

2016 'Creative Expression Contest' of Haverford Township Human Relations Commission

1st Place – 6th Grade Division:

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DIVERSITY

Diversity is like a bag of skittles, different colors that make a beautiful RAINBOW

Diversity is like black and white piano keys, blending together to make an amazing HARMONY

Diversity is like snowflakes, forming uniquely in their OWN special way

Diversity is an orchestra made up of different instruments, each with its own special role in creating a POWERFUL symphony

Diversity is like a fashion show; everyone has his or her own STYLE

Diversity is all about coming together as ONE, about having no one made fun of for the COLOR or CULTURE

When we COME TOGETHER we all make a beautiful rainbow

We all have our own harmony, our own style

In the symphony of LIFE, we all play our note

We all have our own special thing that make us DIFFERENT in our own way, why not celebrate that?

2nd Place – 6th Grade Division:

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Diversity

Diversity.
There used to be a scarcity.
“White only” was a common thing to see,
After the slaves were free.

Something had to change,
but to some, the idea was strange.
No one had the key,
to unlock diversity.

Martin Luther King decided he would try,
his hopes reaching to the sky.
“I have a dream” was what he said,
trying to avoid bloodshed.

People listened,
their future glistened,
with his hope of change.
For now diversity was in range.

Some people did not want to change,
One was waiting within firing range.
At 6pm he pulled the trigger,
making himself a killer.

Martin Luther King’s ideas lived on,
Legal segregation was all but gone.
Now it is our job to create peace,
and hope diversity will never cease.

3rd Place – 6th Grade Division:

Carlie DiMeo

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The world is exciting,

The world is great,

When each one of us has a different fate.

Look around,

What do you see?

All I see is diversity!

If the world wasn't different all would be plain,

Oh how dull and boring with everyone the same!

Imagine if everyone had the same thoughts and ideas,

The same eyes, hair and nose,

All the same down to your little toes.

This is how a conversation would go:

"Hi, what's new?"

"Nothing, everything that happened to me also happened to you!"

It's a colorless world,

Everything in grey,

the same thing happens each and every day.

Fortunately the world is not like that!

The grass is green and the sky is blue,

Every day is something new!

So come on and be different, be weird and be strange,

Come on you, be different than me!

Come, let's show off diversity!

1st Place – 7th Grade Division:

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When I close my eyes I like to imagine
A world where differences don't catch the eye
A world where anyone can express their ambitions
A world where everyone is truly equal

All of mankind works toward the same goal,
Serenity.
Gay, straight, light, dark
There is nothing in the world that sparks the fire of hate.
Wars are fought no longer,
World peace is obtained.
Now I need to go back to reality, for this is all a dream.
I open my eyes to greyest skies, and I am surely about to scream.
There is lack of sanity,
An abundance of inhumanity.

When I close my eyes I like to imagine
A world where difference don't catch the eye
A world where anyone can express their ambitions
A world where everyone is truly equal

A boy is beaten up on the bus
He is a victim, an innocent
Onto the ground he is beaten down
just because he's the color brown

In school a girl is being harassed
She considers herself not one of the same
She is bullied, her pencils are snapped
All because she wears her hair wrapped.

In the hallway a boys books are slapped down
There is no assistance or glance
The boy of course takes these aggressive hints,
He is bullied because of his same sex parents.

When I close my eyes I like to imagine
A world where differences don't catch the eye
A world where anyone can express their ambitions
A world where everyone is truly equal

The world is large, no one is superior
No types should be considered inferior
We all have the right to be here
Both you and me
But some still do not see
We are all different
Not close to the same
And that shouldn't be a thing of shame.

2nd Place – 7th Grade Division:

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"I Am....."

I am diversity.

I wonder why there are so little people and actions that represent me.

I hear the hurtful words said against me and the kind words that support me.

I see people being discriminated against for being a different race, or worshipping different gods,

Or for just being something other than "normal"

I want everyone to be treated the same despite their differences.

I am diversity.

I pretend that our world will exist without the injustice known as bigotry.

I feel the ice cold fingers of hate that controls its victims, causing them to commit great crimes

Against their fellow humans.

I touch the hearts of those that realize that intolerance is wrong.

I worry that the hate for myself and my friend individuality will grow, leaving no hope for

victims of prejudice.

I cry when I hear the revolting actions and words of those made slaves of discrimination.

I am diversity.

I understand that some people just cannot accept that there are people that exist that are different

Than you or me.

I say "The beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people."

I dream the same dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "...that one day this nation will rise up

And live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men

Are created equal.'"

I try to bring the world together despite all differences.

I hope for a world where I can be found in all people and places.

I am diversity.

3rd Place – 7th Grade Division:

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Diversity lives in us

What good is a deck of cards that all show the same picture?
What good is a world where everyone's the same?
Why do we hide behind walls of our fear and denial?
Embrace your differences, don't let them bring you shame.

A wide range of opinions.
No one's identical, don't you see?
Working towards a better future,
Starting with diversity.

A school full of people,
No one person quite alike.
Don't you think it adds a little flair?
A spice to season life.

It seems hard to find acceptance.
Learning to embrace is key.
For the world is so much better
When we have diversity.

When you take a walk around the town
And wave greetings to all the faces,
All those colors, shapes and people,
Just some things we take for granted.

We're lucky to live
In this place
Where we're judged
On our actions.....not our face.

So let's be grateful for what we have
And be what we want to be.
Be glad to have some change.
Enjoy diversity.