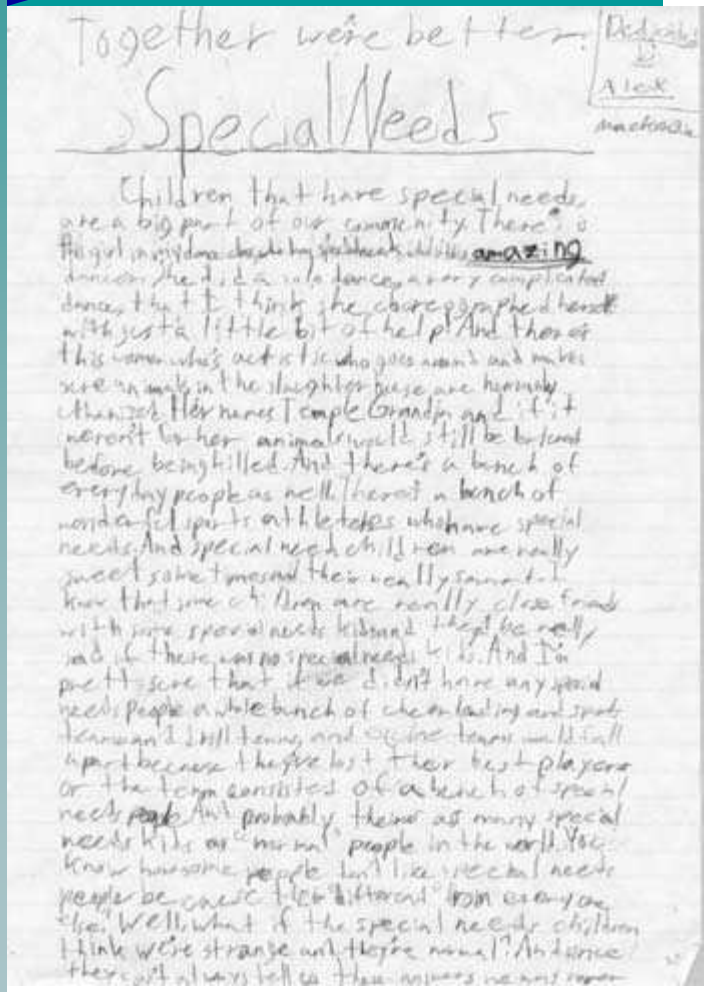
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Special Needs

Children that have special needs are a big part of our community. There's a [illegible] amazing dancer. She did a solo dance, a very complicated dance, that I think she choreographed herself with just a little bit of help. And there's this woman who's artistic who goes around and makes sure animals in the slaughter house are humanly [illegible]. Her names Temple Grandin and if it weren't for her animals would still be [illegible] before being killed. And there's a bunch of everyday people as well. There's a bunch of wonderful sports athletes who have special needs. And special needs children are really sweet sometimes and their really smart. I know that some children are really close friends with some special needs kids and they'd be really sad if there was no special needs kids. And I'm pretty sure that if we didn't have any special needs people a whole bunch of cheerleading and sports teams and drill teams and engine teams would fall apart because they've lost their best players or the team consisted of a bunch of special needs people. And probably there's as many special needs kids as "normal" people in the world. You know how some people don't like special needs people because their "different" from everyone else. Well, what if the special needs children think we're strange and they're normal? And since they can't always tell us their answers we [illegible]

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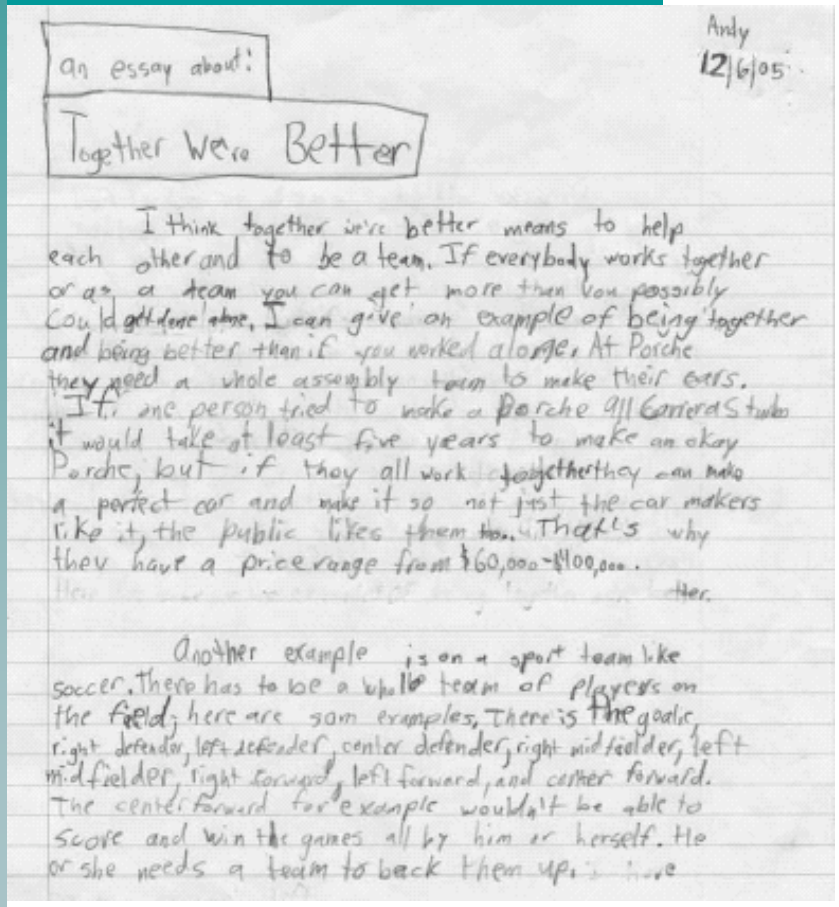

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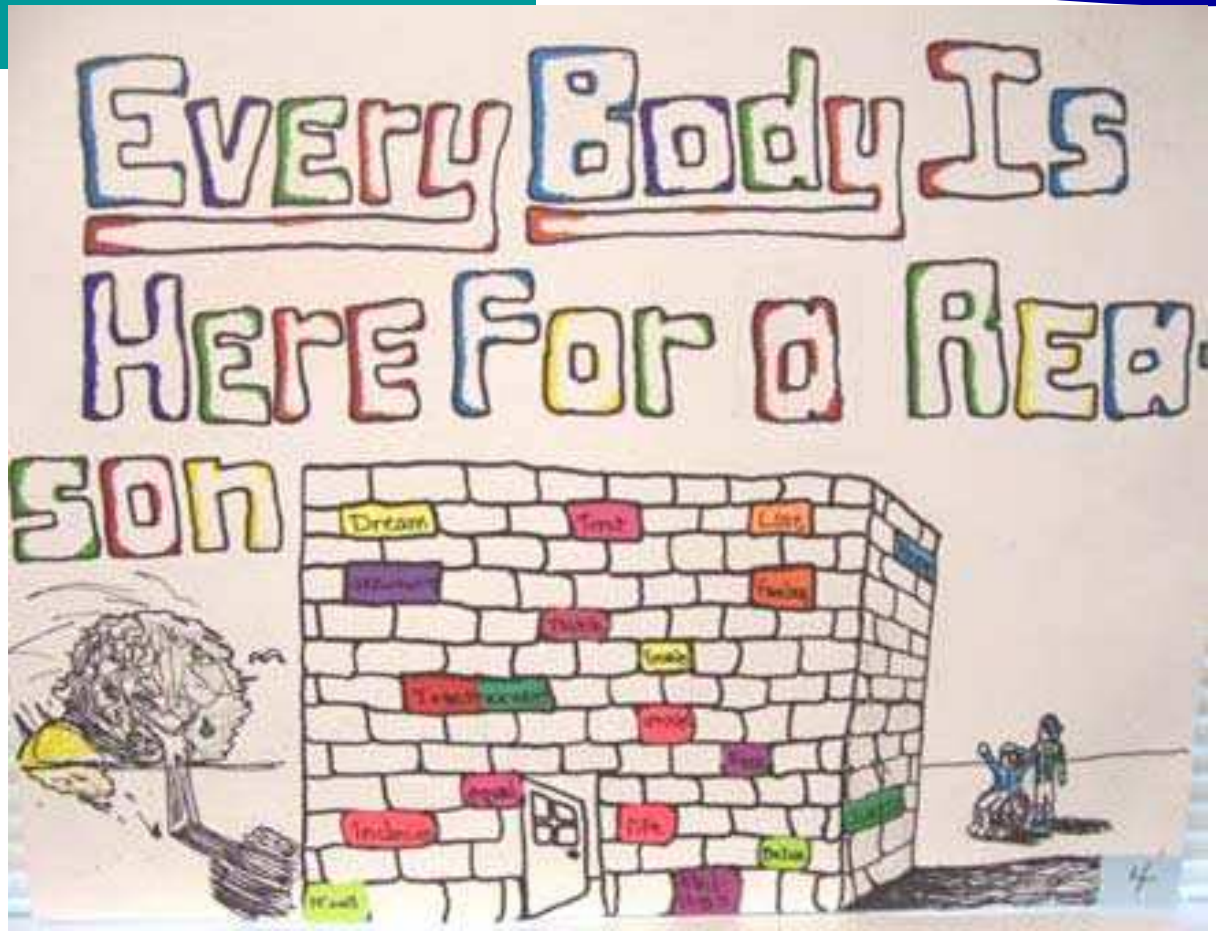

Dylan Herbert & Devinne Leger - Lafayette Parish, Ages 10-13

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Weaving one message…

This diversity quilt was made by students at Lebanon Elementary School



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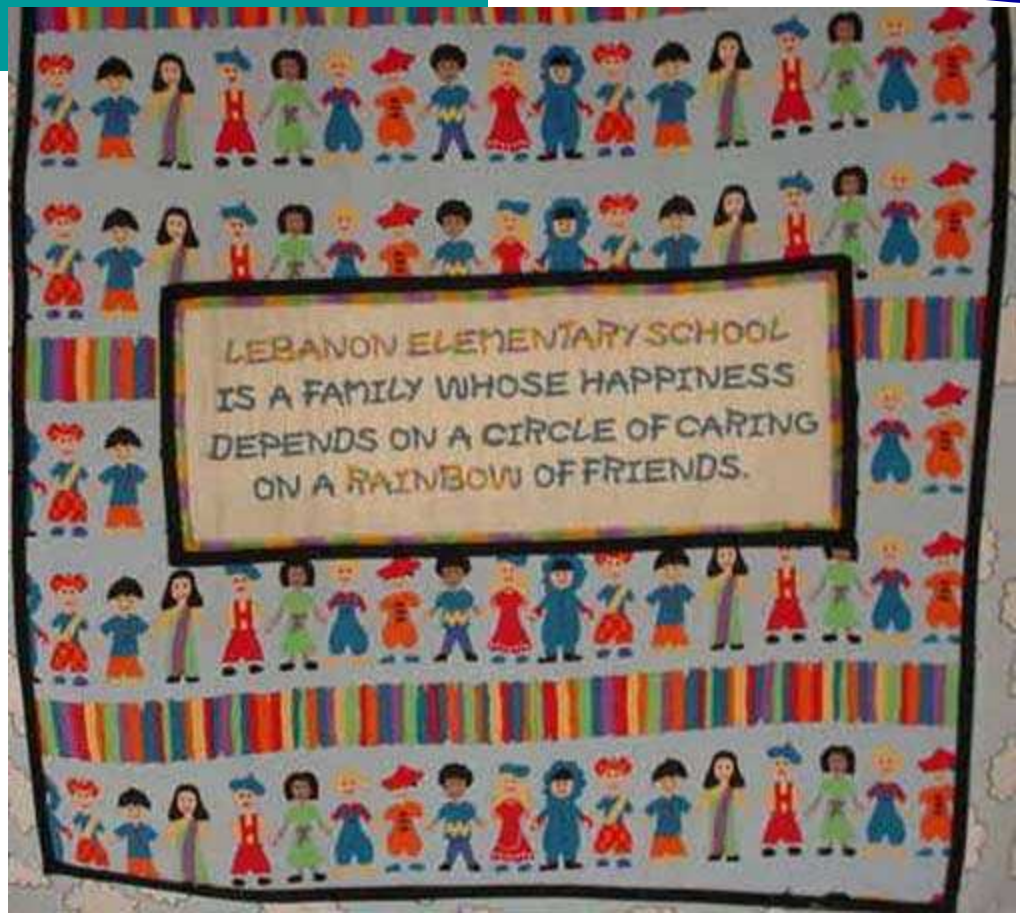

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