

Grand Prize Art Winner

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WITESOL Writing and Art Contest

Theme: Everyone is Important

2018 Winners

Grand Prize for Art:

Miguel Maldonado (Lori Menning)

K-2 Writing:

1st place: Destiny Morales (Kari Johnson)

2nd place: Janitza Gonzalez (Kari Johnson)

3rd place: Jaelyn Zuniga (Kari Johnson)

K-2 Art:

1st place: Janitza Gonzalez (Kari Johnson)

3-5 Writing:

1st place: Daniella Avalos (Kari Johnson)

2nd place: Anahi Rodriguez (Kari Johnson)

3rd place: Litzy Zuniga (Kari Johnson)

3-5 Art:

1st place: Aaron Garcia (Pamela Dennis)

6-8 Writing:

1st Place: Alondra Morales Villegas (Adela Larson)

2nd Place: Deivid De La Cruz Torres (Adela Larson)

9-12 Writing:

1st Place: Solomon Breecher (Molly Pollock)

Adult Art:

1st Place: Lingfan Li (Judy) (Rhonda Petree)

Adult Writing:

1st Place: Jiaxin Qian (Melody) (Rhonda Petree)

2nd Place: Yifan Zhang (Anjie Kokan)

3rd Place: Fultang Mirjam, Naomi-Teres (Rossitza Ivanova)

Our Own Way

By: Destiny Morales

Everyone is important.
We can do anything in our own way.

We are all a family together.
We are all different in our own way.

We all need to be kind to each other.
We all can show love in our own way.

We have a lot of love in us.
We are all funny and bring joy in our own way.

You can show everyone they are important.
Give kindness and love in our own way.

Make others laugh really hard.
Help others when they need it in our own way.

Play with sad friends.
Show love to those who don't have it in our own way.

Everyone is important.
We are all special in our own way.

We Are All Family

By: Janitza Gonzalez

Everyone is important. We are all a family even strangers. We need to treat everyone like we would treat our family. We need to take care of each other. My family is very important to me. Your dad is important because your dad works. Your dad will make you feel good because you might like what your dad makes you for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Your mom is important too. Your mom cooks and does your hair. Your sisters and brothers are important too because if you do not have toys you can play with their toys. Family is always there for you. But most importantly is for you to be yourself. That is what makes you and everyone all unique, special and important.

My Baby Sister

By: Jaelyn Zuniga

My baby sister Ainara is very important to me. She is important to me because I love her and no matter what I am going to help her every time. If she is sick I need to help her so much so she doesn't be sick any more. I care about her so much. She cries all the time but I don't care and love her so much. She is the cutest sister I ever met. She is going to be the best sister when she is big. I will help her anytime because I care about her. I miss her every day when I go to school. I will treat her nice by being a great big sister. I will always have her back. I love her because she is the cutest sister I ever met. Ainara is little and my other sister Litzy and I will do anything and we treat her like big sisters should. Me and Litzy will love her in our heart and Ainara will love us in her heart too. She makes my life a great life. Me and Litzy will sing a song when she cries. I will love her with all my heart. She is a silly girl because she licked me when I gave her a long big sweet kiss. I love her in my life, but when she grows up I will love her even more in my heart. She will always be my little sister. I will give her food when she is one years old. She is a new baby and I want to treat her like a big sister should. She makes me happy because she smiles and she is so cute and she makes my life a great. She lets me give her kisses every day. I help her no matter what. I will keep her safe when she grows up. She will be the cutest sister ever. She is important to me because she makes me really happy and I really love her too. I will help her when she is going to be in school. I love her. When she leaves I will give her a kiss. In the night I read her a long story every day. I will love my sister Ainara forever. She will always be important to me.

K-2 Art 1st Place

Friends

By: Janitza Gonzalez

“The kids can be friends even though they look very different.”



Let Kindness Stay

By: Daniella Avalos

We all need to be important to everyone.
So let the hate and meanness be done!

Everyone should be respectful to each other.
Whether you are a mother, father, or brother.

Every day you need to be kind, at least once or twice.
No one is perfect but you can always be nice!

Give love from your heart.
Make a good decision from the start.

Show everyone they're important to you.
That they mean something special to others too.

Don't let the meanness from others change your way.
Be positive and let kindness stay.

No Matter What

By: Anahi Rodriguez

Why is everyone important?
Everyone is important because we are all unique.
We don't have to be perfect.
If everyone was the same, no one would be special.

We come from many places.
Mexico, United States, Dominican Republic Texas, Florida, Wisconsin
We are all people on this earth.

You can donate money to help others.
You can show respect, care, and love.
Love can be shown in many ways.

Respect can be shown...no matter what.
Everyone is important... no matter what.
Everyone should be cared for... no matter what.
Give respect to everyone in the world... no matter what.

There for Me

By: Litzy Zuniga

Everyone is important, but we all need to have those special people in our lives that mean the most. My sisters are important to me. They keep me calm and make me smile. If I have a bad day, they will cheer me up. Sometimes if I get hurt, they always would help me get up. If they are sick, I will take care of them. My sister Jaelyn is always there for me. She will be kind to me even if I am not nice. One time I was lonely and she played with me and tried to make me laugh. My other sister Ainara makes me want to get up every day. She smiles and that lights up my day. My sisters taught me to be more kind and that no matter what they will always be there for me. My sister also taught me to never give up and try your best. I love my sisters! They mean everything to me. I want nothing more but to be with them.

3-5 Art 1st Place

No Color

By: Aaron Garcia



6-8 Writing 1st Place

My Teacher

By: Alondra Morales Villegas

Caring

Exquisite

Respectful

Not mean

Organised

Helpful

U love or like kids

So so so kind

Extraordinary

My Dad and Grandpa

By: Deivid De La Cruz Torres

My dad and grandpa are important to me because they teach me new things about life, and make me stronger for life. We like soccer and my grandpa have a little farm. Me and my cousin help grandpa with hard work like catch chicken or other fun things. He was a teacher, my favorite teacher, and he teach me for 3 years, from second grade to fifth grade. My dad is the best; he teach soccer, my favorite sport, and now I am on a team like my dad. My dad have fun by playing soccer, but sometimes he don't like to lose. So like me, we are bad at losing a game. We play more hard to try to win and we never give up.

Everyone is Important

By: Solomon Breecher

Everyone is important. It doesn't matter who you are, where you came from, what your beliefs are, the color of your skin, your sexuality, or your gender. We are all brought onto this earth with a purpose and are equally important. I have witnessed people feeling like they are not worth life, not important to anybody, not pretty enough, and are not cool enough. I am here to tell everyone walking this earth they are just as important as anyone else. People will tell you lies about you that you that make no sense; you cannot listen to those people as you are just as important as they are. People need to change in order for us as a nation to grow together. If we can all look at people and not judge them or start assuming what they are like, it would make a huge difference. Everyone goes through something in life, and it is not the same for all of us. I look at the world differently, giving every person that wants to be a part of my life a chance. A chance to show me who they really are. It doesn't matter what your past was, but as long as you can show growth into the person you want to be, it will help you move forward and help you achieve it because you are important to this world.

Adult Art 1st Place

Tug of War

By: Lingfan Li (Judy)

Introduction to the art work: Some students pull as hard as they can in a tug-of-war competition in order to win this competition. The competitors are pulling the rope with all of their strength and others are cheering up with all the strength. Everyone plays an essential role in the competition.



Adult Writing 1st Place

An Angel with a Broken Wing

By: Jiaxin Qian (Melody)

Just as Gottfried William Leibniz, a famous German philosopher, once said: “There are no two identical leaves in the world.” It is apparent to us that everyone is unique. Even though twins have similar appearance, they may have entirely different personalities. What I want to point out is that everyone is important, therefore, everyone should be loved, even though he/she is ‘an angel with a broken wing’.

Last April I was a teaching assistant in Hangzhou Hushu School, an elementary school exclusively for children with congenital defects in China. I was assigned to the first grade class. To be honest, I was a little afraid to get close to those children at first because of their uncommon expressions. However, what impressed me most was there was a time when I was teaching a “down’s baby” (a child has down's syndrome) use clay to create a flower. To my great surprise, he said “I love you” to me. I can still clearly remember how shocked I was after hearing his words; I can still clearly remember how his bright and innocent eyes looked into mine; I can still clearly remember his sweet smile although he said those three words laboriously... After a few seconds I said “I love you, too” as a response for him.

On the way home that day I was so moved and could not help myself thinking about that situation. I understood he just wanted to express his gratitude to me but did not know how to express it in a proper way. But even, so I think he has played a vital role in my life ever since. He is a real angel with a broken wing. Furthermore, he taught me a lesson that I could not have learned from my text books: everyone is important, no matter you are healthy or not, you are supposed to be loved. Additionally, remember to give others a hand as much as possible. You never know how dramatically your life will be affected.

Adult Writing 2nd Place

Gold or Soil

By: Yifan Zhang

Gold or Soil?

In my opinion, all people are important not only to society, but also to themselves. Everyone has their own value just like gold and soil. If someone asks you whether gold or soil is more important, you will certainly answer gold because it is more valuable. However, if you want to plant seeds, which would you choose? It must be soil because nothing can grow in gold. Everything, even every job, has its own value in this world.

In my country, street cleaning is considered to be a very low occupation. People always think the street cleaners are dirty. However, everyday they clean the roads for us so we can have a nice environment to work or study. Also, no matter how bad the weather, they still have to clean the roads for us. I think they have a noble job, and they are an important and indispensable part of the city. They are angels in the street.

Just like the street cleaner, other jobs are also very important. Without the police, the world would be very chaotic. Without the construction workers, there would be no buildings, and we would have no place to live. Without the doctors, the world would be full of disease and plague. Without the farmers, we would have no food to eat and face hunger.

We came to this world not to seize anything, but to make life better. Not everyone can be famous. Some people are ordinary in their whole lives, but they have devoted their time and energy to building society. Some people live like gold. They are glamorous and attractive. On the other hand, some people are common and contribute to others like soil. Everyone is important and has value.

Adult Writing 3rd Place

What Makes Me, Me

By: Fultang Mirjam, Naomi-Teres

I'm from diversity,
a land of variety like the colors
on the rainbow
adorned with beautiful
grasslands and valleys,
a land of "Comment çava?" and
"How are you?"
with hundreds of tribal
languages,
a symbol of diversity.

I'm from togo
gifted from the heart of my
parents,
soft and comfy,
beautiful, burning with shades of
red and gold for love and
authority,
a symbol of tradition.

I'm from stories,
warm and strong from the lips of
Grandpa.
a feel of sweet but scary
sensations as we reconnect with
the past,
bring together old enemies,
friends and family
a symbol of peace

Diversity, togo and stories,
powerful elements from my
culture.
I know I am a girl rooting up from
Cameroon.