

2021 Many Faces of Markham Winning Submissions

**Theme: Working Together to Confront
Anti-Black Racism**

Kindergarten

1st Place

A - K-18

Emma Zheng

Roy H. Crosby Public
School

Markham's Faces



2nd Place

A - K-19

Aaron Au, Alexander Kam,
Alissa Lee, Arteen Nejat, Ella
Shum, Ellanie Logalakshan,
Gabriel Ismail, Jane Li, Remy
Chan, Spencer Zhou, Valentina
Wang, Willie Zhang

Royal Cachet Montessori
School

Together we can build the
future



3rd Place

A - K-27

Evalynn Pang

Royal Cachet

Montessori School

We are flying freely
together



4th Place

A - K-31

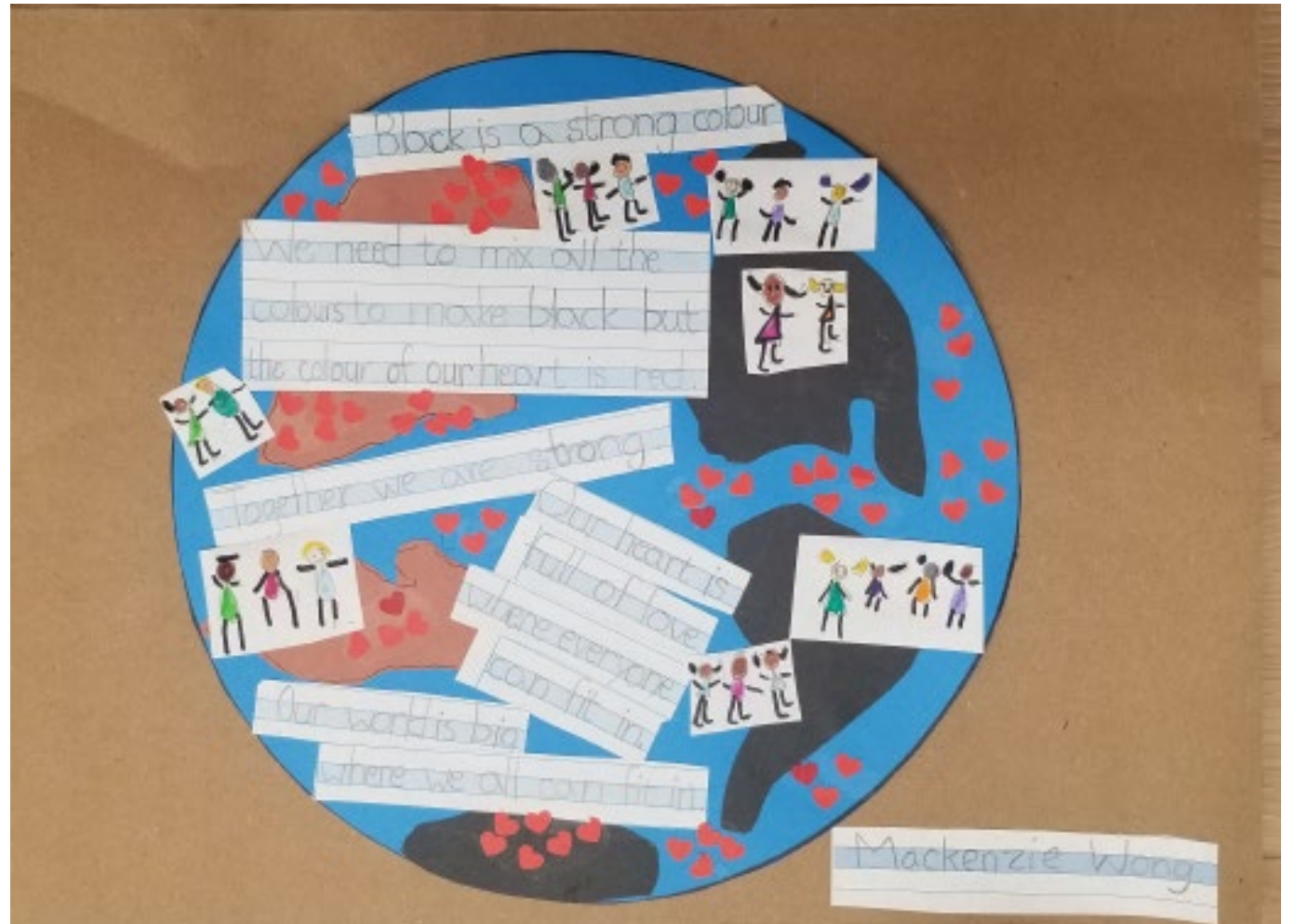
Mackenzie Wong

Royal Cachet

Montessori School

Black is a Strong

Colour



5th Place

A - K-3

Isabelle Tang

Trinity Montessori School

Respect Matters



Grade 1

1st Place

A - 1-10

Derek Sun

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Love fountain



2nd Place

A - 1-14

Jaxon Wong

Royal Cachet

Montessori School

Global love to end

Racism



3rd Place

A - 1-7

Reginald Lu

Trinity Montessori

School

We Belong



4th Place

A - 1-13

Hailey Lau

Royal Cachet

Montessori School

Many Colours, One
Brush



5th Place

A - 1-11

Alexander Cheifot

Royal Cachet

Montessori School

One World, Many

Colours



Grade 2

1st Place

A - 2-7

Marcus Huang

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Racism, you are out

with red card!



2nd Place

A - 2-8

Sally Li

Beware of Wet
Paint Art School
One Race One
World



3rd Place

A - 2-6

Channing Cong

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

The fruits of our
future do not allow
racism!



4th Place

A - 2-5

Sofia Lee

Trinity Montessori

School

Friendship



5th Place

A - 2-1

Anna Hui

Trinity Montessori
School

One Human Race



Grade 3

1st Place

A - 3-15

Maggie Wu

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

A dead end or a
bright future of
mankind?



2nd Place

A - 3-13

Caylie Fung

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Love shines equality



3rd Place

A - 3-16

Shawn Li

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Wash away racism to

bring a better world



4th Place

A - 3-1

Dailen Mack

St. Joseph Catholic

Elementary School

All skin colours are

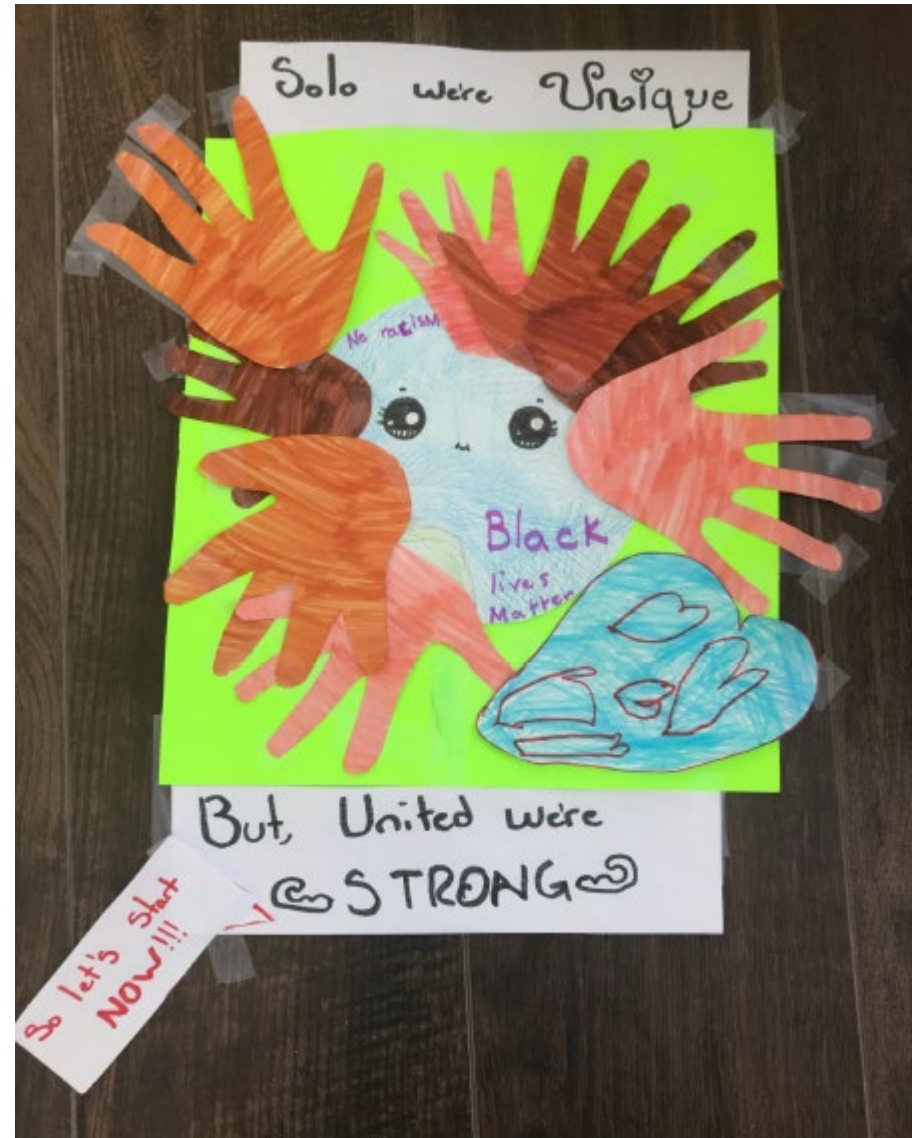
beautiful



5th Place

A - 3-12

Alexandra Ispas
Little Rouge Public
School
Let's be the World



Grade 4

1st Place

A - 4-12

Bernice Lo

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Scissors to cut! Rock

to stop! Paper to

embrace!



2nd Place

A - 4-14

Roslyn Zhu

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Stop hate crime!

Bring world hope!



3rd Place

A - 4-9

Emily Yang

Beware of Wet

Paint Art School

Together, we step

out for hope!



4th Place

A - 4-7

Shannon

Leeshanok-Chan

Trinity Montessori

School



5th Place

A - 4-4

Jayden Chana

Trinity Montessori
School



Grade 5

1st Place

A - 5-15

Eunice Sun

Beware of Wet
Paint Art School
Walking to a
new world



2nd Place

A - 5-13

Elvinia Yip

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Love has no colour!



3rd Place

A - 5-19

Catherine Luo

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

The equation of
equality



4th Place

A - 5-7

Angela Chen

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Supportive hands to
make a free world



5th Place (tie)

A - 5-14

Elyn Qiu

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Together, we bloom
with hope!



5th Place (tie)

A - 5-20

Natalie Leung

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Hand in Hand for

Peace



Grade 6

1st Place

A - 6-14

Cadence Tam

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Link to Unity



2nd Place

A - 6-18

Linda Li

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Diversity of Colours

Win!



3rd Place

A - 6-15

Chloe Chen

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Road to Peace



4th Place

A - 6-19

Marcia Wong

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

The Hands of Hope



5th Place (tie)

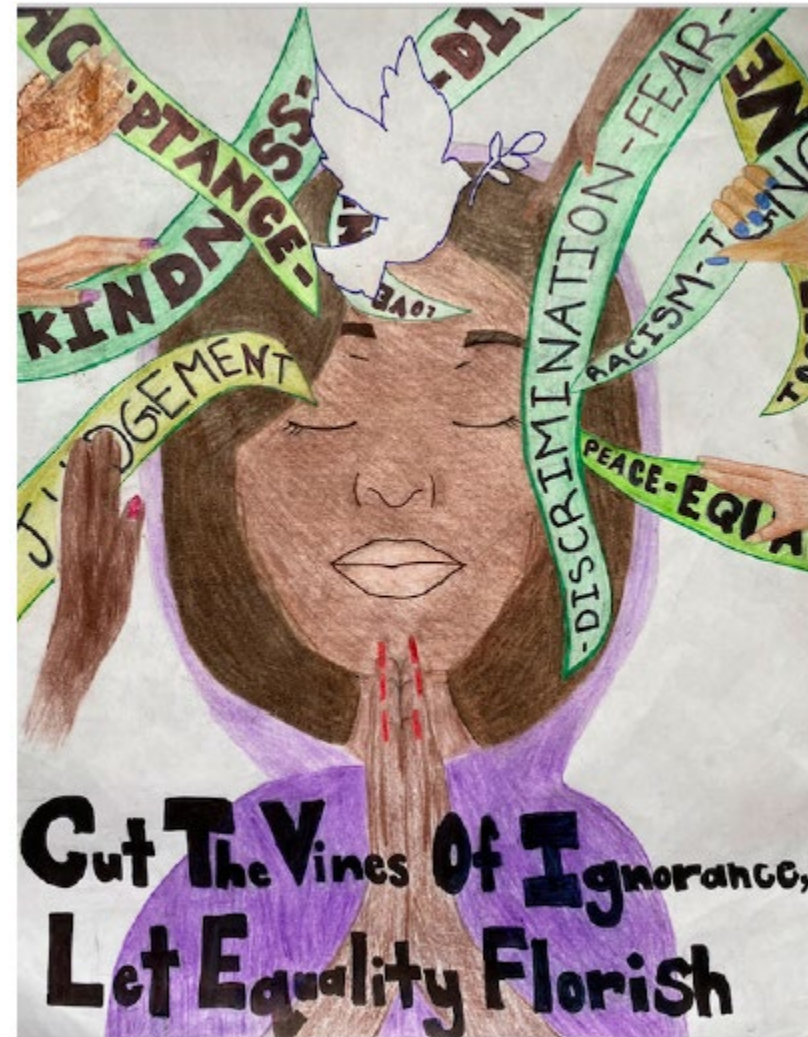
A - 6-5

Malin Daunt

Trinity Montessori

School

Let Equality Flourish



5th Place (tie)

A - 6-16

Jayden Tam

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Embrace all colours!



Grade 7

1st Place

A - 7-1

Carmel Joy Acuzar
Blessed Scalabrini
Catholic School
United Together
Confronting Anti-Black
Racism

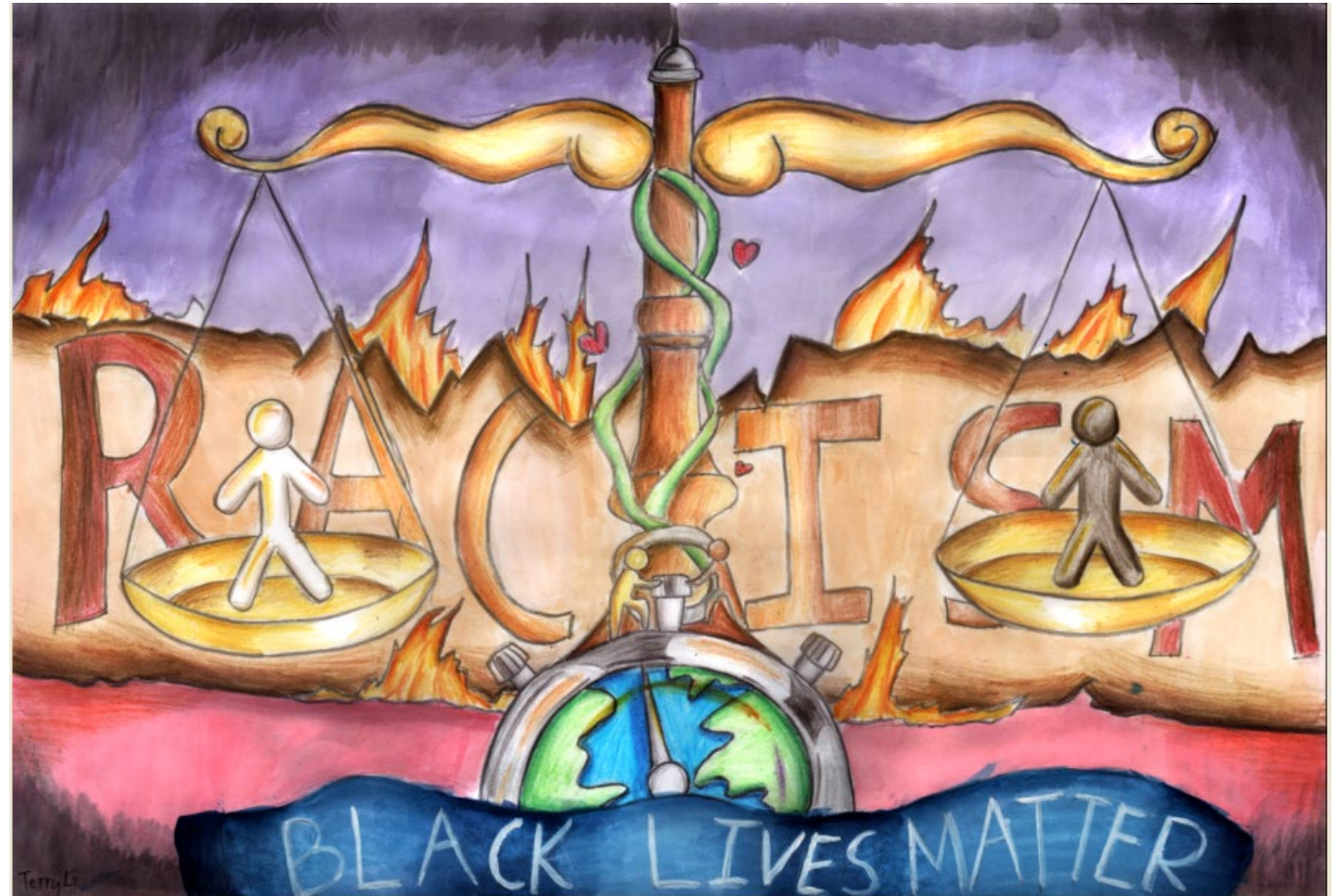


2nd Place

A - 7-8

Terry Li

Beware of Wet
Paint Art School
Racial equality
has no time to
delay!



3rd Place

A - 7-10

Yza Louise Palaganas
Beware of Wet Paint
Art School
Creating a new page



4th Place

A - 7-9

May Sun

Beware of Wet
Paint Art School
Spread the
colours of
freedom to the
darkness



5th Place

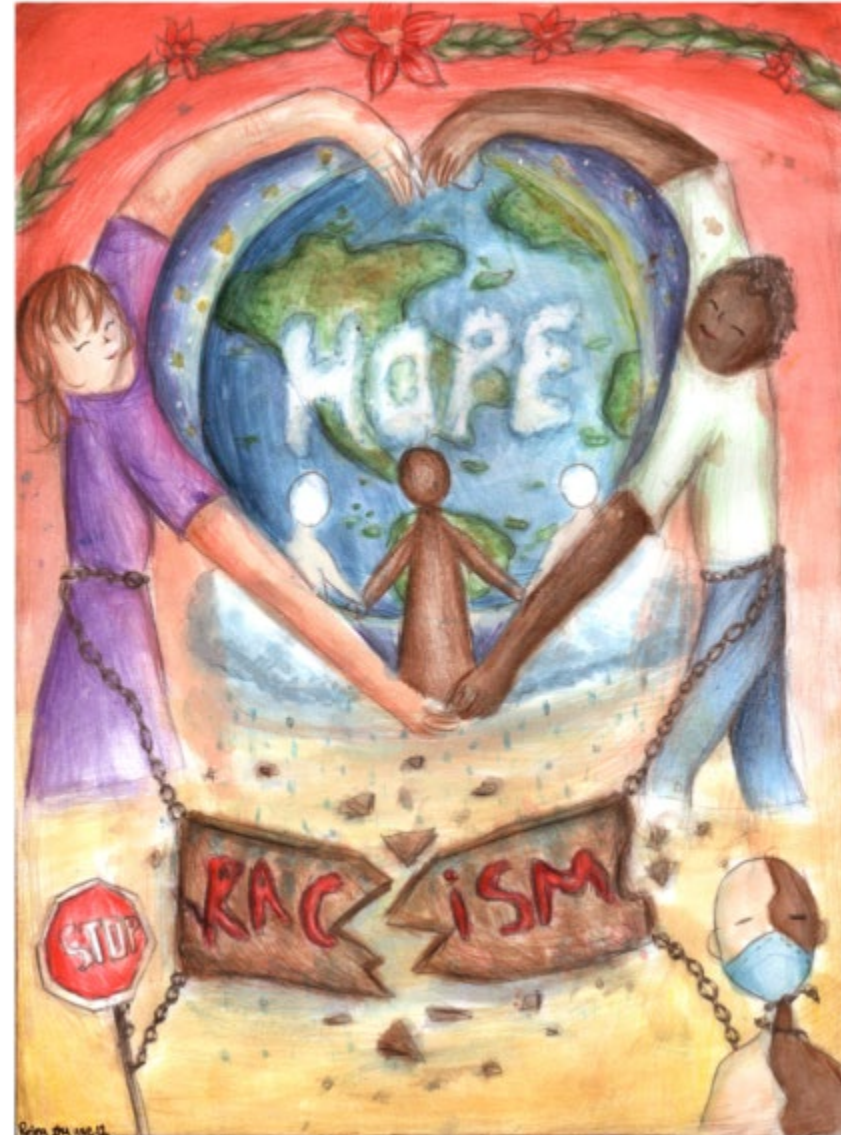
A - 7-7

Reina Zhu

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Hope for a world with
no racism



Grade 8

1st Place

A - 8-5

Athena Wong

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Healing the wounds
of racism



2nd Place

A - 8-7

Michelle Li

Beware of Wet
Paint Art School
Equal races can
smash the
darkness



3rd Place

A - 8-6

Matthew Siu

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Unlock the door of
racial equality



4th Place (tie)

A - 8-1

Sophia Zhang

Creative Genius

Academy

Beauty of Black



4th Place (tie)

A - 8-8

Vidonia Zhu

Beware of Wet
Paint Art School
Through the lenses
of peace



5th Place

A - 8-3

Lorrien Huang,

Emily Huang

EVS - Education

Virtual School

Speak up, Take Action



Grades 9-12

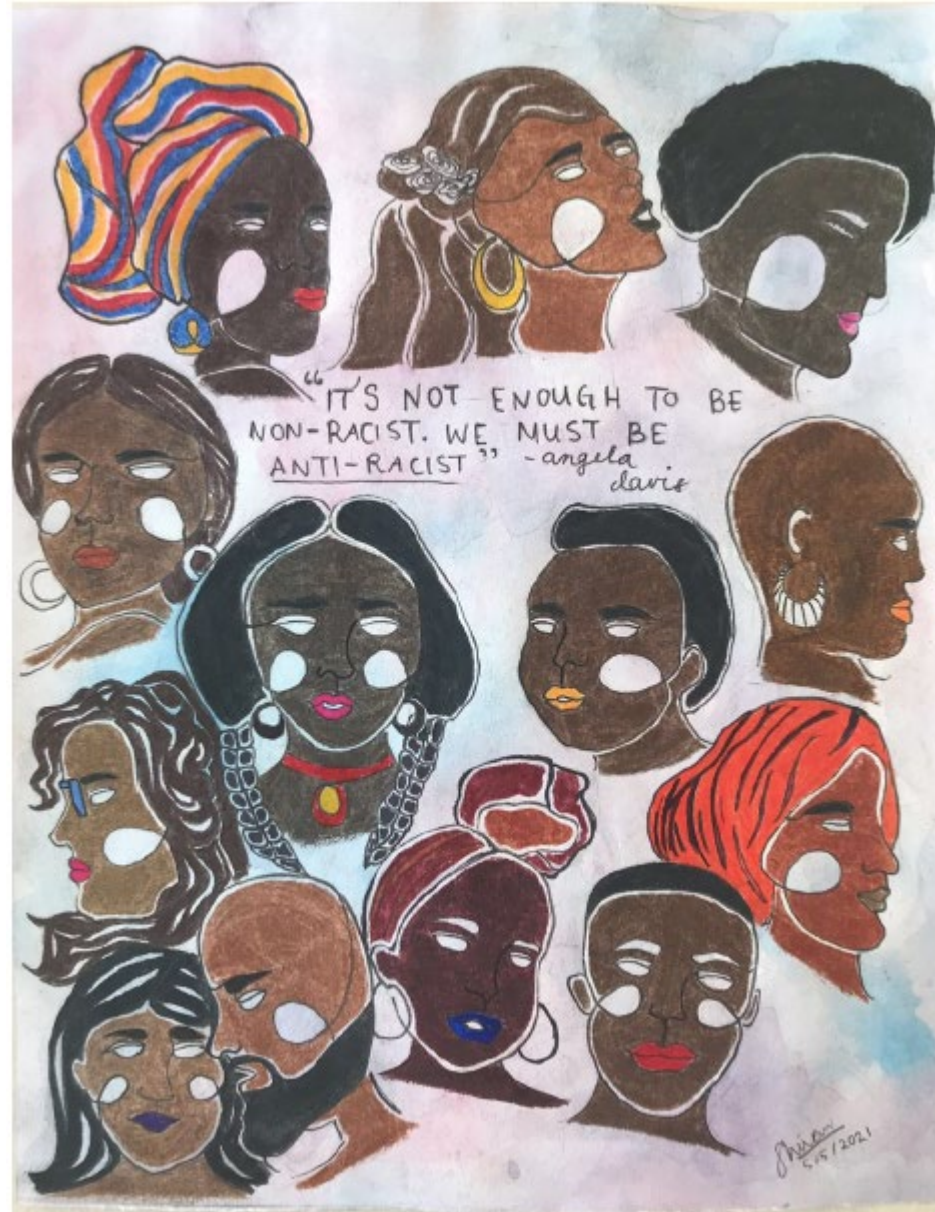
1st Place (tie)

A - 10-1

Shivani Dave

Bur Oak Secondary
School

It Isn't Enough to be
Non-Racist



1st Place (tie)

A - 11-1

Natalie Trach

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

It's time for a change



2nd Place

A - 11-3

Sue Wang

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Voice out for the end
of racism



3rd Place (tie)

A - 12-1

Kealin Taylor-Martin
Milliken Mills High
School
Face Division



3rd Place (tie)

A - 12-3

Livia Yuet

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Strength in Unity



4th Place

A - 10-3

Karena Alrabai

Beware of Wet

Paint Art School

Wishing Leaf



5th Place

A - 10-4

Olivia Ho

Beware of Wet Paint

Art School

Removing the old
past, creating new
steps to the future



Winning Writing Submissions

Kindergarten

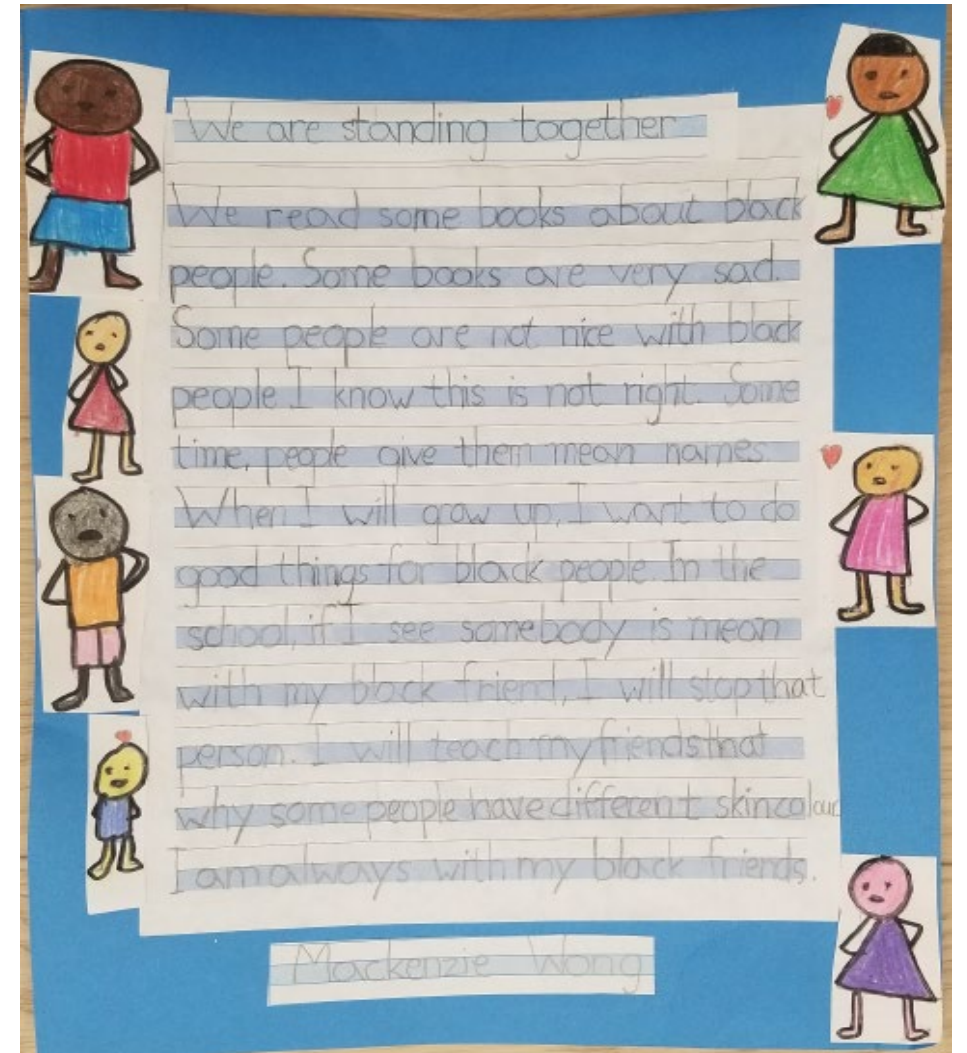
1st Place

W - K-13

Mackenzie Wong

Royal Cachet Montessori
School

We are Standing Together



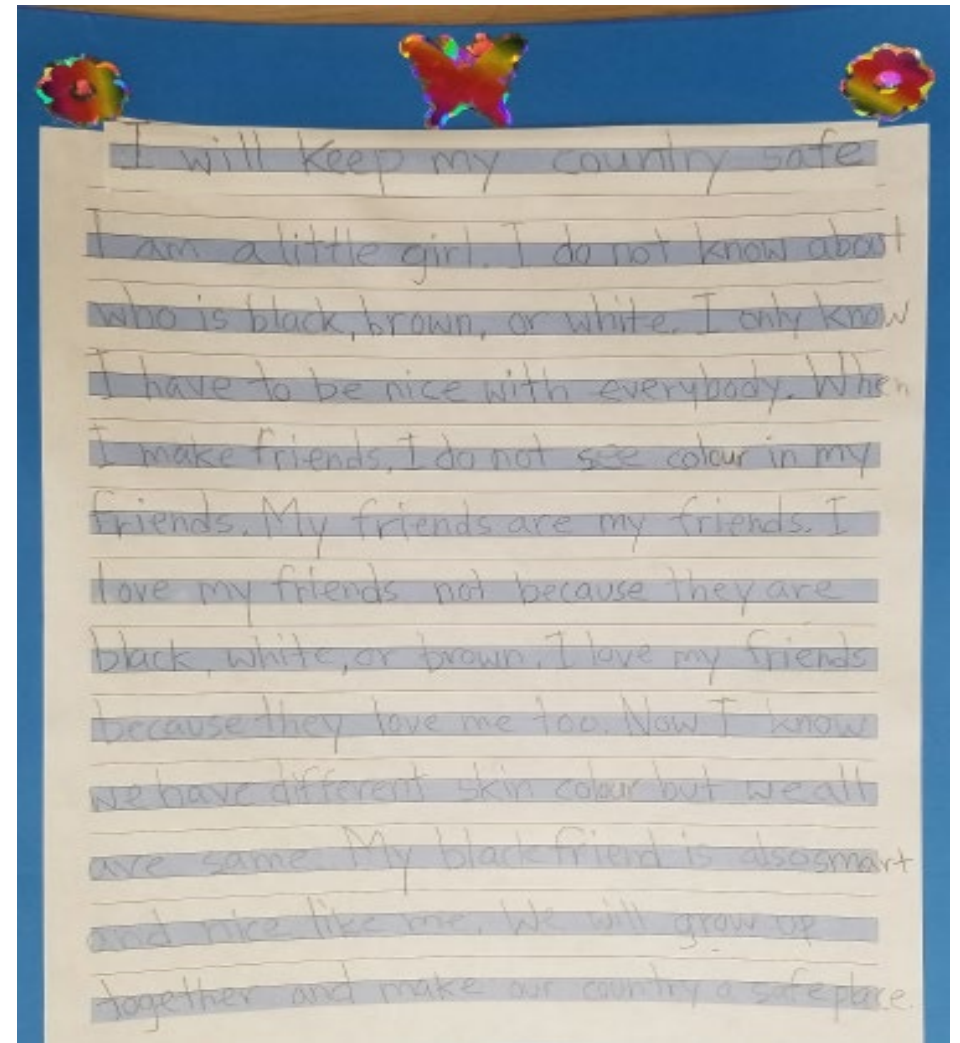
2nd Place (tie)

W - K-14

Marissa Alhaddad

Royal Cachet Montessori
School

I will keep my Country
Safe



2nd Place (tie)

W - K-15

Rylie Wong-Edwards

Royal Cachet Montessori
School

I am Human



I Am Human

I am Black. And, I am Asian.

I am proof that it is possible to bridge the gap(s).

I want to learn about the history of my Black and Asian
ancestors,

the very people who have paved the way for us.

I want to use my unique blend of identities to create unity and
common ground with all people.

I believe in taking opportunities to have hard conversations.

I want to be brave, to rise up,
and to build others up.

I want to be empowered and to empower other people.

I want to be able to love everyone.

I want to remind others that we are all perfectly imperfect,
and that is beautiful.

I want to teach others about being part of the change, and I
want to do my part in being the change now.

I believe in giving people chances.

I want to be part of the solution.

My name is Rylie Wong-Edwards.

I am human.



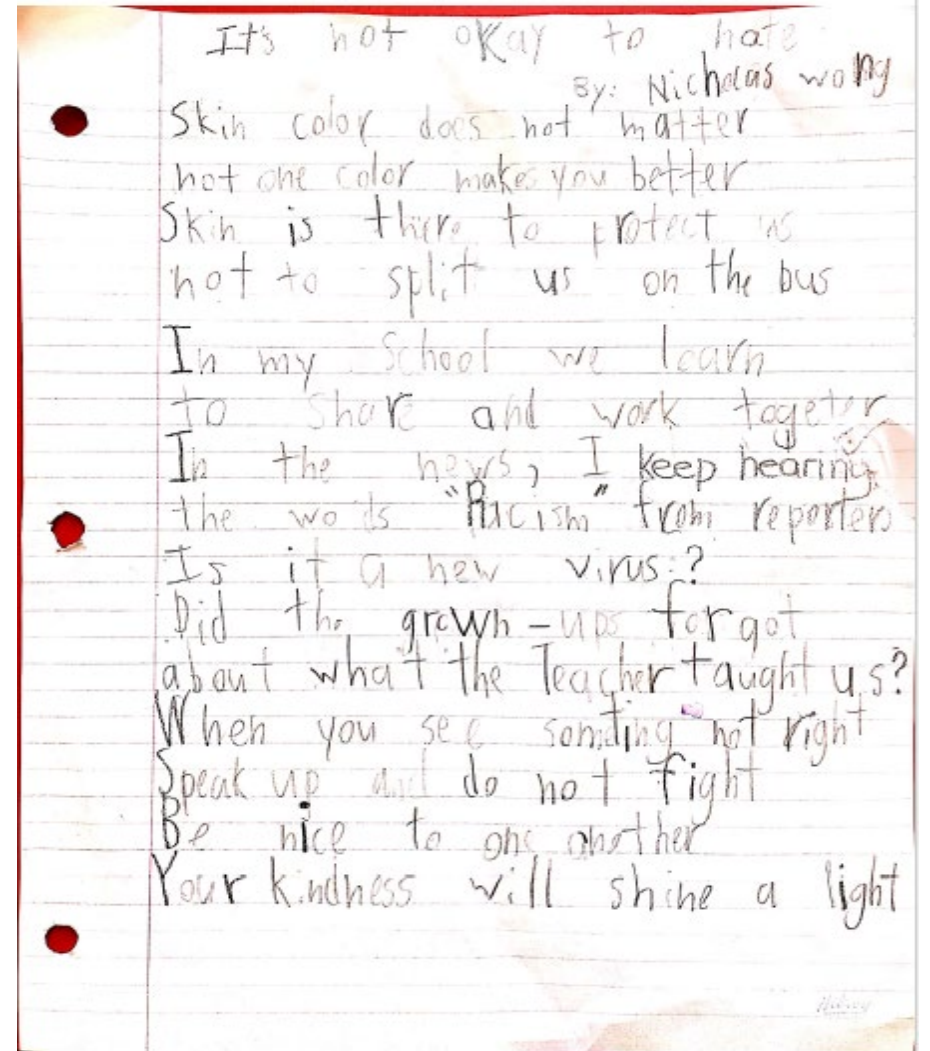
3rd Place

W - K-4

Nicholas Wong

Markham Montessori
School

It's Not Okay to Hate



4th Place

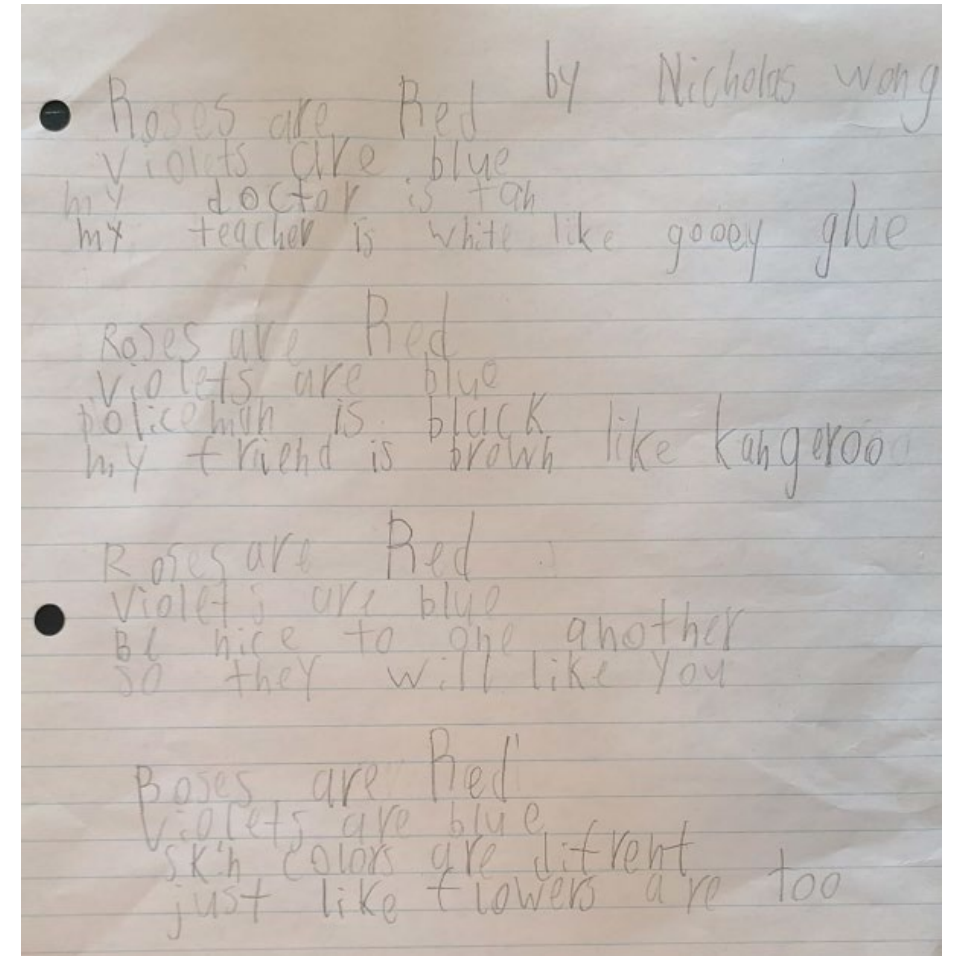
W - K-5

Nicholas Wong

Markham Montessori

School

Roses are Red, Violets are
Blue



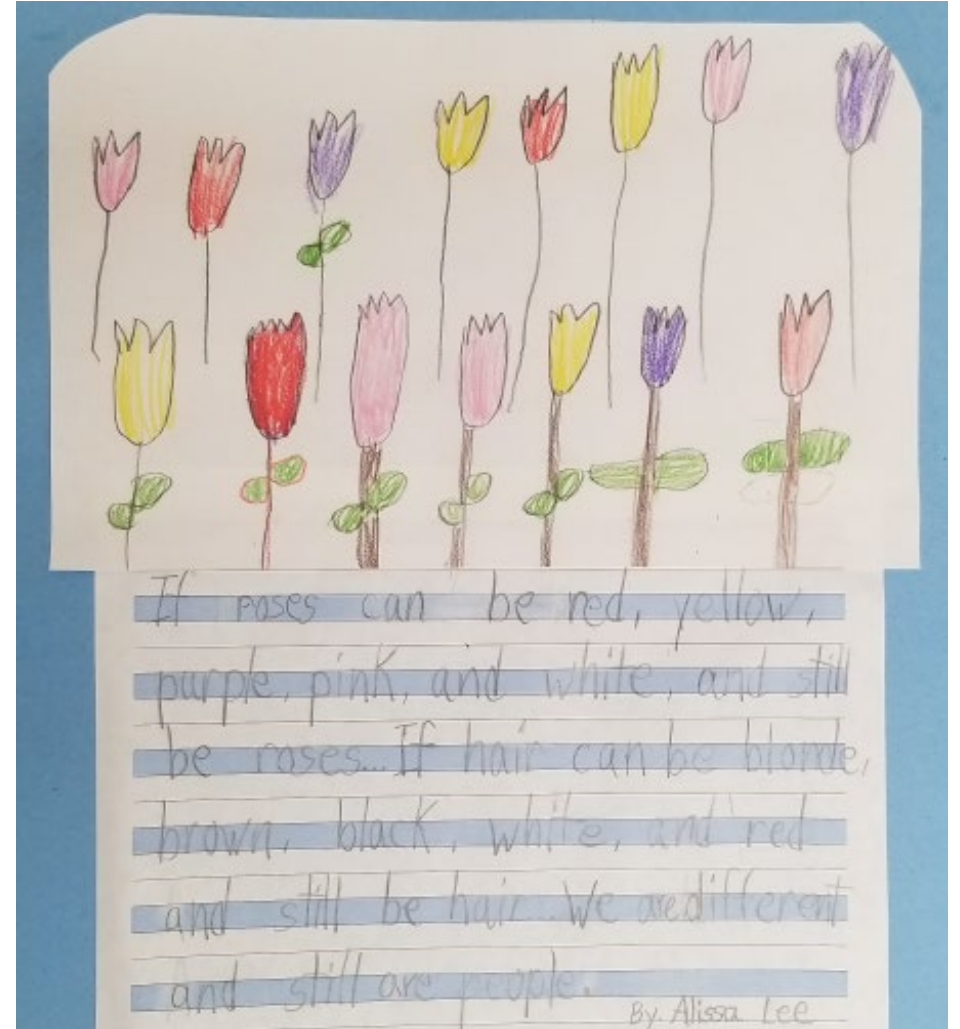
5th Place (tie)

W - K-7

Alissa Lee

Royal Cachet Montessori
School

Different But Same



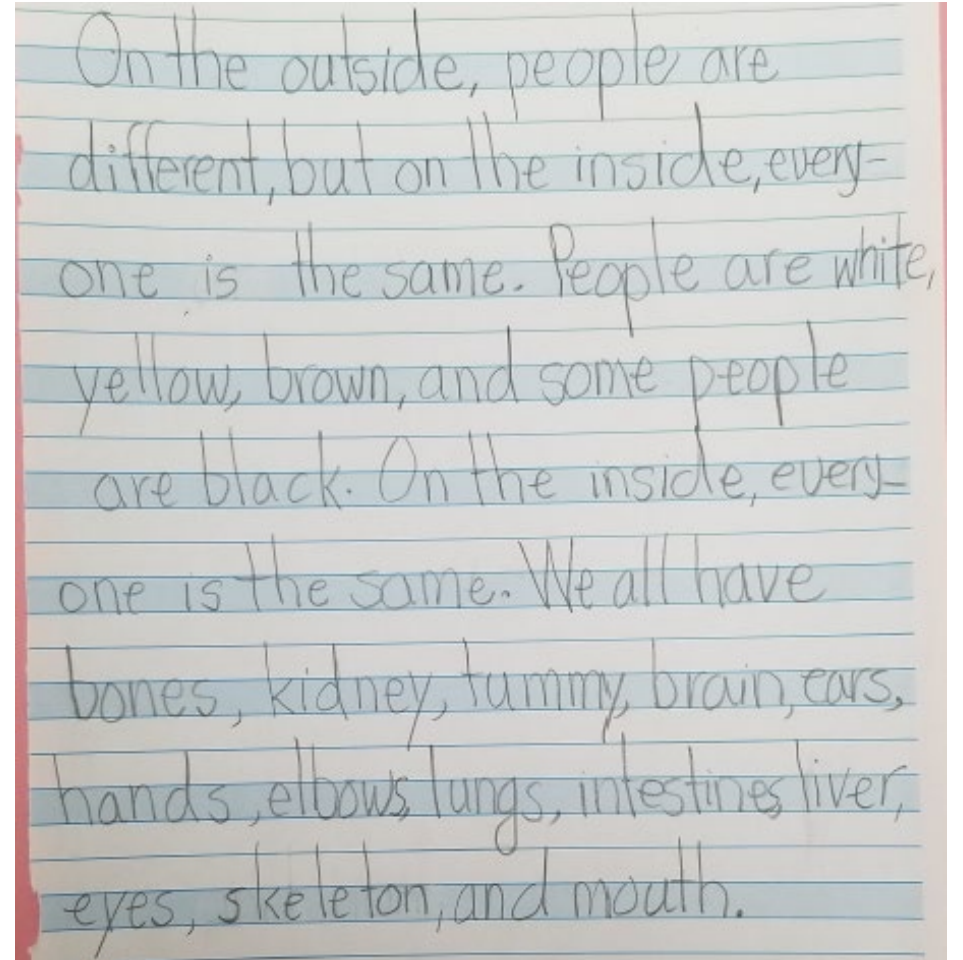
5th Place (tie)

W - K-10

Eric Shen

Royal Cachet Montessori
School

Everyone is the Same on the
Inside

A photograph of a piece of lined paper with handwritten text in blue ink. The text is written in a cursive style and discusses the similarities between people of different skin colors. The paper has a red binding edge on the left side.

On the outside, people are different, but on the inside, everyone is the same. People are white, yellow, brown, and some people are black. On the inside, everyone is the same. We all have bones, kidney, tummy, brain, ears, hands, elbows, lungs, intestines, liver, eyes, skeleton, and mouth.

Grade 1

1st Place

W - 1-3

Chelsea Lam

Trinity Montessori School

Diversity

Differences make life more interesting just like

Ice cream has many flavours

Value other cultures and backgrounds

Everybody looks different on the outside but

Remember it is what's on the inside that counts

Support each other and

Inspire your friends to do the same

Trust that we can work together because

You and I can stop racism

2nd Place

W - 1-6

William Leung

Trinity Montessori School

Anti-Racism

A round the world we need change

N o more treating people differently

T alk to each other about how we feel

I can start in my community

R ights of others needs to be fair

A cting hurtful and mean needs to stop

C aring and thinking of others needs to start

I nclusion instead of exclusion

S tart with a smile at a stranger

M oving on from the past

3rd Place (tie)

W - 1-1

Alegria Lam

Trinity Montessori School

Equal

E veryone gets treated the same - no matter what

Q uestion rules that aren't fair

U nderstanding that no one is better than anyone else

A sk for help if you need it

L isten and you will learn

3rd Place (tie)

W - 1-9

Reginald Lu

Trinity Montessori School

Diversity

Differences make things interesting

I can help others by including

Value cultures and backgrounds by asking questions and listening

Equality is important so we all feel accepted

Respect ideas and opinions

Support and share with your neighbours and friends

Implement good behaviour

Teaching the world we can do better

You and I can stop racism

4th Place (tie)

W - 1-2

Annika Ng

Trinity Montessori School

Respect

R esponsible for our actions

E ncourage one another to be kind

S mile every day and use your manners

P ay attention and celebrate differences

E ach of us is unique in our own way

C olour is only skin deep

T reat people the way you wish to be treated

4th Place (tie)

W - 1-4

Chester Wang

Trinity Montessori School

We are Equal

W hen we don't see differences on our skin

E veryone looks the same

A ll humans can practice this and

R emind ourselves that we are

E qual

E ach of us can

Q uestion the behaviours from the past and

U nderstand our mistakes

A sk for help if you see something wrong and

L isten to one another

5th Place

W - 1-7

Isaac Wai

Trinity Montessori School

Equality

E ach of us is different and that is okay

Q uestion when things aren't fair

U nderstand that we all need a voice

A sk someone new to join you

L isten and keep an open mind

I can help others

T each your neighbours to do it too

Y ou can start now

Grade 2

1st Place

W - 2-5

Anna Hui

Trinity Montessori School

Discrimination

Differences are better than being the same

Intolerance is hurtful just like

Standing by and doing nothing

Can cause loneliness

Remember to be caring and to

Include people that don't look like you

Make new friends and be inviting

I can help and you can too

Never judge other cultures or beliefs

Anti-racism will help

Team up with others who agree and stop

Injustices

Open your eyes to inequalities and

Naturally be kind

2nd Place

W - 2-1

Madelyn Lau

Trinity Montessori School

Stop Racism

S u p p o r t t h o s e t h a t m a y n o t h a v e i t

T e a c h k i n d n e s s b y e x a m p l e

O p e n y o u r h e a r t t o o t h e r s ' o p i n i o n s

P r a c t i c e p a t i e n c e

R i g h t s o f o t h e r s h a v e b e e n w r o n g e d

A s m a l l c h a n g e c a n m a k e a b i g d i f f e r e n c e

C a l l i n g n a m e s a n d j u d g i n g i s p a i n f u l

I t ' s w h a t ' s o n t h e i n s i d e t h a t c o u n t s t h e m o s t

S p e a k o u t a n d s t o p s t e r e o t y p e s

M a k e a d i f f e r e n c e i n t h e w o r l d

3rd Place

W - 2-2

Sofia Lee

Trinity Montessori School

Equality

E mpathy for those who are treated differently

Q uestioning the wrong and making it right

U nderstanding and uniting the world

A ll skin colours are equal

L earn to create opportunities for others

I nclusion is important so everyone feels safe

T alk about how to be anti-racist

Y ou can speak up and make a difference

4th Place

W - 2-3

Cassidy Lo

Trinity Montessori School

Diversity

D iscovering differences in each other is important

I nclusion means everyone is invited

V alue variations in other cultures

E ducation helps improve our view on inequality

R emembering our history and reminding ourselves we can change

S upporting one another

I dentify interesting individuals

T eaching tolerance for every colour

Y ou can change people's lives

5th Place

W - 2-4

Bethany Chou

Trinity Montessori School

Unity

U nderstanding that we need to work together so

N o one will feel shame

I nforming others and spreading love will help

T o stop racism from happening

Y ou can be the change to bring the world together

Grade 3

1st Place

W - 3-2

Ella Assiah

Wesley Christian Academy

Questions From a Third

Grader

Dear Markham Residents,

I cannot get the events of last year out of my head. Those events have left me with so many questions about anti-black racism. Here are some questions that I need answers to.

- Why should an 8-year-old have to learn what implicit bias means?
- Why did I have to change schools because my teachers were picking on my younger brother?
- Why did a boy in my new school refer to my natural hair as a volcano in front of everyone else?
- Why would someone toss my indoor shoes into the toilet?
- Why is it that I must get hormonal injections because I am growing faster than my peers, am taller than most 3rd graders and am developing secondary sexual characteristics faster than anyone else? Just in case you decide that this is a choice – well, it is not. Failure to do this makes me a target for bullying because one; I am taller than most kids and two there are only a handful of kids who look like me in my school.
- Why is it that the very thought of "black history" month scares me? Have you heard about Brown vs Board of education? I have.
- Why is it that I catch my mom crying silently when she watches Black Lives Matter protests?
- Why is black history month minimized with the celebration of other activities? It is the only month we as a people get to claim.
- I still do not quite understand why more Black people are dying from COVID -19. Can someone explain this to me? How can I protect myself and my family, now and in the future?
- Why isn't anyone listening to me? Whom do I look to for these answers?

Look! Before you answer me, I need you to remember that I am 8 years old. Other than the Underground Railroad, Harriett Tubman and Viola Desmond, the school system has done nothing to prepare me for what lies ahead. I have had to learn majority of these things on my own. It still means that I need honest answers.

So, as I walk through the school corridors, please be mindful that I am carrying a burden of things that I cannot even comprehend. Be careful how you tell me this information because my little brain cannot quite understand. If I seem rather guarded or afraid – Imagine what it is like, to be me. If I seem rather chatty and excitable – do not silence me. Imagine what it is like, to be me. Try to understand that I am the sum of all the questions above as well as all the corresponding answers that you give me.

Our community needs to reflect on what answers they would give to the questions I asked, and this would be a step into eliminating anti-black racism.

Sincerely,

Black Child!

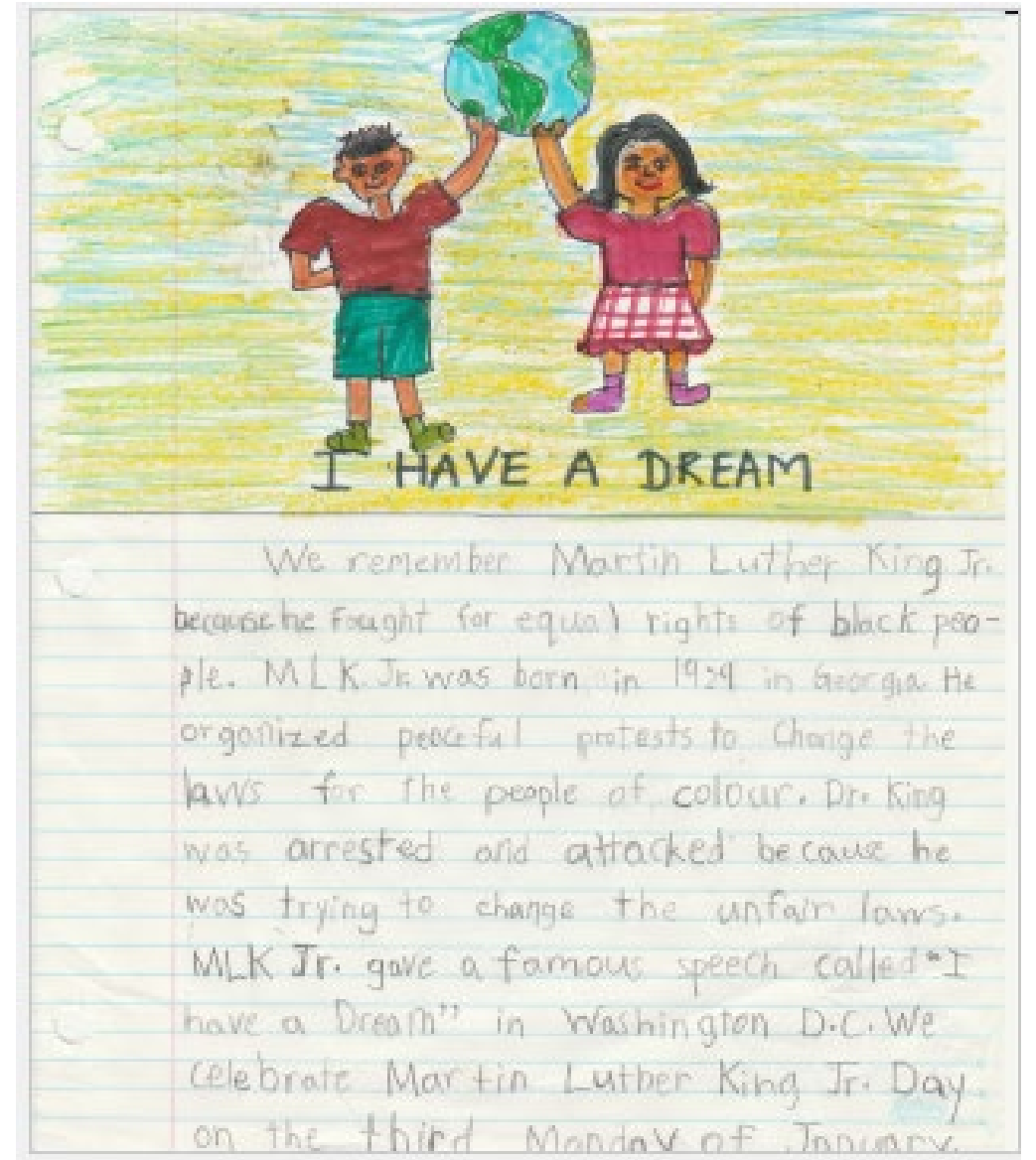
2nd Place

W - 3-1

Dailen Mack

St. Joseph Catholic
Elementary School

I have a Dream



3rd Place

W - 3-17

Joshua Chee Yi-Ming

Mitran

Roy H. Crosby Public School

Why There is no Place for

Racism in my Canada

Introduction

Hi my name is Joshua Chee Yi Ming Mitran and today I will be doing a writing all about anti black - racism , examples of anti-black racism , how it affects people , the way anti black - racism works , how we can stop it/what to do if you see anti-black racism, and why it is wrong. Before I start I want to say that there are many different forms of racism including anti - black racism for example anti asian racism.

What is anti-black racism ?

Anti-black racism is when a person or people are committing abuse verbally or physically because of other physical appearance . Anti-black racism is also when somebody thinks that other people have different behavior because of their physical appearance. Anti - black racism has caused many different problems like World war 2, Black lives matter ,and the south africa arpathied.

Facts about racism.

- From 2013 to 2017, white patients in the US received better quality health care than about 34% of Hispanic patients, 40% of Black patients, and 40% of Native American patients.
- On average, Black men in the US receive sentences that are 19.1% longer than those of white men convicted for the same crimes.
- In the US, Black workers are less likely than white workers to be employed in a job that is consistent with their level of education.
- The 19th century German professor, Johan Friedrich Blumenbach maintained that Caucasians were the ideal race.

Examples of anti- black racism

- The murder of George Floyd
- World war 2
- The South Africa Apartheid
- Telling black people they cannot play with you but then telling white people they can play.

How you can prevent anti-black racism

Some ways you help prevent racism are by spreading awareness about racism so more people try to stop racism . You can also help by telling people to stop committing racism when you see them or hear them being racist . You can also help by learning more about racism so you know how it affects people , more ways to prevent it , and many other things about racism .

Why anti - black racism is bad .

Racism is wrong because everybody has different skin colour and other people should respect that. Anti-black racism is also bad because a lot of people are getting hurt because some people are committing abuse physically or mentally.

Why you should stand up against anti black racism

You should stand up against anti-black racism because it is bad when people are treated differently because of their skin colour.That should not happen because it might hurt people's feelings which is not good for mental health .

4th Place

W - 3-14

Karina Tsang

Roy H. Crosby Public School

Stop Anti-Black Racism

Introduction

Hi my name is Karina and today I will be talking about anti-black racism and why we should make it extinct. If you were the bully at first you would feel good about being mean but after a while you wouldn't feel good. If you were racist because of your skin colour how would you feel? Well I wouldn't feel good. What if it said on a bus that "We Only Allow **White** People On Our Bus." How would you feel? Angry and frustrated right? So we need to **STOP** racism, immediately!

What Is Racism?

Racism is how people are treated just because of their skin color/race.

Why Should Racism Not Exist?

Racism should not exist because it's not fair for black people to be treated like this, it's not ok to treat people just because of their skin colour.

The Concern(s) About Racism

Racism is not good because if you are being the bully you could make the other person not want to be themselves, sad, frustrated, angry, mad, bad, offended, embarrassed(etc) and that's not good.

Stand Up Against Racism

When YOU see someone being racist you should tell the person who's being a bully to stop a few times, if that person doesn't stop tell a trusted adult and that trusted adult will put a stop to it. If YOU get racist tell the bully to stop a few times and if they don't stop tell a trusted adult. Try standing up for YOURSELF. See you can help stop anti-black racism. You can be kind to everyone (which EVERYONE should be doing). You should include everyone.

Here Are Some Examples Of Racism

1. On a bus it says "We **Only** allow **WHITE** people on our bus."
2. A white child says "Hey you can't play with us because you have black skin."
3. An Ice-Cream Man or Woman says "You can't have Ice-Cream because you have black skin."
4. A house seller says "You can't buy this house, it's **ONLY** for white people."
5. A movie theatre person says "You can't sit here, it's only for white people."

Conclusion

So the next time you see someone getting racist stand up for them and tell the bully to stop and remember to stand up for yourself and other people. So did you like my presentation? I hope you did! Thank You for listening.

5th Place

W - 3-15

Zia Khoja

Roy H. Crosby Public School

Racism

Hello, My name is Zia. I go to R.H crosby P.S and I'm here to talk to you about racism.

FUN FACT: Did you know that black people are stopped by police at 8 times the rate of White people in the United Kingdom and Asians at almost twice the rate of Whites? Well, it's true! This is one of the millions of examples of racism.

WHAT IS RACISM:

You might be wondering, what is racism? Well, racism is the discrimination against people of a specific race/ethnic group. In other words: when you kind of separate people into groups by their race, and treat people differently depending on the group they are in. People who perform racism are racist. You should try your best not to be racist. Here are questions related to racism:

- Why do people have different skin colors?
- Why does it matter that some people are black and some are white?
- How did racism start?
- Why did racism start?

HOW TO STOP RACISM:

We need to stop racism! You can stop racism by doing simple things, like making friends with people of different skin color. When others see you doing this, they will start to realize that people of different skin colors can be good friends, and that you should not stick to making friends of your own skin color. Or you can enter into different clubs and societies that help fight against racism. You can also do even simpler things, like smiling at someone who has experienced racism to make them feel better, even if you don't know them! You can even visit an anti-racism website to learn more!

WHY WE SHOULD STOP RACISM:

You're probably thinking, why do we need to stop it? It's not me that's getting bullied, so it's okay! Well, imagine that you are shopping. You go to the checkout, and the employee says that you cannot shop here because of your race. I bet that you would feel deeply upset. That's exactly what's probably happening somewhere in the world! People might also feel like they are not appreciated and they might start to copy others, instead of being themselves.

PREVENTING AND ACKNOWLEDGING RACISM:

There are many more ways of stopping racism. One is to prevent it from happening in the first place. By doing this, you are stopping it before it happens, so even if someone is racist, it will not be as bad(but you should still try to help!). Another popular method of racism is knowing it when you see it, so that 1) you can stop it fast, 2) you are not being racist yourself, and 3) you can make sure it is real racism, and not just someone asking another person's opinion on how to describe racism or something like that.

Grade 4

1st Place

W - 4-8

Evan Lam

Ashton Meadows Public

School

Stop Anti-Black Racism

Anti-black racism is a very serious matter. People have been fighting for equality, like Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, and Abraham Lincoln. Rosa Parks is famous for refusing to give up her seat to a white person on a bus, and it gave Martin Luther King the idea for the bus boycott. Martin Luther King and his non-violent way of protesting contributed to getting equal rights for everybody. Abraham Lincoln is famous for being on the anti-Black racism side in the American Civil war. Even though slavery for black people is history and that black people have been fighting to end segregation, black racism still exists in this world.

The world would be a lot more beautiful if it wasn't for racism. Anti-Black racism has caused a lot of problems, like the American civil war, yet it hasn't solved a single one. Also, why do people pick on others just because their skin color is different? Would you like people abusing your family? No, right? Well, everybody has a family, and their family wouldn't want them to be abused, either. Have you ever thought about how bullying is wrong? Racism is just the same!

If you have been bullied in the past, and have seen a person just standing there and watching, how do you feel? Upset? Disappointed? Helpless? Well, if you felt any of that, and someone is getting bullied for their skin color, they might feel the same. If you see someone being bullied for having a darker skin color, help them! You can help by stepping in, or by getting a trusted adult. So don't be an anti-Black racist, and also don't be a bystander. Be an upstander, and an inclusive person! You can also read about it, or learn more about it to help stop it.

Anti-Black racism is very serious, yet things have improved significantly. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, and Abraham Lincoln have helped a great deal but sadly, it is still here today. Yet, if people try to stop this injustice, we may be able to get rid of anti-black racism for all!

"Ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can have." - James Baldwin

2nd Place

W - 4-11

Desi Bravos

Roy H. Crosby Public School

Stop Racism

Racism is very disrespectful and needs to stop now.

I'm Desi, a grade 4 student in Mr. Feldberg's class, at R.H. Crosby P.S.

What is Racism?

Racism is when somebody discriminates against someone else because of their race, appearance, culture, etc. If you still don't understand, imagine waiting at the bus stop and the bus driver lets everyone inside except you because they do not like your skin colour. That would be very hurtful, inappropriate, and wrong. Unfortunately, many people face racism every day.

Many people worldwide discriminate against others because of their appearance. However, our planet needs biodiversity and this includes people. Everyone is different and looks shouldn't be a reason to be unkind to others. Many people lose opportunities because of their skin tone/colour every day. Nobody should turn against somebody else based on their appearance. Instead, you should try to get to know their personality first before making assumptions about them. They could be some of the best people you've met! No one is more important or less important than anyone else, yet some people act like they're better than others. This is a gigantic problem that we need to solve. In this and other countries, it's illegal to discriminate against others because of what they're wearing, their skin tone, their culture, etc. It still happens, though.

Skin colour shouldn't matter. Everyone around the world should feel welcomed where they are instead of afraid. If you were hurt and lost many opportunities every day would you feel safe there? I'm sure you and others would like to leave to another area, but that won't solve the problem. Think about others as yourself. Try to imagine what they're going through before discriminating against them. You should treat others the way you want to be treated.

There is only one side to racism, a bad side. We have to avoid racism by protesting against it and protecting others in need. When others or you are experiencing racism you have to tell the bully to stop. You need to explain to them why racism is bad so they understand your feelings. If they do not want to stop, tell somebody you trust about this to get some advice and more help. If the racism does not stop and the person you ask does not know how to help, don't give up. Think about **S-T-O-P**. S-T-O-P means **Step** away, **Tell** another and another trusted adult, **Open** conversations and educate others, **Pause** and think. Do not let hurtful things continue to happen!

We can stop racism if we try together. Take a stand against it and speak aloud for your and other's rights. No one can stop your voice. Many want to stop racism, and you can stop it as well by raising awareness and not standing by when you see it happen. Everyone needs to help to end discrimination.

3rd Place

W - 4-9

Jason Cheng

Roy H. Crosby Public School

Racism

❖ What is racism?

Hi my name is Jason, I'm 10 years old, I am in Mr. Feldberg class at Roy.H.Crosby and today I'm gonna talk about racism. My first language is not English, but I will try my best to write. Racism is bad, for example: a long time ago, white skin people and black skin people needed to be separated like white skin people are in a white school and the black skin people are in the black school. And the bus is the same as the schools did, they put white people in front and black people in the back. It's unfair isn't. I think it's unfair too because in that time almost everything is separated between white people and black people. I have some questions about racism, who did this? And why did he/she do this? Because I think it is all wrong. And it should not exist because I think if we are all together it will be more fun.

❖ How can we solve racism?

We can solve racism by it is having rules, rules are the things that you need to do to make things good. So rules, we need to tell the people that we have rules, we have the power to stop the unfair racism and turn it to fair like everything is normal. What are the rules? The rules are, 1) Don't be rude to black people. 2) Be kind, do not bulie to the black people. And when all the people are following the rules, I think it can make racism better.

❖ My story about racism.

This is my story about racism. So, there is one time that I have been given people bullied about racism. When I was in my real country, my skin color was a little darker than my real country's skin color, so I just wanted to play with the people that were at the park and they didn't let me play because of my skin color. They said: If you run faster than me, I will let you come to our games. And I said: Okay, I accept your challenge. I accepted the challenge because I like running and lucky I won! After the race, we smiled together and said together: You're pretty good at running! And we played together and we became friends.

❖ How it affects you/ people

It will affect me or people because if we are rude like racism to other people, the people that you are rude to, you are hurting people's feelings. But once we think about that, if people are being rude to you, you should feel that people are hurting your feelings.. And actually there are many kinds of racism too. For example: our skin color which we have been talked about, hair color, language... And the last thing that I want to tell you is, say STOP if you've been bullied. If they didn;t listen to you, talk to an adult.

I hope we can change Racism by following the rules.

Thank You For Reading My Paragraph About Racism. :)

4th Place

W - 4-6

Sierra Zha

Trinity Montessori School

We are Equal

Choose your words carefully before speaking,
Hard to make friends without equality and respect.
Objective to protest against racism peacefully,
Only fairness, equality and inclusion can help us protest peacefully,
Solidarity means believing that all lives matter to all people around the world.
Everyone deserves equal rights and freedoms because we are all equal.

Empathetic acts could help others feel better and even yourself!
Quest for all races having fun and working together.
Understand and accept everyone around you.
Accept and understand others because all lives matter,
Loving and being friendly makes everyone happy.
Include everyone because we are all the same
Tolerant of others differences because everyone is unique
Yearning for racism to leave us

Only if we are kind to each other, racism will be eradicated.
Victory and success will be here if racism is obliterated
Empathy helps us understand other people and that will help make the world to be in a better place.
Replace racism with equality and fairness.

Remove racism from every country.
All lives matter no matter what you look like, where you're from, or what you believe in
Charity has to be spread upon this world, like being kind and empathetic to one another
I believe we are the same and equal and we shouldn't exclude others!
Stand together and remove racism from the world!
Miracles can happen when we believe all lives truly do matter.

5th Place

W - 4-10

Enoch Cheng

Roy H. Crosby Public School

Stop Racism

Hi my name is Enoch and today i will be telling you about racism and how we can stop racism.

What can I do to prevent racism?

I can prevent racism when I see someone bullying someone just because of their skin color. I can tell them to stop 3 times and if they do not stop then I will tell an adult. So that it will not get out of hand. It is also good to tell an adult because they can tell the person to stop and they will listen but if you tell them to stop sometimes they will listen but most of the time they will not listen to a kid. So that less people get bullied just because of their skin colour and so that everyone can live in peace and no one is getting treated unfairly.

What do I know about Black Life Matters?

I know that black life matters is an organization where people help blacks because the blacks are being treated unfairly so that is the place where they fight Racism so that the world and every in it can be treated fairly because it is not fair to get treated differently just for your skin colour. And it is also good that we all get treated the same.

How can I solve racism?

I can solve racism by preventing it when I see someone being racist one way I can prevent racism is when I see someone being racist I can tell them to stop or say don't treat outer people that way just because of their skin colour.

What can I do in my school?

I can tell people to treat everyone the same so that we are a good school and make sure that we are not being racist to people so that we are a good school and that we treat everyone fairly.

How can we show that skin colour does not matter?

We can show that it doesn't matter because we can let them play with you and we can let them do everything that outer people can do so that nobody feels sad because of their skin colour it is silly to say you can not do this because of your skin colour it just means your ancestors more sun then the outers. So it is ok just you should ignore them so just don't listen to them just listen to yourself so don't care what other people say just care about yourself

Grade 5

1st Place

W - 5-3

Carden Leong

Trinity Montessori School

Our Blooming Flower

In the garden of Life
There was a wilted sunflower
Not watered with equality
Poisoned with the weeds of racism
Negative comments arose
Creating thorns in the weeds
Day by day, the flower lost all its petals
Soon, the flower became bare

Seeing the wilted flower
Filled with emotion
Realizing I have to act hastily
I prune the garden
of all the discrimination
I water the flower with
Compassion for people of all colours
I fertilize the soil with
Equal treatment for all
It becomes a spectacular home
For the sunflower
As the petals begin to form
The fight for equality continues

Realizing it's a challenging task
And that not enough people care
I begin to recruit others
To assist with growing the garden
And helping the flowers bloom
Finally, we created a place
For everyone to come and enjoy

2nd Place

W - 5-4

Kaaviya Sabthakaran

EVS2

Together We Are

Better

I look in your eyes, I'm not scared

They look in your eyes, and give you nasty stares

We try and explain but they clutch their valuables and run away

They tell others to beware of you for something you didn't do

Now others look at you and they turn away too

To make matters worse they try to turn you in

For some reason, every crime committed is somehow your fault

They don't even give you a chance to prove your innocence

I can tell you're in pain we need to begin the change

I can't try alone I'm just a little girl, we need to try together for together we are better

Once we try we will succeed and they will finally understand that all we want is to live in peace

3rd Place

W - 5-1

Riya Rameshwar

Black Walnut Public School

A Unique Spectrum

Our earth seems a wonderful place with all its greens and blues,
But these could give you the wrong idea of what we do.

The world is inhabited by creatures alongside us,

And though we may look nice, we can be very unjust.

The world is full of bias and hate,

We must stop this before its too late.

People are being insulted because of the colour of their skin,

And they would ask "Just what is wrong with the skin I'm in?"

Though false ideas are put in heads,

I want you to think of this when you lay down in bed.

If the whole world was the same,

We'd never have room for a new game.

Diversity should be fully appreciated,

And then we will all be very elated.

To find equality here and spread it,

Is the path to goodness, as I understand it.

Yes, the world is full of bias and hate,

But we are going to stop it before its too late.

4th Place

W - 5-5

Valerie Fan

Trinity Montessori School

Virtues of Markham

Stereotypes, inequality and hate
Sparking racism and discrimination
Everyone fights and refuses to negotiate
No one is willing to find solution for this situation

It's hard to work together and live in harmony
When we can't accept that the world is diverse
If we don't act on this, the problem will exist forever
So instead of being rude, let's do the reverse

We should help each other
Stop racism and make amends
Care for one another
Treat everyone as friends

We need to stop labeling
It causes separation
The things we say can sting
So take what you say into consideration

Inclusion, acceptance and diversity
These values have helped us become
A place where people live in harmony
We all promote these virtues of Markham

5th Place

W - 5-2

Hayden Chan

Trinity Montessori School

Missing Pieces of the
World

Humans are pushing each other into the ground
Ignoring the truth that is in our hearts
Labels and stereotypes create a dissonant sound
Our relationships with each other begin to fall apart

It all started when people wanted to make things better
Empathy and inclusion were being discussed
This teamwork pulled the puzzle pieces back together
The movements started to grow with supporters like us

Once in place, people began to spread kindness
The whole puzzle lit up and brought about peace and hope
These traits painted the world like a canvas
Diversity spanned across the globe

So much chaos that wasn't necessary
Supporting others became our new priority
Everyone began to live in harmony
We understood the importance of equality

Grade 6

1st Place

W - 6-9

Malini Ayyappan

Black Walnut Public School

Anti-Black Racism -
Understanding and
Confronting

You're walking down the street, returning from work or school, and you see an African-Canadian boy, maybe in his teens, is being verbally and physically abused by a handful of others his age. This is not an isolated incident.

Of the 1,198,540 black people in Canada, a whopping 83% have experienced discrimination. To stop this regularly occurring anti-black racism, first, we must understand why people are racist. Next, we can figure out how we can help stop racism. Then, we will explore what we have done or are doing in the fight against anti-black racism. Racism is thriving, and we must work together to confront anti-black racism.

It's the age-old question. Why are people racist? The thing we all must remember is that racism doesn't just appear, it is taught. It's taught through many things, such as television, family teachings, etc. There are many racist TV shows that millions of people watch, in which they weave a portrait saying that it is completely fine to be racist. This is how racism is cultivated. Once society watches that, they go out and hurt others, and racism continues. Also, there are many stereotypes about black people in our world, and through these stereotypes, we begin to judge unfairly. As another example, when going to work or trying to get a job, many people judge them for their clothes or hair, and they are regarded as 'unprofessional' or 'improper'. White supremacy is a big thing, and started way back when Africans were being enslaved by Europeans; slavery only ended only in 1865, and white supremacy continues to date. Another big reason is judging and thinking you are better than everyone else. We, as humans, like to hang out with 'our group' or people who are like us, and then we like to think we are better than others. Also, if anything wrong happens, we look to blame, and people who look or talk differently than ourselves tend to be the target, though this is inherently wrong. These are just a few reasons discrimination is prevalent in our world.

Now that we have identified some reasons for racism, we can find solutions. The best way in our current society is to inform and educate people, and the biggest way to do that is through social media. 3.96 billion people around the world use social media, so it has a large reach. By sharing informational posts on how to tackle discrimination, we can educate tons. If you posted something on your story on Instagram, it would get about 1000-3000 views. If 100 people posted something on anti-black racism, about 300,000 people would be more educated. So that's a place to start. Another way we can help in the fight against racism is through the education system. We must teach children when they are young to oppose the idea of racism. We must teach youth to identify and change discriminatory ways, stopping them and future generations from committing this unspeakable crime. Once we are educated, we must speak up and make a change. Another main reason why racism is continuing is that people are not speaking up against it. So, be an ally to the cause. Don't allow it to continue. Be an upstander, not a bystander. It will both stop the racist person and make them understand why it's wrong to be racist. If it is systemic racism, protest. For example, after the unjust killing of George Floyd, people around the world started to protest this evil and tell the government to stop racist ways and instead, help us become one big, diverse, community. Everyone must join the fight against racism, by educating themselves, informing others, and standing up for justice.

Did you know that Markham was a part of the underground railroad? That's right. The citizens of Markham were, and are, devoted to equality. Markham has recently updated its Diversity Action Plan. Everyone Welcome, and we now have a special advisor on all kinds of racism. Markham has also agreed to be a part of UNESCO's CMARD (Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination). We are also one of the fastest-growing and culturally diverse municipalities. 57% of our population was born abroad, and 65% of people in our municipality are visible minorities! Also, 97% of City staff and Members of Council completed the "Let's Talk about Racism: An Introduction to Anti-Black Racism" course. York region, similarly, has an Inclusion Charter, a community initiative that brings together businesses, community organizations, municipalities, police services, hospitals, school boards, conservation authorities and agencies to create an inclusive environment with equality for everyone here. There is also a dismantling anti-black racism strategy for schools that will be deployed over 5 years. York region has also started the Black Experience Project (BEP), to collect information and then use it to stop anti-black racism and racial discrimination. Many efforts are in place, but all of us must take initiative to confront racism through the methods outlined above.

Overall, nobody should ever become an object of racism, and it is our job to make sure of that. In conclusion, I have discussed why people are racist, methods to prevent racism, and current courses of action. While some people do advocate against stopping anti-black racism, many others are still falling victim to it. Let's get out there and work together to make a change.

2nd Place

W - 6-1

Anaya Mack

St. Joseph Catholic

Elementary School

A Point of View on

Anti-Black Racism

Have you ever wondered what Black Racism is? It is discrimination that is directed towards black or people with African decent. No matter what someone looks like or what their skin color is, people should never be treated badly. Isn't it crazy that people think that they have the right to harm and hurt people, mentally and physically, just because of the color of someone's skin? Black people did nothing to deserve this treatment. These people were peaceful and never hurt anyone but somehow, ended up getting hurt. Our diverse community needs to take note that others can be hurt by how we see and judge people and that we need to stop doing so. Let's examine some of the reasons that people are being racist.

One of the problems is that parents are not teaching their children not to be racists. The reason that they aren't teaching their kids is because they weren't taught not to be racists themselves. If parents don't teach their kids not to be racists, then, when their kids grow up, they will end up acting in a similar way. That's why, parents must teach their kids what their own parents didn't teach them. Parents must break the chain that causes racism. This way, kids will grow up anti-racists and teach their own children the same thing.

Another big reason is that white people think that they are much more superior than black people because they have lighter skin. White people think they are superior because black and white people weren't considered equal, during the time of Martin Luther King Jr. White people had all the rights including, the right to vote, the right to freedom, the right to follow their own religion etc., but black people did not have these rights. White people also used black people as slaves. As a result, this made white people feel far more superior. For example, black people were made to use separate toilets, water fountains, playgrounds, schools etc., from white people. I think that we can all say that things are a lot different now. It is not as discriminatory as before. Now, people have the same rights and responsibilities no matter what skin color they are. We have come a long way since the time of Martin Luther King Jr but there is still a lot more to be done.

In conclusion, we can make more changes with black racism. We can hire more black people and speak up against racism at workplaces and support black colleagues. We can encourage resource groups and create mentorship opportunities for black community members and their families. We also need to help and stand up for the racism that happens in schools and universities and we can do this by reading books with non-white characters and watch podcasts about the importance of having black teachers in schools. It is important to stand up for racism and in the words of Gandhi, "*Be the change you want to see in the world.*"

3rd Place

W - 6-2

Anaya Mack

St. Joseph Catholic

Elementary School

Anti-Black Racism

Recipe

Anti-Black Racism Recipe

Written By: Anaya Mack

Method:

- Preheat the oven with some **strong** feelings!
- Add 2 cups of **acceptance** white sugar with someone you don't hang out with often!
- Mix 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups of **all-united** flour with unity in your heart!
- Fold $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of **freedom** cocoa powder for the freedom!
- Stir up 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoons of baking powder and be **tolerant** with other people!
- Sift the **diversity** baking soda because our country and world are diverse!
- Sprinkle 1 teaspoon of **laughter** salt so that you can laugh and have fun!
- Crack 2 **hope** eggs for hope that there will be change in the world.
- Pour 1 cup of **leader** milk so that you can lead that revolution!
- Evenly spread out $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of **equality** vegetable oil in your mixture so that we will all be equal forever!
 - Whisk 2 teaspoons of **peace** vanilla extract so that our world will be peaceful.
 - Simmer 1 cup of **inclusion** boiling water so that everyone will be included once again!
 - Place in a tray and bake at 325°F-400°F with lots of **love**!
 - Then enjoy your sweet dessert knowing that being **different** is okay!



Now you can **enjoy** this dessert with friends and family!

4th Place

W - 6-3

Hayley Tse

Trinity Montessori School

Protecting our Garden

Earth's mistakes aren't easy to fix
Like our garden and its weeds
But we must make an effort
And start to plant new seeds

We teach others about all the Black Canadians
All the people who are mistaken
Even if it's hard to right these wrongs
We must do it for the lives that were taken

The prickly thorns and the brittle weeds
Destroying our beautiful creations
The discrimination and racism
Can cause exclusion in our nation

Stereotypes are spreading
Helping these weeds to grow
Once we pull them out,
Then the flowers would show

It takes time to pull out the weeds
But gradually, we can help it to mend
Together, we can protect our garden
And racism will disappear in the end

5th Place

W - 6-8

Victor Zhu

Trinity Montessori School

We are the Rainbow

People of colour all around the world
Shining brightly with different shades and hues
Just like the rainbow,
Each culture offers something beautiful
Just like the rainbow,
No colour shines brighter than the other
Just like the rainbow,
All races should be accepted

As people started to alienate
Those of darker skin tones
Dark clouds started to come
And covered the whole sky
The people started to feel hatred
towards one another
So they started to argue
Slowly and unexpectedly
The cultures were pulled apart
And so was the rainbow

Without the light of the rainbow
People realized what they did wrong
They started to accept colour and races
And begun to raise awareness
That racism is detrimental
And can hurt others immensely
Slowly the darkness got pushed away
When all the humans came together
The colours reunited
And created the beautiful rainbow again
As they're celebrating, they realized
People in all of their shades and hues
Are all part of the rainbow

Grades 7-12

1st Place

W - 8-2

Janae Layne

Randall Public School

Black is Beauty

A Canadian citizen, yes I am
A proud, young, black youth.
I am human, just like all of you.
When I stand up for myself, I am known as ghetto.
When I speak the truth, my voice is shut down immediately
Like a lion without its roar.
A butterfly without its wings
They perceive my achievements as a coincidence
Everyone looks at my success and talent as unforeseen
I am looked down on due to my race
People see me as a born mistake and say the (n) word to my face.
I feel unborn, unimportant and invisible
A bird that sings no song.
I wish everyone would just get along
People saying good morning and shaking hands
Discrimination, segregation and racism will be no longer.
Everyone with smiles on their faces and the relationships between people
becoming stronger!
I want to see a world where a black girl like me can feel appreciated.
Acceptance and celebration of all diversity and races
A world of wonders and peace,
A place where people of colour are known for excellence.
What a wonderful world it would be!
A society where the black community will finally feel acceptance
A world where the (n) word is forbidden and not in our vocabulary
A world where black history is acknowledged all year round
A world where Caribbean culture is appreciated and celebrated
A world where a black girl like me can feel proud and welcomed
A world where there is joy and laughter
A world where there is always a happily ever after
Giver that, Black is Beauty!

2nd Place

W - 8-1

Abigail Joseph

Randall Public School

Oppressed No More

Racism, segregation, oppression, discrimination. We speak on these topics as ones from the past, we see them in books and school history papers, as if they don't exist any longer, only in archives and memories. But racial discrimination is still very much alive, and these borders of irrational chauvinism continue to go stronger each day, further dividing our community. We see it in the news, where unjustifiable actions of hate towards people of colour are reported. We see it in the justice system, where black men and women have become the target of systemic racism, and are mishandled for looking "too suspicious". There is no denying the actuality of racial discrimination, so we cannot simply push it aside and pretend it does not exist. For too long, we have remained silent, and allowed our impartiality to be continuously overruled by a cloud of judgement and bias. But the time has finally come for us to put an end to this charade and change the conversation about race. We must break down these ethnic stereotypes and rebuild a world where everyone, regardless of their skin tone, is commemorated. The first step is to educate ourselves. We must understand the severity of the situation and where it all began if we want to pluck out these weeds of racial prejudice at the root. Once we are well-informed about this social epidemic, we can start to bring awareness to this topic, whether it be through schools, communities, or even dinner tables. Change does not have to occur at a big scale to have an impact. A change in our hearts is enough to change the world. For when we do everything in our power to change the situation surrounding us, we are contributing to a bigger and greater worldwide movement. That is why it is crucial that we work together in our attempt to shut down this social justice issue as one. Because we cannot do this alone. We cannot prevail if we remain divided. Instead, we must work together, hand in hand, no matter the differences we bear, or the amount of melanin in our skins. United we shall stand in this march against history, for then only will we be able to steer away from the norms and perceptions of the past, and redefine what it means to be black. Together, we can achieve racial equity for everyone. Not just for black citizens, but for all minorities and races to be respected and celebrated for their diversity. So with this in mind, let us open our eyes to the injustice that surrounds us, and work together to plant and manifest on new seeds of inclusion and love. Because black lives matter. All lives matter.

3rd Place (tie)

W - 7-1

Briana Vanithasan

Sam Chapman Public School

My Black is Beautiful

We are becoming the people that we ~~were meant~~ to be
We resolve to be powerful
We are a union of individuals who strive for excellence in all
Aspects of our lives
We respect,
Love and
Support one another in every way possible

~~But~~ we don't get treated the same way
Society ~~doesn't~~ define me
The media doesn't tell me who I am and
What I am supposed to be
The true definition of respect is the feeling of deep admiration for someone or
Something elicited
By their abilities, qualities or achievements.
I will,
We will accept nothing more than that for every Black individual out there.

People expect me to be evil because of my skin
I have walked through pain and torture throughout my life
I have seen slavery
Times where my identity fell apart
~~But~~ I never broke
You cannot destroy my flesh or my soul
I am melanin
I am the king.

My Black is beautiful
From the ~~colour~~ of my skin
To the texture of my hair
To my culture
To the breadth of my sparkling smile.

And so today, I will speak for my culture and
My ethnicity.
I will speak as loud as I can, unabashedly
I declare it anew.

~~Don't~~ be afraid to use your voices.
Speak courage, boldness, with purpose, and confidence.
Your thoughts, ideas, and opinions are just as important as anybody ~~else's~~.
Your voice has great power.
Be true to yourselves!
Live your life fearlessly!
~~Don't~~ think about the future nor the past,
Think about the present.

To my family, friends and colleagues.
I speak for us all that your voice matters and so do you.
Our Black is beautiful.

3rd Place (tie)

W - 11-1

Sanarthani Gurunathan
Middlefield Collegiate

Institute

We Will Rise

Out of the crevices of history's shame, histories past
We will Rise
Up from the roots of despair, and black bodies laying there
We will Rise

No more calling names and beating heads
No more shots to the neck, leaving nothing but wreck
We will Rise

Let there be raising hands and unkept justice
We Will Rise
There is too much to say and much little time
Because stories get repeated and faces get recast
We will Rise
Like a movie we've watched a billion times

Let us confront the suffering, outcasts that should belong
We will Rise
Let us ride with power and make them remember each and every name
Not just black faces statistically engraved

We will Rise above them all
We will Rise, I say
WE WILL RISE

4th Place

W - 7-3

Tuhina Suri

Sam Chapman Public School

For Those who Wished

Somebody Listened

It feels as if I'm trying to explain something incommunicable. But I wanted them to know, I wanted them to know how it felt to be uncomfortable in your skin. I deserve a connection but am constantly being denied one because the white officer sitting in his car doesn't think so. I hope that someday, they will ache as I ache. I can't say what I feel, I don't want their pity, I don't want them to hesitate while they look for an answer. It feels out of reach, "Jacob Blake" "Ahmaud Arbery" "Rayshad Brooks" Who am I supposed to turn to when the police are the ones killing? How much is supposed to fall off before something important is gone? They became weapons and told us to find peace. Paint me as a villain, but truth can only be denied, never avoided. We're scared, and you're looking for somebody to blame; we're trying to turn this pain into power, yet we collapsed into ourselves each night. Our souls are tired, and slowly, but surely, our expectations broke us before any weapon ever did. Our mouths moved like tired machines as we shouted "Black skin is not a crime" Imagine all the things we could be if we weren't controlled by fear. Fear that when I get home, I'll see another name on the resonant screen, how many days until it'll be mine?

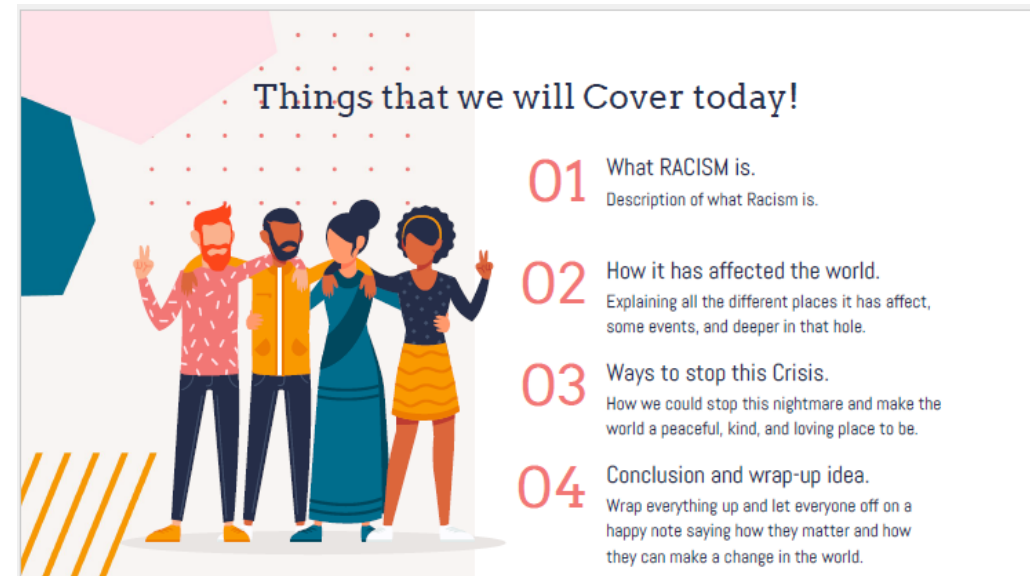
5th Place

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(powerpoint slide
show)



What is Racism.

Hello There! Today we will be looking into Racism. So, what is Racism?

- Well, Racism is discrimination based on a person's characteristics, qualities, abilities, race, gender, and much more.
- People discriminate people because they are from a different country, or they have short hair, or they have glasses, they have a broken leg, and this list goes on.
- This type of Prejudice is not good at all and many people everyday are being affected by this and they are being affected in their lives as well.
- Putting people into categories and treating them like they don't matter is not good at all and honestly, I feel like it should be illegal, because many people take advantage of this and they do many horrifying things, I bet you won't want to be in.
- Now that we got a rough idea of what Racism is, let's move on!

How has it Affected the World?

- Racism is a major impact on the world and it has been behind all of our tails since the 1900's or maybe even earlier.
- Racism has affected many people around the world, mentally and physically.
- Many families are affected by this crisis and there is no one to stop this.
- Racism has created empathy and concern towards themselves and now those innocent and kind hearted people are, doubting themselves, if they are even worth anything.
- Racism has really elevated the stress level which really increases the blood pressure significantly which is leading to a lot of long term issues. Many people are suffering from serious long term issues just from a person discriminating from their race.
- Racism has lead to people just letting go of their lives and letting go of their dreams which has lead to the most studios people starting to drink, smoke, and do more bad habits.
- Even kids are really affected by this trauma which has lead youth letting go of their career for their ethnicity or race. They are leaving their dreams as well.

How to stop this Racism Crisis

- By now, I know that everyone can acknowledge how harmful Racism is to people and their feelings and so it is very important to stop this and make the world a better place to be.
- First we can start by showing kindness into the world and by that, many people will start noticing it and start the same practice, with this many people will show kindness, and so we got a good start to that now.
- Then you can also post online by making your own artwork, essays, whatever format you wish and post it online so millions of people online can notice and so this move just got bigger.
- The next way to helps stop this crisis is by making your move bigger and bigger by encouraging it to people so people actually notice that you wish this and so like this people will actually be motivated to show kindness and there you go, kindness is already rolling in the world.



Thank you for Listening!



I really hope that you learned sometime new from this presentation and I hope that you also got that motivation to show kindness into the world and making the world a better place.

Best Regards,

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Winning Video Submissions

1st Place

V - 4-1

Aaliya Rashid

Aldergrove Public School

Anti-Racist Me



2nd Place

V – 2-1

Syed Adam Shah

Donald Cousens

Public School

Say No to Racism!



3rd Place

V - 6-1

Hayden C. Chan, Hayley

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Trinity Montessori

School

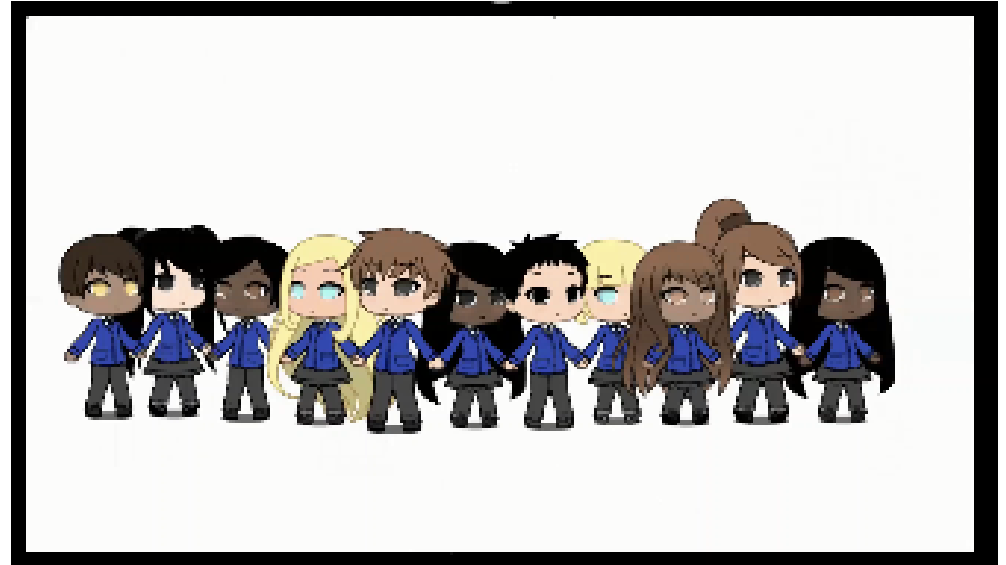


4th Place

V - 6-2

Taylor Yip, Kaylee Chen,
Victor Zhu

Trinity Montessori
School



5th Place

V - 6-3

Aiden Leung, Ronan

Leeshanok-Chan, Oliver Au

Trinity Montessori School



Winning Spoken Word Submissions

1st Place

SW - 11-1

Sathujan Balakumar
Middlefield Collegiate
Institute
Melanin Melancholy

Laugh***

Shoot him it's only right

He is black

Intimidating grossness

Look at him

He's so dark he blends into the illusive night sky

He is black

A menacing savage

Someone to fear

I'm scared ,I run away when he is near

But this line doesn't seem so new

After all history

his history is only known but forgotten

But black blood runs deep over the sea

Of what used to be

The motherland

The lioness

Her name Africa, Alkebulan

Where our spirit jumps like a beating heart

Thum thum thum

Like how antelopes run wild in it's prairie lands

It works so well

Where Mbira, Djembe, Shekere, and Ashiko play melodious notes to bring the
rising of the endless sky

Thum thum thum

Like our wondrous Languages that run our sacred tongues,

Yoruba, Igbo, Swahili, Zulu, Oromo, Shona, Xhosa,

Where once our bodies be drawn the cloths of

Kente, Capulana, Bogolan, Siko Wo Antaban

SW - 11-1

Sathujan Balakumar

(continued)

A place where the glorious sun beacons on dark rich melanin skin,
An immeasurable tribute to our ancestors
Till
It faded
They Stripped us from our culture
Took our meat like vultures
On sickening ships that sailed the great blue
Fathers and mothers,
Brothers and sisters,
Aunties and uncles
Grandpeople too
Families broken,
It's not spoken
But some didn't make it to the new world
They jumped off the deck
Into the depth
Because they believe that the deep dark future would not hold peace,
The only way out of bondage
Because their destiny had a new crease
That was just the beginning.
Listen child you are black and slavery has paved your path.
You are only a target for them.
You are a mere instrument to practice their music
What sound does the instrument that is my body
create?
The sound of fear
FEAR
FEAR of guns
FEAR of Shootings
You are a target
The lowest rung of society,
one that was built on your back.
Even though in the dark you cannot see creed, tribe ,religion, or race.
When you turn on the light my heart speeds up the pace... **The
Plight of the Black Race.**

2nd Place

SW - 12-1

Kealin Taylor-Martin
Milliken Mills High School
Are we Different?

Growing up I've noticed something,
People have been staring, is it what I'm wearing?
They stare as if we are different,
Like we should be breathing in the same air,
And their superstitions make it hard to enjoy time spent,
So when we get home we vent.

They don't know it irks me,
When they spread negativity it really hurts me,
So where do we draw the line?
When will it be our time?

Should it have been in 1850 when Harriet Tubman rescued the enslaved,
And built the underground railroad so they could be saved,
Or in 1955 when Rosa Parks sat on the bus,
A dark cloud approached her after a hard working day,
She broke the segregation law which she refused to pay,
She wasn't guilty and the law wasn't legal they'll see.

What about when Martin Luther King Jr made a speech,
Called "I have a dream" in 1963,
It communicates the importance of civil rights,
And it put an end to segregation in public schools, police abuse, and
discrimination in
employment. Or in 1964 when Malcom X discovered the Organization of Unity,
Which not only justifies racism as a cold hearted low life person,
But as the enemy of justice.

How about the father of Black History Month Carter G Woodson,
Who fought for Black History Month to happen,
Because he believed that blacks should know their past,
Now in the 20th century Black History Month is celebrated and taught.

SW - 12-1

Kealin Taylor-Martin (continued)

And how about 1964 in Nova Scotia,
When Viola Desmond went through challenges just like the others,
She faced discrimination as she refused to get out the white section,
She was jailed overnight and convicted without legal rights,
Now we fast forward to 2016 when it was announced that she would be
frequently seen

Just because we are black does it mean we deserved the treatment we got?
They should've at least consider the thought,
When they had us pick cotton from the fields,
Some of us breathless, clothless, tired, hurt, and beat on a nice sunny day,
Or being brought across rivers miles away from home,
Moving rapidly as the wind rocks the boat,
All this...just to do the work they couldn't do.

But some things will never change,
I stand here witnessing racism,
Being a racist thought in someone's mind,
And hearing stories about it,
It's still here creeping up on us to shine on our rainy days,
But in my eyes we are all the same,
Which makes me wonder...
Are we different?

3rd Place
SW - 7-1
Nathanael Elleston
Sam Chapman Public
School Interior
Struggles of a Black
Teen

When I see my people, I see wisdom, I see strength.

When they see me, they just see fear.

They take what is mine without acknowledging where it comes from

Just to change it into their own

Dance, Music, Hair, Cuisine they change it to just make fun of it again.

When copy and mock it is cool or fun but when I express my roots it is disgusting, wrong, inappropriate or inexcusable.

I get asked, "why are you always mad" yet they do not understand the trauma my people carry by the hands of others.

I see the burden that my people carry in this society for the stereotypes that were shaped to lessen me instead of honouring me.

They walk and talk insulting me for the way I look, the way I should be more athletic asking why I am so smart when I have the same intelligence as others.

Assuming, I know less when I am as smart as another individual, getting questions like, are you sure you want to do this?

You see, my frustration with school is as justified as someone else's when my teachers upset me no matter my claims and pleas.

I know I am here right now but sometimes I wonder if it is really where I belong?

It is a good thing I was born with the same endurance that my ancestors and that our people have always had.

As a Black person I have learnt to suck my emotions so as to not cause a scene for the reproduction may not be in my favour because I'm seen as the assailant.

At times, I carry the weight of the world on my back trying not to crumble under the weight I have on my shoulders.

I am forced to be better, do better and speak better than everyone else for the same reward or recompense.

But things will change, I am sure.

We will continue to push for the future of a better society for everyone, but this starts with me.

We will continue to rise with others to the top.

I will rise to the top.

3rd Place (tie)

SW - 9-1

Thurka Balakumar

Middlefield Collegiate Institute - Black

Society says she is black.
Society says she is dangerous.
Society says she should stay away.
Society says she shouldn't be here.

Society says....

SOCIETY says this and that but, is she not part of "society"?

That's the problem.

She is treated as if she isn't important.
She is treated as if her words aren't valid.
She is treated as if she doesn't deserve anything.
She is treated as if she is LESS.
So does that still mean she is not "society"?

Because of her pigmentation she is being told her worth.

Because of her hair she is being dragged down.

Because of her colour she is being treated as if her feelings don't matter.

Her beautiful skin holds the invisible scars of other people's opinions.

Her luscious skin shows the worth of her ancestors' war.

Her glowing skin holds the vision of a precious girl.

Her amazing hair holds the texture of her strong mind.

Her lively hair holds the rhythm of her brave heart.

Her curly hair holds the twists and turns of her past.

Her EXISTENCE holds the meaning of a warrior.

2021 has been a year of evolution.
Racism has been shown here and there,
But people have not realized racist acts happen every single second.

A person walks into a place and is welcomed.
A black person walks into a place and is being intruded by stares.

A person advertising their business is framed as hard working determined and passionate.
A black person advertising their business is framed as fraud fake and criminal.

Police officers, doctors, government workers are humans and have opinions.

But sometimes these opinions can become poison.

This poison has been shown in the death of George Floyd Breonna Taylor and god knows how much more.

So when you think about it ...

Any human can be racist.

1/10000 acts of racism are the only being shown in the public.

Others are being hidden because the people running this world are choosing what gets shown and what doesn't.

But racism isn't what's being shown outside but it's inside.

No one can tell who is racist and who is not.

This issue is not a problem, it's an on-going everlasting crisis...

4th Place

SW - 6-1

Jothy Sivakumaran
Stonebridge Public
School

