



2010/11 "In Your Words" Writing Contest

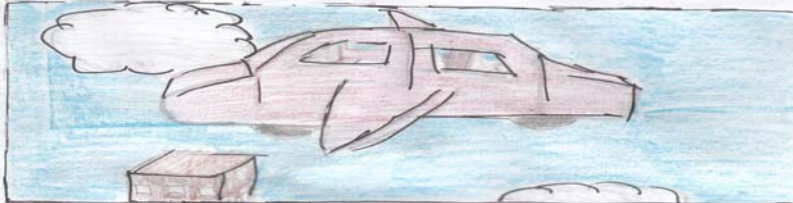
CATEGORY TWO: FIRST PLACE

WRITTEN BY: Mary Halliday & Madison McBurney
GRADE: 7; ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Durham This Week

Wednesday, November 19th, 2210

Just recently the first flying car was invented and released to the public! Three people from all over the world helped create the wonderful new form of transportation. The company JH have been working on this car for over 10 years now. This flying car, the Capanata, can drive on ground, and also fly at 100 metres above the roads. Authorities will be the first to receive this new design. It will allow faster delivery to hospitals and will also allow police officers and fire fighters to arrive at the scene much faster. This car will soon be released to the public in about 5 months.



Here Are The 3 Wonderful People That Helped Design And Build This Car!

Josh Stickiman

Josh Stickiman helped design the wings and trunk of the car. Thanks to Josh's help, the car will be balanced in the air. Josh is from Canada, he began to work on the designs for this type of car at the age of 20. Josh is 25 now, he has a wife, and is expecting a child.

Bertha Smitten

Bertha began this journey when her loving husband passed away in a fatal car accident in 2208. Bertha is from Germany, and helped design how this car will become airborne. Bertha has one child, who is 14 and attends Virgin Mary High School. Thank you Bertha for your wonderful commitment!

Lee Younge

Lee is from Tokyo. She is a 19 year old college exchange student. She became a Canadian citizen when she heard about this project. Lee has been planning the interior design of a car like this since she was 15 years old. Thank you Ms. Younge!

The Last Homeless Shelter Is GONE!

Report by : Emma Housney

WOW! The last homeless shelter in Durham Region, and Onatrio, has been torn down! Why? Because our community stepped forward about 2 months ago and donated money to make new houses for the homeless. New stores were built, making new jobs for these citizens who have been living in the shelter. 32 people moved into their new homes today as the community crowded around and applauded the happy families who will be living in their first real home after 3 years! *Durham This Week* would like to thank every citizen who helped contribute to this wonderful cause! Good luck to the 7 families whose lives have been changed with one of the most amazing gifts!

The Cure For Cancer Is Finally Here!

Report by: May Wester

Last month we gave everyone the amazing news that the cure for cancer had been discovered, now, the cure has come here, to Durham Region. Every cancer patient over the age of 55 and under the age of 20 will have the vaccine. The vaccine takes 6 doses over the course of 5 months. Cancer patients will receive 2 doses in the first month, then the last 4 once each month. Although we have more than enough doses for everyone, we will begin with the youngest and the elderly. Once all the young and elderly have been cured, we will move on to ages 20 - 55. Families will not need to worry about money, the government has agreed to hand out the cure for free! Good luck to all cancer patients! *Durham This Week* wishes you all the best!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR!

Our team of reporters went back into our very old newspapers and found something interesting from a newspaper 200 years ago! This letter to the editor is very special, it is from a young girl named Monique who decided that she would write to *Durham This Week*, about what she thought our community would be like in 200 years! Ms. Telable had some very good points as to how to make her community at the time a much better place! I'm glad her generation, and the generations after that went by her words.

Dear Ms. Monarch,

Our community in 200 years will be very different than what it is now. The people in our community will make one of the biggest differences. Our environment will be much greener. The technology will change drastically! Respect will also make one of the biggest differences.

The people in our community will treat people of different races the way they deserve to be treated, just like everyone else. People will not pick on people with disabilities. The civilians in our community won't pre-judge the other people around them by their hair colour or the way they dress.

Our community will be much greener. Everyone will recycle and compost. No one will litter; everyone will have gardens and plant trees in their yards. Citizens will replant trees in the woods and also in open fields that are not being used.

The technology in our community will be much more advanced than it is now. The technology will not be more advanced IPods, it will be more advanced health care systems and also more advanced crime solving techniques. The technology that advances will not eat away at our community, it will help the people and environment.

Respect will take the biggest role in helping our community over the next 200 years. People will need to learn, will learn, that we need to respect each other, no matter their looks, skin colour or their social status. We will respect our elders, but, parents will also respect their children. We will respect our community, our environment, our animals, our homes, other peoples properties, but most of all, ourselves.

This is what I think our community will be like in 200 years! It will be peaceful, beautiful, intelligent, but most of all, respected!

From,
Monique Telable.

Monique made a very inspirational letter! She sure was right about everything! This 12 year old girl made everyone in her generation realize what they had to do to make their community better! Because of Monique, we have more respect for each other, and we planted many more trees and plants!

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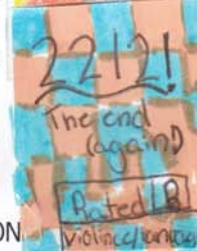
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Technology Rules



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LOVING	PEOPLE	KIND
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Shelters
 LOVING
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 Caring
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 Future!



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CATEGORY TWO: SECOND PLACE

WRITTEN BY: Justine S. Russell

GRADE: 8; ALTONA FOREST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Diversity writing piece

Dec 16, 2210

Dear Diary,

Today my class opened a time capsule! It hasn't been opened since 2010! We opened it at my school, Altona forest P.S. in Pickering. Inside the capsule there were a lot of old things that none of us kids had ever seen before. My teacher called them newspapers; he said that people read these to see what was happening in the world. People used them until the apple company made “News-Pads”. Anyways, there were also many different toys and pictures in the capsule. On top of it all was a note. It was written in English (nowadays people learn at least 4 languages during their years of education as was order of our 40th prime-minister) and the letters were all squiggly. My teacher knew how to read it and it said:

Jan 3, 2010

Dear Reader,

Congratulations on finding our time capsule! We hope you enjoy all the prizes and information inside!

That was only the first part of it, the rest talked about what was happening at that time. I can't believe how much things have changed! In the note it said that there were a lot of wars happening in Canada and that many families in Pickering were being affected by them. These days, there aren't many wars because (finally) people have started to learn how to work their problems verbally, only one type of war is still current and that's if any slavery or racism is going on but those wars don't last long and not many people die. My teacher told us that many places in the world were slowly becoming over populated in the 2000's (including Pickering!). Right now, people have just begun making colonies on the moon to lessen pollution and population problems, in fact my grandparents live on the moon and we visit them often. My teacher also told me that back in the 2000's there was discrimination about religion, gender, age! Talk about unfair!!! These days people are given complete freedom on the subject of gender thanks to our 23rd, female prime-minister. We are working on religion freedom and people of all ages are respected. After hearing of all these changes, I've decided to do my upcoming history project on the "changes of our earth and its cultures". Who knows? Maybe I'll win 1st prize. I could even...Oops there's the bus! Gotta go!

P.S. I'd better tell my grandpa about this, he'll know a lot more on the subject



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CATEGORY TWO: THIRD PLACE

WRITTEN BY: Zahraa Hmood

GRADE: 8; Highbush Public School

A Brighter Future

I trudge through the hall of my high school,
An outcast forgotten by the ones they call “cool”.
But I don’t mind being invisible to the world,
“Shun the ones who are different” is practically a rule.

I hear the names, I hear the words,
They’re fast and furious, and slow and slurred.
While they might just think it’s all in good fun,
In the end really, nothing good is won.

They say one thing, but I know they mean another.
Poison thoughts in their head, they won’t say to each other.

But, in 200 years, I can see, something extraordinary happening to you and me.
While that may be a long time away, there will be big changes in this community.

In the future, we will think different, in more loving and accepting ways.
For us the times of discrimination, will be long, forgotten days.

We’ll be a part of a wonderful change, a change we most definitely need.
The ones that used to shun and ban, they will be freed.

Freed of thinking narrow minded thoughts, thoughts that lead to war and hate,
Because people with open minds will come, and say "Let's not discriminate."

This place will have changed for the better,
become a more peaceful place to live.

We will practice empathy to all, we will have so much to give.

The future I can see, is one filled with light, and the beauty of it all,
is such an overwhelming sight. A light, that's such a sight, it shines so bright.
The light, what a sight, so bright it even shines in the night.

The streets will be bursting with joy, the schools filled with friendships.
No words involving anything racist, will be a person's lips.

Everywhere you look, everywhere you are,
A person has a smile on their face.
They can walk with confidence and ease,
Knowing no one thinks bad of their race.

Everyone has equal opportunities, everyone is treated the same,
Everyone can stand tall and proud, and have some dignity to their name.
Other cultures aren't only accepted, they're celebrated as well.
Each culture has fascinating story, one they'd like to tell.

It will not matter what religion you are,
Even if where your are from is so far,
away from where you are now,
you will have nothing to fear,

you'll have friends that are near,
you won't ever shed a tear,
because they'll always be right here.

No race will be made more superior than another,
we will honour, care for, and appreciate each other.

Stereotypes will be gone,
we will hear of them no more,
we will never judge by one's differences,
but what's on the inside, at the core.

Society will be a harmonious rainbow,
we will not just see,
white, nor black, nor brown,
there will be equity.

Ignorant and unfair comments,
Will be a thing of the past.
Though it sounds like an amazing world,
It won't be happening that fast.

Actions like a stone in the water,
can cause a ripple effect so strong,
so even a few simple kind words,
are going to be passed along.

This change is not set as stone, it's really our choice,
but it's possible, because we all, have a powerful voice.

And, maybe one day,
diversity will be cool,
and "shun the ones who are different",
will be a forgotten rule.



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CATEGORY THREE: FIRST PLACE

WRITTEN BY: Vanessa Chambers

GRADE: 11; J. CLARKE RICHARDSON COLLEGIATE

Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope: A continually changing pattern of shapes and colours.

Let's just imagine
A world with no shape
Forget everything you know
Is it hard to imagine,
Such things with no beauty
People with no boundaries
Untold stories and no limits
Everyone would be the same
But what beauty does that bring?
Can our eyes handle what would
Become such an unpleasant sight
What makes up most of our beauty?
Yes it is colour.
Vibrant, Gorgeous and Wonderful
Among other words
We begin to paint a picture 200 years
From now – I can imagine a world
It's not a factor, colour is not
Considered
Nobody will judge from the outer

Appearance-different attractions
And more interactions
In this case, it will approach
At a slow pace
Changes are yet to come
Continue to hope
Do not bail, for our
Hearts & minds will not fail
We are all true believers
Close your eyes, remember
How far we've come
Sunken hearts & crushed
Dreams
We stayed as a team &
Huddled through the struggles
Colour will no longer be a factor
It will not matter
Together we will rise
Our eyes are so used
To the surprise.
We are the Kaleidoscope