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A NOTE FROM MISS BLAIR



Teens, we heard you loud and clear- you wanted a #ZINE issue featuring art- and specifically, an art contest. When one of our awesome Teen Advisory Group teens, Sophia Brown, mentioned that the Prescott Martin Luther King Jr. Peace and Justice Committee were holding a poetry contest and wanted to team up, I thought:

Art and poetry? That sounds like a winner!

So here you have it, friends, the first #ZINE art contest and poetry contest winners and participants!

A brief word on our theme, LOVE in Action:

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and his work for civil rights, freedom, and acceptance, we themed this issue: LOVE in Action. We asked participants to submit art and poetry that celebrates the ideas of community, peace, love, justice, freedom, and/or civil rights for all. I am inspired by and proud of the work in this #ZINE and hope that you enjoy these great words and images from local teens.

THE PRESCOTT MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The mission of the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace and Justice Committee is to plan, organize, and promote the annual MLK Jr. Peace and Justice Celebration and March in downtown Prescott. This celebration and march are intended to increase understanding and respect among all people regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, social status, sexual orientation, gender expression, or spiritual practice. The committee also promotes year-long education and supports community programs that challenge systems of oppression to further Dr. King's dream of a more just world.

LOVE & JUSTICE



by Kiira Mangual-Chavez

In the tapestry of time, a beacon aglow,
Martin Luther King, a seed to sow.
In the name of love, he took his stand,
A symphony of justice, echoing through the land.

With a dream as vast as the open sky,
He painted a vision, reaching far and high.
Love and justice, entwined in his creed,
A call to hearts, to take the lead.

In the face of hatred, he chose grace,
A warrior for love, in a challenging space.
He marched with courage, his words like a dove,
A testament to the power of love.

In the bus boycotts and marches long,
In the speeches that stirred, in the anthem strong,
He carved a path with justice in sight,
Guided by love, a guiding light.

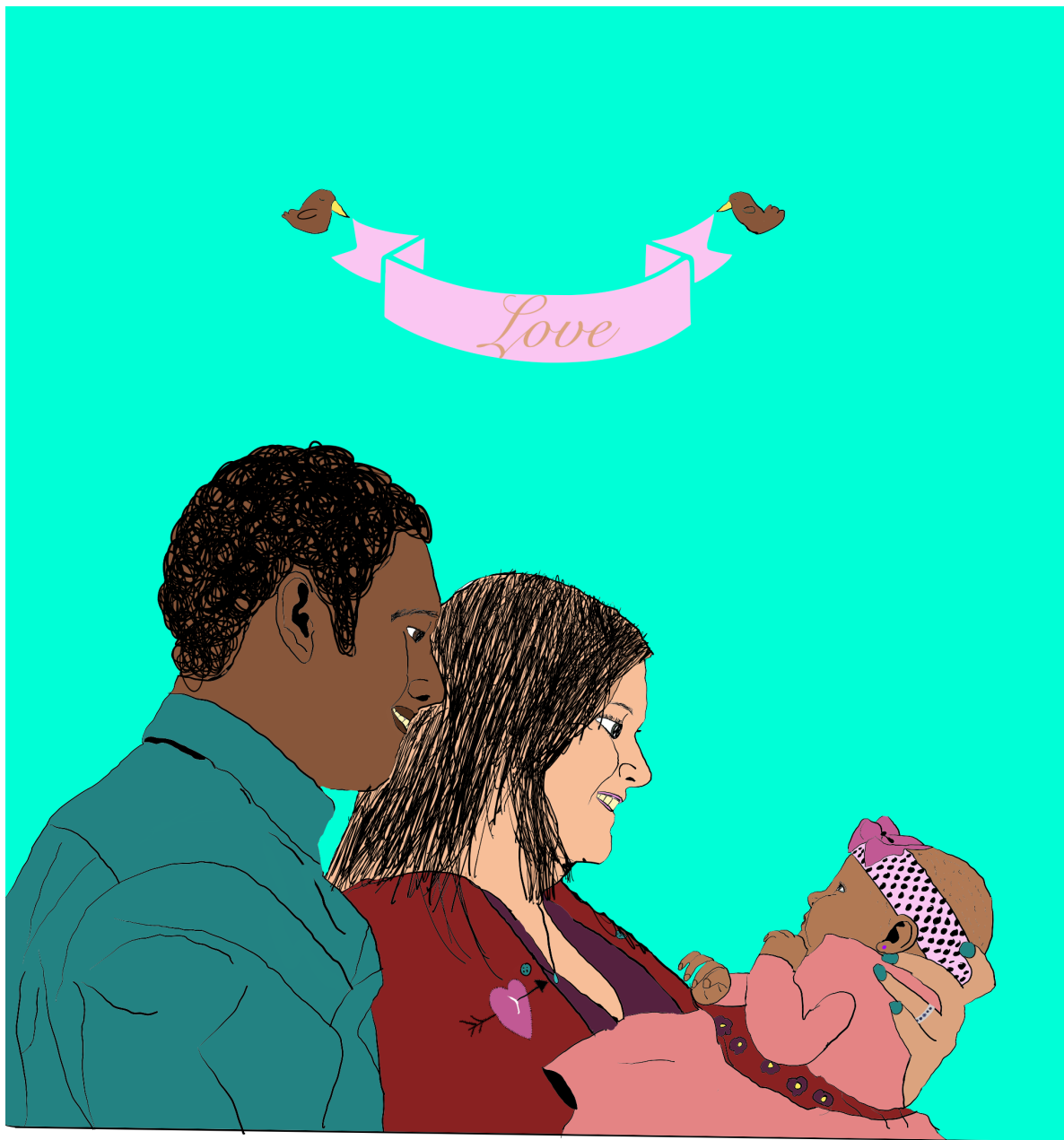
"No one is free until we are all free,"
His words a beacon for all to see.
A love that transcends color and race,
Uniting humanity in a warm embrace.

So let the legacy of King inspire,
A call for justice that will never tire.
In the embrace of love, let us find,
A world where justice and peace entwined.

A NEW LIFE, NEW LOVE

by Brooke Gossman

1st



Artist Description:

When I think of Love In Action, I think of family. So I made a digital drawing of a new baby with her family.

THE DIRT BENEATH US

2nd

by Taylor Phelan

see them, they cry, they shout-
there is a pandemic!-
and they lock themselves
into a glass cage.
look, stay quiet, just
behold
a child in the arms
of her crippled grandmother;
they wear a mask
on their face, bodies, and
spirit-
tears of love, they give
grocery bags full of food
white and black
man and woman
the arms of another-
they lift their brother from
the street where he lay
with a fist up,
shouting for his children
to be loved.
they will be loved, by family,
by friends, by whatever heaven
above-,

a mother squeezes her son
tight as she sees him walk away
his plane so big
so far
disappearing into the ether-
he is the cell that once grew
inside her stomach;
he returns a man,
one that is loved,
cherished,
nurtured still
by his mother's hands.
they paint their faces
with glitter and color
color everywhere, and
love embraced, they
shout-
there is a war!-
a war across the country,
around the world,
in the dirty streets where
dogs cower in the arms
of the owners
that love them
that feed them

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THE DIRT BENEATH US – CONTINUED



that pet them
that hug them and whisper-
you're good-
we are all good,
aren't we?
we are all walking
things and
breathing things,
and we embrace,
with tears, with smiles;
they shout-
you are loved!-
without loving
themselves.
we stand on two feet with
lanky arms, dry throats, and
pounding hearts.
love the heart and
the arms and
the face in the mirror-

love yourself first,
so you can
share it
so you can
wear it
so you can
tear down the walls
marked with ash and cursive
that say
save your brother,
he walks on this earth, too
he walks where we walk,
and all we do
is walk home;
take a breath
open your arms
and choose to love
this dirt beneath our feet.

FREEDOM TO LOVE

by Kaylee Viliborghi

2nd



Artist Description:

Two people showing that they love each other in action while eating spaghetti.

JUST BE US.

3rd

by Isabelle Brown

Just Be Us.

Speak now.
But be quiet.
Stand up for yourself.
But stay seated.
We the people.
But just the ones we want.
Why is it like this?
Why just all men created equal?
Is it just men?
Or just the ones that make the cut?

Why edit when we could present what we are?
Why post lies when we could show truths?
Why say peace when you are making war?
Why add shades of gray to the bright colors?
Why filter humankind?
Why do you add all of the unnecessary factors when you
could be focusing on the raw truth?

The one where we are flawed and beautiful.
The one where we are black, white and everything in
between.
The one where we laugh and cry.
The one where we are just humans.
The one where we are just
Us.

DREAM

3rd

by Landon Western



Artist Description:

Martin Luther King surrounded by all colors that represent all different races of people. He's surrounded by the colors that blur together showing how his dream of races being unified came true.

THE REASON WE LOVE

by Riley Gamble

The reason we love, the trees, the life, the gift,
we love the peace that comes with the dove,
We love the slow, and the swift, We love our family,
we love our freedom, we love the stuff that is ugly, and that is lovely,
We love the people who have demons, and the people who have angels.
We love the rotation and the seasons, we love it all but the thing we
love most?
The fact we're alive.

LOVE IN ACTION = PEACE

by Colby Dawkins



Artist Description:

Shows and represents images of love, joy, and most of all, peace. With the theme, “make love, not war.”

STAND

by Mayan Hernandez

Don't just lay
Don't just sit
Don't just stand
Don't just stand around waiting for change
Don't just stand around doing nothing
Stand together
Stand for something and not nothing
Stand for peace
Stand for love
Stand for Hope

A HEARING FRIEND

by Heidi Kuebler



Artist Description:

A loving great dane helps this young diabetic woman through her hardships.

THE KING SPEAKS

by Joey Weiss

The King, he protests
Protests against separation,
Segregation
His words like birds
Spiraling upward
Speaking of love, unitedness
People disagree,
BANG
Then silence, sadness
A wave of grief
Washing over the people
A wave like a tsunami
His lesson will never be washed away
I guess his words ring true

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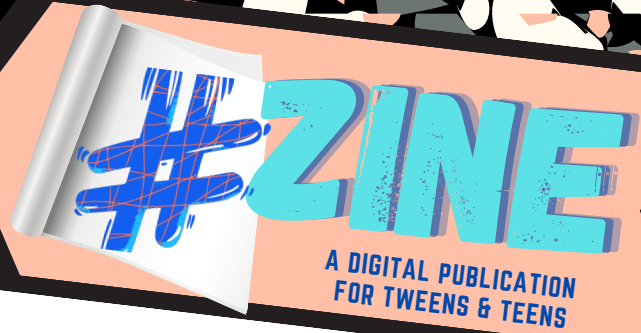
by Audrey Delaney



LOVE POEM

by Eire Welsh-Fitzgerald

Love can bring happiness into
People's lives and make them more
Comfortable with being the person
They are instead of faking and
Being depressed,
Love can make people more
Comfortable with Friends
and family. Love
Gives people something and
Someone to rely on and that
can help them with any problem
That they have or any situation
they are in where they just need
someone to be there for them for
Comfort. Love is support and joy,
it brings people comfort while making
them feel special but not like they are
the whole world. Love is more than
just a feeling.



FEELING INSPIRED?

Check out The Write Spot: Youth Writing Club!

Hey tweens and teens! Write Spot has changed it up.
Now open to any aspiring writers in grades 5-9!

Join Miss Blair monthly for writing tips, out-of-the-box writing exercises, and the opportunity to talk about writing with other like-minded writers. Explore genres, styles, and fancy words while you grow as a writer in this collaborative club!



The Write Spot will meet the last Wednesday
of the month from September-May
at 4 pm in the James Activity Room

Register online, at the Youth Desk,
or call 928.777.1537

