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DEAR AMERICA SCORES

Poet-Athletes

When I joined **America SCORES LA** as a nine-year-old in 2002, I just wanted to take part in a sport I was familiar with and do something other than homework after school. Little did I know how influential **SCORES** could be in my future, especially now as a first-year law student.

I didn't think much of writing when I started. I just wanted to read until there was nothing left to read! **America SCORES** changed that by showing me that *I* could be the one writing. I started with poetry and, slowly, grew from writing about pet pigeons to writing about issues I cared deeply about. Writing has become such an important part of my life thanks to **SCORES**.

One of the biggest things I learned from soccer was determination. I wasn't always the best player, but eventually I developed a love and determined spirit to do all I could on the field. There would be times I cared more about doing my best for the team than getting injured! That same determination carried over into my education, from ambitiously applying to 17 colleges, to graduating from Duke University, and now to taking on the challenge of law school.

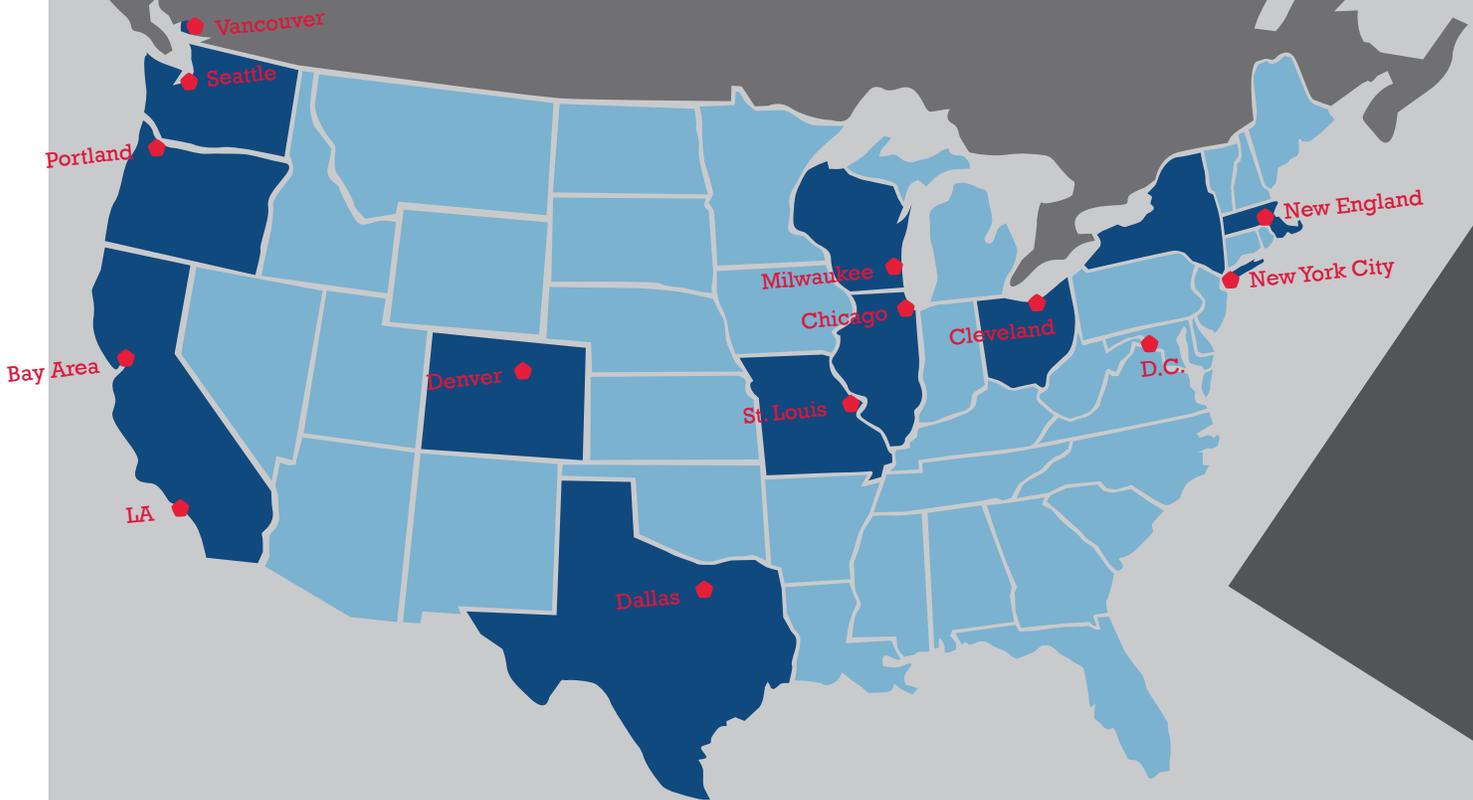
To you, poet-athletes, I say this: be passionate about writing. ***Dare to write stories and poems about things you love.*** Feed that love for writing and let those ideas flow from your mind down your arm to the tip of your pencil. Write until you find yourself creating something amazing.

From experience, I know that ideas that start blossoming in my mind can't get out until they end up on paper. Each year I see these same blossomed ideas in the poems you all write for Kicker! You are all imaginative, creative, and amazingly talented. ***My advice to you: always have a pencil and paper handy. You never know when a blossomed idea will need a way out of your mind.***

Leasly S.

Whittier Law School, Class of 2018
America SCORES LA Alumna





About America SCORES

What if, instead of going home after school, we played soccer, wrote poetry, and improved the community?

America SCORES inspires urban youth to lead healthy lives, be engaged students, and have the confidence and character to make a difference in the world. A national nonprofit, **America SCORES** engages low-income urban youth with innovative after-school and summer programming that builds teams through a unique combination of soccer, poetry, and service-learning. Our holistic, team-based approach works – **America SCORES** poet-athletes improve academically, increase physical fitness, and have a greater sense of confidence and belonging.

For more information, please visit AmericaSCORES.org



14 cities



175 schools



10,000 poet-athletes



70,000 original student poems written each year



78% enjoy writing a story, poem, or journal entry after being in **SCORES**



69% improved grammar and writing mechanics thanks to **SCORES**



86% of parents say students like to read more after being in **SCORES**

BILINGUAL WORD SEARCH

DIRECTIONS > Find the 8 English and 8 Spanish words in the following word search.

C C K J E X R X L H V Q U Z V
 O M O X S E N E A Z C L I F D
 M P J M C S X A S H O V D P Z
 U S O C M E N T R E N A D O R
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 X A E H R C B V A C D P H F T

poetry

soccer

community

team

student

coach

teacher

friend

poesía

fútbol

comunidad

equipo

estudiante

entrenador

maestro

amigo

who i am

I Am

People say I'm a little girl
But I am the girl who stands up for the world
I am the girl who screams and shouts
I am the girl people write about
I am the girl you must trust
Unlike others they just fuss
I am passionate in my brain
My life built the wall of fame
Oh, and I got game
For me expectations are not the same
I am honest and the best
So you 4th floor haters will have no rest
From my flow, cuz it's not slow
I'm on turbo
Now you know how I feel
This little girl is a big deal
I am super interesting
Turned up to 100 degrees
That's why everybody
Wants to be like me
Across my neighborhood and the seven seas
I'm going places to achieve my dreams

Cymone P., 9, Chicago

Being Yourself

Trying to fit in?
Trying to be proud of yourself?
People disliking you
People judging you, people changing you
The way you talk, the way you look, the way you act
Are you beautiful, ugly, smart, dumb,
lazy, heavy, thin?
People changing you just to be like them
Bringing them gifts
Just wanting to be seen with them
Trying to be cool, trying to fit in
Trying NOT to be that person who sits all alone
If you think being yourself is EASY
Well think again
It's really not

Lori R., 11, Dallas

Black is Beautiful

Black is beautiful
We are black.
Black is beautiful.
Sweet as waffle cones
And the chocolate drizzling on top of my ice cream
Sweet as can be, black like me
But sometimes it gets hard
I don't wanna be scared when I see police cars
I don't wanna be mad, I don't wanna be sad
Seeing black people like me always in jail
Black be beautiful like the space between the stars
Black like you
Black like me
Black like us
Black like we

Leckie Elementary School, D.C.

Ingredients to Make a Dark Chocolate Girl

Here are the Ingredients to make a young dark chocolate girl special. First, what you want to do is add a pinch of anger, added in 3 tablespoons of hope. Once you do that, stir in 12 gallons of love. Now, add a cup of appreciation. Once you do that, mix it all together. Then, add a dash of faith, 3 ounces of respect, and a pinch of kindness. Now, add one pinch of hot sauce. Why hot sauce you ask? Because I'm feisty. This is the recipe for a dark chocolate girl.

Zoey C., 12, St. Louis



I Like What I See

I like the changes I see in me
I'm getting taller every day
My heart and mind are in control of what I say
I can stay focused on the task at hand
And know it's better to say please
Than to give a demand
I'm faster on the soccer field
And know you can be kind
And still be keepin' it real
There's a lot that I want to change in the world
So I'm going to keep on being the very best me
A smart, athletic, thoughtful, creative, brave girl

Ja'Nya T., 9, Chicago

I Am

I am strong.
I don't give up.
If you don't believe me,
try me!

I am hard working,
and I may lose,
But it doesn't mean
I'll stop being

I am blue
I am happy
And that's just
Me!

Jessica M., 10, New York

RHYMING FILL-IN- THE-BLANKS

DIRECTIONS > Fill in the blank words in the poem; make sure each word you write rhymes with the bold word above it.

Today is my birthday - now I am **eight!**
I think that today will be really _____!

"Look outside! It's a beautiful **day.**
I've got a soccer ball - want to _____?"

I run down the field and dribble the **ball.**
My feet move fast, but I never _____.

I shoot the ball, and we win the **game!**
All of my friends start cheering my _____.

Afterwards, it's time for **lunch!**
I bite into an apple and it goes " _____!"

I see a big cake - could it be for **me?**
"Yes! Blow out the candles on the count of _____."

My birthday was fun and my friends are **sweet!**
Now it's time for cake - "Let's _____!"



Reppin' the TLC



You've got a friend in me



Smiling at practice

10th NATIONAL POETRY SLAM!

annual

Throughout its 10-year history, the **National Poetry SLAM!** has been a landmark event. From life-changing poetry performances to inspiring words from famous soccer players and poets, the **SLAM!** has time and again showcased the power of **America SCORES** to make an impact on the lives of children through after school programs.

Each fall, thousands of elementary school students work hard to write their original poetry and compete for a chance to win a trip to New York City. In 2016, 13 talented poet-athletes from across the country got just this opportunity. While in New York, they went to the top of the Empire State Building, played soccer in Central Park, and, most importantly, made lifelong friends with their fellow **SLAM! Poets**.

The experience culminated with a performance at the **10th Annual National Poetry SLAM!** on April 11, 2016 at the SVA Theatre. On a night celebrating the power of the **SLAM!**, **America SCORES** featured alumni from the past 10 years in front of a crowd of over *250 people* and hundreds more watching online. The night's poised, playful, and passionate poetry truly demonstrated the best of **SCORES**.

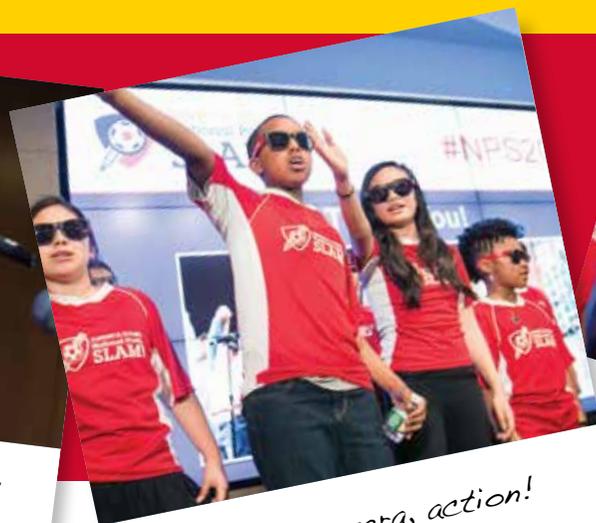
Read more about the 2016 SLAM! at: AmericaSCORES.org/Slam

Want to win your own trip to New York City? Here are *three* tips to help you make it to the **SLAM!** next year:

1. Show your **SCORES** coach your **Teamwork, Leadership, and Commitment**.
2. Write a poem about something you're passionate about.
3. Have fun in **America SCORES!**



The power of poetry



Lights, camera, action!



Tonight's the big night!

My SLAM! Memories

Sebastian M., 2012 SLAM! Poet-Athlete, Cleveland

When I was in the fourth grade, I got the chance of a lifetime. If I could write a poem that won first place at the **America SCORES Cleveland Poetry SLAM!**, I could go to New York and perform it at the Apollo Theatre. When I heard that, I saw an opportunity and seized it.

I went home and told my parents the news. They said I should write a poem about me. I tried a few times until I finally wrote a poem called "Tree Talk." I asked my parents for help with pronunciation and asked my teacher for performing tips.

When I completed the poem, it was perfect. I went to the **SLAM!** and performed. It was the best feeling to let it out and tell people what you really mean. At the **SLAM!**, both my school's group poems won the *Gold Mic Award*. It was amazing to see that because my team had put a lot of effort in both poems.

After the **Poetry SLAM!**, I waited a few days to get the news. Finally my friend Paul came to tell me I had won. I was amazed! When I got home, I told my parents and they immediately smiled and laughed for joy.

When my coach and I got to New York, we met up with other poet-athletes and went to the hotel. We got pizza, found our hotel room, and claimed our beds. After that we got on a bus and went to a fancy restaurant.

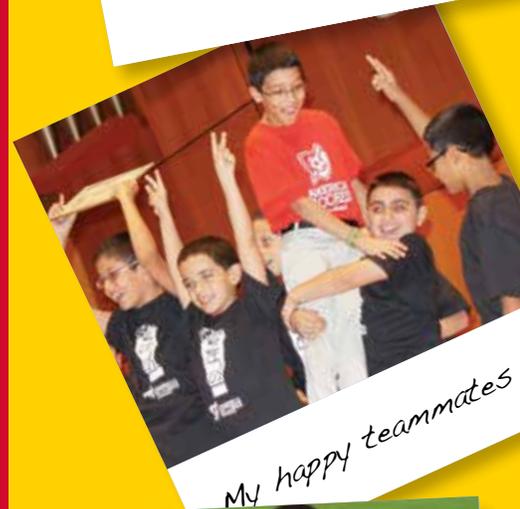
My family met me at the restaurant and we ate pizza and then chocolate cheesecake for dessert. After the meal, we went to Times Square and my coach took me and my partner Tamia to a lot of places, including the Disney Store.

The next day, we visited the Apollo Theatre so we could all practice for the **National Poetry SLAM!**. It was amazing to see that people my age could come up with such amazing ideas - I was stunned! The morning after was "showtime." When I saw everyone in the crowd at the **National Poetry SLAM!** that night, it kind of made me nervous. But the show went on. I performed and I watched my new friends perform alongside me.

After the show I returned to my parents, who were extremely proud of me and still are today. That moment at the **National Poetry SLAM!** stands out as the most impressive thing I have ever done. It will stay with me forever.



Showtime!



My happy teammates



Thumbs up!



I am a tree

i dare to dream

I Have the Right

I am a child with eyes, a mouth,
and a powerful voice.
I have the right to be a child,
I have the right to live under a peaceful roof,
I have the right.
I have the right to go to school,
I have the right to an education whether I am
Hispanic, Black, White, Short, Tall, Smart, or not.
I have the right to envision a bright future,
I have the right to create, imagine, and
express my emotions,
I Have the Right.

Keshly A., 11, D.C.

What Black History Means To Me

What black history means to me
Is what we were truly meant to be
Long ago we were treated as slaves
Only because of our skin and our race
People fought for our equality
Like Dr. Martin Luther King
But today we don't even recognize them
Or make a song to sing
Schools don't teach of our race
It's like in the books we've been erased
The knowledge of our race is slowly dying
But none of the young people are even minding
We need more leaders in the world to lead on
So teachers and students can read on
Our future is bright and I know it is
So let's make it brighter, but start with the kids

JaDun B., 13, St. Louis

I Wish

I wish we could all live in a world
with no racism and no wars
I am blinded by this violence
People trash talking
People talking about war
I wish it could all stop
I wish we could live in a world in peace

Sebastian G., 11, Seattle

The Vision in My Eyes

The vision in my eyes equals success.
The knowledge in my mind is filled up in
an enormous nest.
When I complete my accomplishments
and say that I knew.
I then look back and see how I grew,
Going to a college to receive my doctoral degree.
Or committing myself to the Navy.
Receiving the Nobel Peace Prize for being the best
lawyer
Or getting drafted to the WNBA as a professional
basketball player.
I have the ability to encourage a few
So they can look back and see how they grew
I have a vision in my eyes, do you?

Jamia J., 11, and Dominique J., 11, D.C.

The Dreams

Thousands.
The amount of those
Who wish for a life in our country
But then some
Deny those dreams
They threaten us
They fight us
They hate us

Life.
That is what they
Are willing to sacrifice
To gain a new life
And the dreams they hold dear
But then some interfere

The insults they say
We don't let it go down our backs
We stand up and fight
This is when we should come together
To protect the dreams
And make our lives better

Steven M., 13, New York

A New Year

Many innocent people die every day
trying to fight
For human rights
An important event in Selma
changed history forever

"I Have a Dream"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in front
of men, women, and children

He went to jail fighting for the rights of all

Dr. King, Rosa Parks and Frederick Douglas were
all a part of the civil rights movement

Along with so many more.

2016 is a new year.

Let's make it a New Year.

Lauren A., 11, St. Louis

One Day

Have you ever thought about your future?

Well I have

I think one day I'll be a director, I'll be making the
greatest hits

Or maybe one day, I'll be fashion designer, I'll be
creating hats and shoes to dress that fit

Or maybe one day I'll be a pilot, I'll be flying from
continent to continent to continent

Well I don't really care 'cause I'm only ten

And I got lots more time to spend

So whatever I choose I hope it's good for
me and you

Jaliya B., 11, Seattle

My Dreams

My school, my community & my way of
seeing things

Haters are going to hate

Dedicators are going to dedicate

Motivators are going to motivate

But what will you do?

All I see in my classroom are kids willing to do
anything to get their hands on a book

We got this school district shook up like

LeBron, Jordan, and Wade

You see, I have the mindset of being successful

I want to be a pro soccer player when I grow up,
or a lawyer

I will hit the books first before I play soccer,
or dribble a basketball

I will have my team shook up like

Nate and Maurice

I'm not lying, they need to keep trying

Their rap game is weak but mine is on fleek

But enough about me, we or he

Dr. Martin Luther King paved the way

So me and my fellow peers could go to school
together

Let's give Dr. King, Rosa Parks, and all the other
great leaders a hand

And also a moment of silence to commemorate
the sacrifices they made

Dr. King had a dream, we can make it come true

Karma L., 12, St. Louis



Onstage...



...or on the field...



We are SCORES!

Believe in Yourself, Lamar Neagle

Lamar Neagle is a versatile winger who uses his power and pace to attack opposing back lines. An integral member of the 2014 Supporters' Shield-winning Seattle Sounders, Lamar swapped coasts this season by going to D.C. United. A long-time supporter of **SCORES** through the work of his Neagle Foundation, Lamar first got involved with **SCORES Seattle** and is looking forward to meeting **DC SCORES** poet-athletes.

When did you start playing soccer?

I started playing in elementary school because I became friends with a group of boys my age who all played on the same club team. I eventually got invited to try-out for the team.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

As a kid, I grew up wanting to become a professional soccer player! I didn't enjoy anything as much as playing soccer with my friends and couldn't think of anything I'd rather do as an adult.

Who was your hero growing up?

My hero growing up was my grandmother. She had 9 kids and now has over 50 grandkids/great grandkids. She is the matriarch of the family and always has time for each member of the family.

What's your favorite memory of being around SCORES poet-athletes?

I've had a lot of great moments, but my favorite ones are the **Poetry SLAMs**. To see the creativity and courage of the poet-athletes is inspiring not only for other kids, but also for the audience.

What advice do you have for SCORES poet-athletes?

Always believe in yourselves and what you can accomplish. Whether you are trying to score goals on the field or get an A in the classroom, belief in yourself will help you reach your full potential. There will be plenty of people who doubt what you can do, but don't be one of them!



my soccer field

My Soccer Life

My soccer life is poetry
My soccer life is hard work
My soccer life is team work
My soccer life is leadership
My soccer life is commitment
My soccer life is fun
My soccer life is friends
My soccer life is communication
My soccer life is my future
My soccer life is everything when I have
my team by my side

Taylin V., 10, Bay Area

Dear Soccer Ball

The field is long and green
and for you, the day starts in a bag.
You get to be out in the open and you get to fly
and it might hurt, getting kicked around by
people
but at least you get to go and see new places.
So have fun going and seeing new places.

Herman B., 11, Cleveland

My Soccer Shoes

My soccer shoes have seen me kick the ball
My soccer shoes have seen me fail
My soccer shoes have seen me give up
My soccer shoes have heard me say
Good Job, Lizette
My soccer shoes have smelled the green grass

Samantha L., 11, Los Angeles

Star

I'm a star.
We are all stars.
The moon is the coach. We take care of each other.
We are soccer players.
We have a part to play.
This is my world. A world of light.
In the past we fell down.
In the future we get back up.
Today we stand and unite.
Today a friend. Tomorrow a friend. Always a friend.

Norbert, 10, New England

Determined

Today my name is play ball
I feel like I am winning
I pretend I am scoring a goal
Yesterday my name was practice
I heard I played well
I found out my feet were super duper tired
Tomorrow my name will be determined
I will forget tired and will remember determined
Because I will kick the ball
Aim the ball and score
With pride and hope.

PS 123 Girls Team, New York

Always believe in yourselves and what you can
on the field or get an A in the classroom . . .

my imagination

I'm A Chef

I wake up in the morning. I go to work.
I wear a white hat.
I chop up onions and meat.
Waiters pick up the food and they
serve it to the people.
We call your table number. You take it to go.
The food is cheap.
You get mad because we give you the
wrong food and you leave.
I like to talk to people next to me because
I can just relax when everyone leaves and eats.
I do the same thing again and cook but except on
Fridays and Mondays.

Hector R., 11, Bay Area

My Monster

I told my monster to clean my room
He told me to grab a broom
I told my monster to do my chores
He said he wasn't mine anymore
I told my monster to behave
He told me - No way!
I told my monster to rake the leaves.
He threatened to release the bees!
I told my monster to be nice.
He told me to get lost - twice!
I told my monster to stay put
He turned around and ran off on foot.
I told my monster to stay in school
But he dropped out, actin like a fool
I told my monster he had to change
Then he disappeared-isn't that strange?

Clinton P., 10, Chicago

I Wonder

Sometimes I wonder what the world would be like
without alarm clocks.
Would everyone be late all the time, but happier
because they got more sleep?
Sometimes I wonder if the food we eat for lunch is
actually recycled cardboard.
I'm all for "going green" but they've taken it too far.
Sometimes I wonder what teachers do
on the weekend.
I hope they party non-stop, so they can be in a
better mood on Monday.

Sometimes I wonder what the world would be like
if we rode dinosaurs to school.

Would a Brontosaurus be like a minivan and a
T-Rex a Bugatti?

Sometimes I wonder why it's called an Etch-a-Sketch
if you can only make squares.

Sometimes I wonder why people dress their animals
up like other animals.

Bunny ears are not a good look for dogs.

Sometimes I wonder if my mind will ever
stop wondering.

Will I still be me, if my mind isn't free?

Lizette S., 11, Chicago

My World

My world is colored blue and green
Rivers, oceans, and lakes are in my world
Grass and dirt are a part of my world
My world is also spring, summer, fall, and winter
Even the flowers, butterflies, deer, and dogs
occupy my world

I see boys, girls, women, and men in my world

Oh, and between you and me, there is

Sadness and Happiness

Fear and Anger

The best part of my world is

There will always be plenty of candy

There is Family and Love in my world

No matter how I feel, my world will always have
lightness and darkness.

Emily S., 10, Dallas

If I Were in the World Cup

If I were in the World Cup
I would be a really good teammate.
I would pass, shoot, cheer, and encourage
my teammates.
I would have at least 3 goals and 7 assists.
My team would win the World Cup.
The World Cup would be in the USA.
The finals would be USA vs. Mexico.
By then I already would have had my 7 assists.
So in order for me to set my goal I would have
to score a hat trick.
By the end of the game the score was 3-0
and USA had won.
I scored all three goals.
When I saw my parents, they were so proud of me.
My jersey number was 1
Bryan A., 11, D.C.

Today

Today, my name is Tail
I only move my hips
The only thing worth doing is dance
Yesterday, my name was Thirsty
I drank a soda to feel better
Found a dollar to buy bottled water
Tomorrow, my name will be Goofy
I forget my homework
I remember to cook my food
Next week, my name will be Ice Cream
I am sweet like candy
I will help people feel cool
Brayan D., 10, Los Angeles

Super Powers

I wish we could have powers.
And we wouldn't be like flowers.
But we could still bloom and grow strong.
And have good sportsmanship.
And when someone is down
We run to the ground
To make sure everyone is okay.
If we lose, win, or tie
We all still walk out
With a positive attitude.
**Nadeline C., 10, Nychle N., 10, Anyiah S., 10,
Selena S., 11, New England**

If I Could Talk to the Animals

My silly wish would be to
be able to talk to animals.
Then I can know
what they are saying
and what they want.
They would probably want me to
scratch their tummies,
don't you think?
I would LOVE to be able to talk
to a shark or a wild bear.
That would be pretty AWESOME!
I mean talking to a wild bear!
But maybe they will
ALWAYS be talking
and never leave me alone.
It would be worth it, because
I REALLY want to know what they are saying.
Journei G., 9, Milwaukee



Girls rule!



Bring on Spring!



Mi familia

My Poetry Inspiration, David Kilpatrick

David Kilpatrick is a professor at Mercy College in New York, where he is the Chair of Literature and Language. From starting to play soccer at an early age to coaching children of all ages for over 20 years, his passion for soccer has been lifelong. He serves as the Club Historian for the New York Cosmos, belongs to the Football Scholars Forum, and serves on the editorial board of *Soccer and Society*.

David has expressed his passion for soccer through poetry since he was in high school. He recently wrote a book of poetry about the 2014 World Cup in Brazil called *Obrigado: A Futebol Epic*. Each poem is about a different game of the tournament. David also served as a judge at the New York Community **Poetry SLAM!**, helping select the poet that performed at the **National Poetry SLAM!**.



Listen to our voices!

What was your favorite part of the New York Community Poetry SLAM?

The thing that stands out for me is the incredible sound of the crowd, like being at a packed stadium. The enthusiasm was contagious and inspirational. That and the smiles. The pride on the faces of the poet-athletes warmed my heart.

What inspires you to write poetry?

I love the interplay of sound and meaning and enjoy the gift of creativity. I'm inspired by great poetry and by great events that I try to express in poetry.

Why is learning to write poetry important?

Poetry forces you to care for each word like a delicate child, which produces careful thought. Sometimes it helps you discover yourself and sometimes it helps you transcend yourself. Ultimately, I hope writing poetry helps us live in a more meaningful and considerate manner.

What advice do you have to SCORES poet-athletes about writing poetry?

Great writers are always great readers, so read as much poetry as possible. Sometimes a poem can make great demands of a poet. Be willing to nurture each poem until it is fully developed and ready for the world.

What's your favorite poem you've written?

My favorite poems are those that flow out of me naturally. All of *Obrigado: A Futebol Epic* was like that for me, where I was open to whatever poem might come for each game. The poem from the Final between Germany and Argentina captured the tension of waiting for a moment of magic. I hope that anticipation - maybe even some of the magic - from the game comes across.



David Kilpatrick

LIX. Germany v Argentina

by David Kilpatrick

Man v machine a mantra for Maracanã
Color omen brings split to mind
But for all the myth and tradition
Diese neue deutscher Fußball too fluid for the
stereotype
Winning tradition, both
But if the dancing divines
Who have spent the month in samba reverie
Reward the month's play, white will win
Higuaín gifted through but wastes left
Harder to miss
What god guides aside?
A second chance he finishes, but off
The lifted flag suspending celebration
Höwedes header hammers off post at half whistle
Messi through left - a miss right
Golden sky on Cristo Redentor
The Cup has no value
Yet more prized than any objet d'art
The world is watching
More than ever
Now
One in focus
One object - the ball
For another - the cup
Time ticking, slowing as genius anticipation
wearies
Weakness, some failure exploited more likely
One must win
Something must give

It will
But when?
They say, just put it on the frame
Unless, you just put it on the frame
After 90, no hero, play on
Pony-tailed Palacio misses left and again
Harder to miss
What god guides aside?
Maschereno, already yellowed, mugs
Schweinsteiger
Still 7 soldiers
Fifteen minutes left
The world watching
This sacred moment of unified focus global
Begs a hero
Bloodied Schweinsteiger battles but
The gods give us Götze, a goal
One more chance for Messi magic
Wasted over bar
Argentine tears at Maracanã
The end's the same
Tears of all the nations flow together to one stream
Gods assured
The best team has won



Germany v. Argentina



Champions!

“ Great writers are always great readers, so read as
poem until it is fully developed and ready for the world. ”

My Team's Golden Moments, Chicago

"When I am in **SCORES** I feel limitless, like nothing can stop me." This was the first line of the team poem performed by us, the Castellanos Comets, at this year's *Chicago Community Poetry Slam*. Over the last few years, our team has been one of the strongest in SCORES. Because of that, our coach asked us some questions about what makes our team great and how it felt to win the Golden Ball.



Fast like a comet!

You call yourselves the Castellanos Comets. How did you come up with that name?

Jordan: When we are on the field, we have a lot of energy and emotion when we play.

Angel: We move fast like a comet.

What's the best part about your team?

Lizette: We always have fun and get to make new friends.

Angel: Game Day is a lot of fun, I love my team.

What are some things that you all expect from your teammates?

Lizette: Definitely being responsible and showing up to all of your soccer AND writing practices. If you've been on the team before, helping new teammates feel comfortable and not leaving anyone out is really important.

Sydney: I agree with Lizette. I was new on the team but it was easy to feel confident at Game Days because you know that your team has your back and that it will be fun whether you win or lose.

How has being on the team made you better?

Angel: Before I joined the team I wasn't very good at soccer, so I've definitely learned some new tricks now.

Jordan: I am definitely more confident about doing poetry after writing and performing it with my team. My coach and team help me learn new things.

Lizette: I've learned different ways to write about how I feel, which makes me a better friend and teammate.



Comet pride

For the past two years, your team has won the Golden Ball award for outstanding teamwork, leadership, and commitment, both on the field and in the classroom. How did it feel to win and is there a secret to your success?

Jordan: It felt awesome to win. I was really happy and proud. We showed a lot of TLC so I don't think it was anything secret that we did.

Lizette: We set a goal to win and we knew that we needed to work together to do it.

Angel: We'll go for the gold again this season.

my friends and family

Me Gusta Mi Familia

My dad is as big as the sun
My mom cooks better than any cook in the world
I run as fast as a cheetah
My brother is better than any brother in the world
Amo a mi familia
Me gusta mi familia
Family is important
Very important to me and you
Family is also important
Because your mom and dad take care of you
Amo a mi familia
Me gusta mi familia
My family helps me train for soccer
I always lose my ball
My sister helps find it
Family is the best team of all
Amo a mi familia
Me gusta mi familia

3-5th Grade Whittier Boys Team, Chicago

Brothers

We are brothers
Everyone on the soccer field is a brother.
As brothers we help each other.
We never brag or be poor losers.
When people fall down,
Instead of stealing and scoring,
We help them and have good sportsmanship.
We are brothers to the end.

Allen M., 11, Cleveland

Parents

Parents give you love by taking care of you
Parents help you up when you fall
Parents take care of you when you need it most
Parents cheer you up when you're sad
I love my parents and they love me too

Musa M., 11, Seattle

The Woman I Want to Be

I never knew this lady but stories tell all
Her kind heart made her first to help
Whenever friends would call.
Mom tells me about the times when
As a kid she'd throw a fit
Grandma said let's "talk it out"
She never used her hit
Her patience and her confidence
Can be seen in mom today
When I make bad choices
I hear, "What would grandma say"
Both women go through life to see
Their children persevere
Overcome great challenges
And succeed without a fear.
How lucky is a girl like me
To have role models to admire
When I have a daughter of my own
I hope she has my fire.

Omika L., 10, Cleveland

“ “ I learned to care for other people's emotions, to be
is one of the most important aspects of being human. ” ”

my wonderful world

Crash

When I see sand I always remember the
big waves like giants
Cracking the rocks into little pieces of salt
mixed with sand, brownish
It's the thing that makes the water salty
It tastes hard when it gets in your mouth

Michael S., 8, Bay Area

Nature

The moon hollered like a baby who misses
his mother
The clouds cried like sprinklers in the garden
The stars lit up like a bright idea in your mind
The leaves gathered as if they were family

Rashad W., 12, Cleveland

Nature

Nature is beautiful, spectacular, and magnificent
Nature is fruits, vegetables, animals' trees,
Nature is flowers
Roses, daisies, tulips, lilies
Nature is a field full of color and butterflies
Brilliant vivid colors
Nature is water
Oceans, seas, rivers, lakes
Nature is earth
Jungles, forests, mountains, deserts
Nature is magical, spellbinding, enchanting
Nature is everything
Everything is nature

Evelyn P., 11, Dallas

SUPER SYLLABLES

DIRECTIONS > Count the number of syllables in each word. Then, match each word on the left with a word on the right that has the same number of syllables. The first one has been done for you!

Slam!

Poetry

America

Believe In Yourself

Soccer

Scores

Team

Volunteer

Coaches

Poet-Athlete

Everybody Wins

Goal

Winter is the Best

My favorite season is winter.
In winter it is cold.
Could you imagine Santa Claus bold?
In winter I like cookies made of ginger
When I play in the snow I sometimes get injured
Santa rides in a winter sleigh
On Christmas it is a very cold day
In winter there is a lot of snow
In winter it is slippery on the roads
In winter it is fun to play

Katie, 11, Genesis, 11, New York

The Story of a Leaf

I feel dry and need water.
I feel sad because I'm bad.
I feel thin when blowing through the wind.
I don't know who loves me,
It might be that I'm ugly.
I hate when I am hated,
Because it seems I'm not created.
I would like to be loved,
But unfortunately I failed the contest show.
I feel confident how I am.
I feel spectacular how I said.

Nelly H., 11, Denver

My Epic Elemental Haiku

Rock
He's hard and solid
We mine him, we will hurt him
He builds the mountains

Fire
He will always rage
You will burn, he has all hate
He is dangerous

Plant
She will grow up high,
And down low, she dies, then grows
She is infinite

Water
He is unexplored
He contains many life forms
We would drown, not fish
He is how we breathe

Air
Visible, invisible
He has many forms

Electricity
She lights the dark sky
She powers electronics
She is all around

Cole B., 11, Vancouver



Fun with friends



Soccer superstars



3-2-1 Let's go!

My Coach's Lessons, D.C.

Hi, I'm Miguel, and this is a story about my coach, Popsie. Everyone calls him Coach Popsie, but I think he has a real name. I just don't know it — no one does!

That's ok because Coach Popsie is the best coach ever. My team, the Lincoln Knights, have won three out of the last four Capital Cup middle school championships. But even this year when we lost the championship to our rival, it was still fun! The practices. The games. Seeing Popsie stop by our poetry and service-learning sessions.

Coach Popsie is everywhere, which is amazing because he doesn't just coach us. He also coaches Thomson Elementary — that's where I'm from! — AND he coaches an alumni team of high school kids. I've played on Popsie teams for six years and I hope I have him for four more in high school.

Practices with Coach Popsie aren't just about learning soccer skills. They're about teaching us teamwork, leadership, and commitment. He's taught us that a pass is sometimes better than taking a shot or trying to dribble in between three players. And that you can't win championships on your own. And what it means to be a leader.

He's taught us that the **SCORES** season is longer than just one game. This was really true in 7th grade when our team stunk in September. We had lost a lot of 8th graders and no one knew each other. Popsie told us to be patient and play like a team, and we ended up winning the championship!

Coach Popsie is super competitive, but he's also strict — if we don't do our homework or don't go to a poetry or service-learning session, we can't play in the next game. It's happened to our best players and we've ended up losing games. By the end of a season, though, we've learned our lesson: no one's skipping school.

He also encourages us to be confident. Whether you're a scorer or a defender, every role is important. Coach Popsie makes sure everyone know that. And that confidence we gain shows up when we express ourselves on the **Poetry Slam!** stage. We're not just athletes. We're poet-athletes.

All of my soccer friends know Coach Popsie. Every player in the neighborhood recognizes him, respects him, and looks up to him.

What more could you ask for in a coach?



Coach never smiles



Respect



Practice with coach

my classroom

Poetry

I think poetry is a way of expressing yourself
Using words
I feel that it's a way of letting your
Emotions out.
Using only a
Pencil
Pen
Paper

Joseph B., 13, Cleveland

Poet-Athlete

I am a pop star
I am grounded, because I am bossy
I am mama gaga with my insides out
I am a guitar tune
I am chop chop
I am poetry, as P.O.E.T.R.Y
I am SOCCER
Coaches, referees, the fans
Forward, midfield, goalie
I am SOCCER
Kicking, running, jumping
Team, goal, win, cheers
I am a poet-athlete!
THANK YOU AMERICA SCORES!

Anahi M., 11, Dallas

Poems

Poetry is an art,
That comes from the heart.
We express our feelings,
Poems are a wonderful thing.
If you are angry,
Just write.
You'll feel better.

Alec B., 11, Denver

SCORES is My Beautiful Home

SCORES is my home because my team is like family.
SCORES is my home warm and cuddly.
SCORES is my home because it is fun.
SCORES is my home because of the fun
and nice teachers.
SCORES is my home because it is peaceful.
I am glad SCORES is not a terrifying and ugly home.
After all, SCORES is my beautiful home.

Paulina A., 11, Seattle

Stuck

I'm stuck! I'm stuck!
I don't know what to write.
I'm getting really nervous, I really need a
pencil to bite!
I really, really need help with this.
I can't think of something.
The only thing my teacher will say to me is tisk-tisk.
Oh yes, I got it now!
My poem is about to flow.
My mind is telling me "Go."
I finally have something to write.
I better hurry up, I don't have all night.
Come on, come on! I got to go!
I know I have something to write.
I know, I know.
Yes, yes, no, no, finally! I'm done!
I can go outside. I can run!
I feel happy. I feel good.
I should get a medal for this.
I should, I should.

Saverio M., 10, New England

i feel fearless

I Am

I am honest for myself and others.
I wonder if honesty sometimes could go bad.
I hear a whisper in my ear that says tell the truth.
I see where honesty could take you.
I want to be an intelligent person.
I am a fearless kid.
I pretend to disappear when I hear a loud noise.
I feel a little bit of frustration.
I touch the tip of my heart saying things will be alright.
I worry when there is a disaster coming.
I cry every time I see an emotional movie.
I am a fearless kid.
I understand when people feel sad.
I say kind things to people.
I dream that I will be a successful kid.
I try to do my best not to mess up.
I hope to solve all problems.
I am a fearless kid.

Jennifer I., 10, Bay Area

Limitless

When I am in SCORES, I feel Limitless
Like nothing can stop me
I come to practice and feel like a whole
different person
Powerful - on the field nothing can come between
me and my team
We show respect and TLC
It feels good to be on the Comet Team
When I am in SCORES I feel
Powerful, happy, determined, energetic,
Relaxed, professional, reliable, impressive,
Special, fearless, full of pride, Limitless

3-5th Grade Castellanos Boys Team, Chicago

Courage

If you don't have courage, you don't have anything
People will think you're not strong or brave
Some will think you don't have spirit or power
Others will say you're not confident or yourself
They will think you're not proud, only ashamed
Think you're not polite just rude
And finally people will know that you don't have
courage
Courage comes from your heart
You need to have courage
To be strong and brave
To have spirit and power to be confident and to be
yourself
To be proud and not ashamed
To be polite and not rude
You have to have courage
So watch out
Don't let your courage run out

Jacqueline L., 11, Dallas

By The Way

Did you know
That this cookie never crumbles
When the rain comes
Even then I don't fall
Sometimes trouble calls
But you and I stand tall
When light shows
Then I might stumble and fall
I hop back up no sooner than the sun rises
Not one crumb falls from
This tower
Of love
Every hour
I ponder the tower
Of questions from each hour
Why this?
Why that?
You know why?

Because this cookie never crumbles

Cora C., 10, Bay Area

Opposite Feelings

When you think things are bad
When you feel sour and blue
When you start to get mad
You should do what I do
Just tell yourself "Ducky you're really quite lucky"
Some people are unlucky
So if you ever have a problem
Don't feel bad, you'll get through it, you can do it
Things are good
Things are bright, make yourself happy
And go fly a kite
So wake up and enjoy your day
Because you are special in every single way.
Alejandro R., 10, Dallas

I Am Brave

I am brave,
Braver than a lion with big sharp claws.
I am brave,
Braver than a dog with big sharp teeth.
I am brave,
Braver than a bird with a big pointy beak.
I am brave,
Braver than a tiger with big giant feet.
I am brave,
Braver than you with your mean ugly words.
I am brave.
Desion S., 10, Cleveland

Hope

Hope the world will change
For the better of all.
Hope will lift you up if you fall.
You are unique,
Don't let anyone do
Anything to take that away from you.
When you and everything
falls apart,
Believe in hope, to pick you up and take you back
to the start.
Hope will come
When you need it to.
I hope for love, joy, and faith, don't you?
Have you ever heard of Hope Avenue?
Or Change Way?
I want to go there someday.
Don't you think there's hope in all of us?
In order to cope,
Never lose hope!
Emelisa U., 11, D.C.



I am brave!



We are unstoppable



He shoots, he SCORES!

i feel frustrated

Could Rap Music Be

Could rap music be the cause of crime and violence in our community today?
If so it's a shame, causing our families to go through pain.
Could the lyrics in rap music start a gang?
Allowing our children to think it's ok to go BANG.
Teens with guns are not scared of anything anymore
They just want to start a war.
A war between other hoods and that's not good.
Our people are dying and our families are crying and that's
A shame, because it's another shooting that happened in DC again. Yup
In the back of our school, detectives and police, where are the rules?
Nobody cares about the students that go to school there.
The students at Kipp DC want to go to and through college earning a degree
So please agree to put the guns away, if not they have a place for you to stay.
So the next time you want to shoot, SHOOT WITH CAMERAS, NOT GUNS!
M'kya S., 10, D.C.

Habañero Life

I am a boiling hot chile
I will be a jaguar scratching for life
I am a kid that will punch, walk, and break them down
Out! Fire comes out of my head!
I will become hotter than a flaming volcano
When I am out of control little dots of lava come out of my eye
I am anger!
Juan S., 10, Bay Area

A Letter to Exhaustion

Dear Exhaustion,
You feel like a bowl of ants
You must like to mess with me
You taste like broccoli in a rotten shoe
You smell like sweat on dirty books.
I feel like I don't even exist
I feel like I'm walking through purple fire
I just want to sleep for a week!
When you're with me, I don't want to play Football, basketball or soccer.
And when I'm not outside my friends feel sad
And want to play with me.
Exhaustion, you make me so mad!
Camron B., 10, Cleveland

The Life of A Problem

A bully takes action against you
A victim receives the agony
The bully annoys you and
The victim is miserable
Bullies destroy victims' lives
But we must stand up and speak up
Victims become demotivated
But we must keep fighting
To abolish bullying
Jalen S., 11, New York

Anger Sucks

Anger is ugly
Anger doesn't let you think straight
Anger doesn't get you anywhere
It's a feeling that kills your tranquility
When you're always mad and angry
People like to test you
Don't...Be...That...Guy

Kevin B., 11, New York

Big Bad Bully

Why? Why do people bully?
I can probably answer that
Either they got bullied in the past and take all
their anger out on you instead of themselves
But either way it's still a major problem - am I
right? Or am I wrong?
Here's a little advice: ignore him or her and they
won't have fun anymore
See you later alligator, stay nice.

Nativia C., 11, Seattle

AWESOME ACROSTICS

Who is somebody that inspires you?

¿Quién te inspira?

Why? Write down 5 reasons why this person is great or how he/she motivates you to succeed!

¿Por qué? Escribe 5 razones por qué esta persona es increíble o cómo te motiva a tener éxito.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Now, create an acrostic poem with your hero's name. For example...*Ahora, haz un poesía acróstico usando el nombre de tu héroe. Por ejemplo...*

Soccer

Community service

Outstanding poet-athletes

Ready to learn

Everyone has something to contribute

Slam poetry



We're #1!



I think I can, I think I can...



I got it!

my favorite things

Bad Candy/Dulces Malos

Do you know why you shouldn't eat junk food?
¿Sabes por qué no comer tanto dulces?
Too much candy will give you a stomach ache,
Like a tornado destroying your house.
Muchos dulces te puede dolor de estomago,
Como un tornado destruyendo tu casa.
It will rob your energy right from your body.
Te ya robar tu energía de tu cuerpo.
Your teeth will fall out one by one.
Todos tus dientes se caerán uno por uno.
Here comes the junk food now.
Aquí viene los dulces malos ahora.

Sunita J., 10 & Destiny E., 11, Denver

Walter the Walrus

Walter the Walrus plays soccer in
the World Cup
And he's a star in the Walrus League.
Last season they won and got the trophy.
Racing with the other walruses, he
Uses his belly to score in the games.
"Soccer is fun!" says Walter the Walrus.

Emanuel P., 8, Milwaukee

My Brother is a Rotten Pizza

1 cup of responsibility
7 teaspoons of happiness
1 sweaty t-shirt, cut into strips

Mix together 1 cup of family with 9 tablespoons
of love. Spread out the mixture on a Pam sprayed
pizza stone and bake the family and love mixture
for 20 minutes. After it is done cool it off for 5-10
minutes. Then put 3 smelly socks and the t-shirt
strips onto the pizza. Generously sprinkle happiness
and responsibility all over the pizza. Return to the
oven and bake until the happiness and
responsibility is golden brown.

Enjoy the rotten pizza with family!

Ariana M., 10, Vancouver

To The Squirrel Who Eats Tomatoes

Dear Squirrel,
Why do you
ALWAYS
have to eat my mom's tomatoes?
You just take a BITE
and then leave it lying
on the ground!
We wanted to save those
to eat them.
We barely got
FIVE tomatoes.
It is so irritating!
If you you keep doing this,
I might just come out there and
SCARE YOU AWAY!

Why don't you just go to another house?
Why? Why? Why?

Sincerely,
Daniela

Daniela G., 8, Milwaukee

Taco Tuesday

On Tuesday I eat tacos.
I am only hungry for tacos.
I can only eat tacos on Tuesday.
Something is missing.
I try ketchup, mustard,
Barbeque sauce, and cake frosting.
It still isn't right,
Something is missing.
I open the door,
And I see it: "Ghost Sauce."
Now it's perfect.

Oscar, 10, Denver

Cherries

Cherries are as red as lipstick.
Cherries are like a soccer ball, round.
Cherries are like a school of fish,
grouped together.
Cherries are as good as apples.
Cherries are like the color of the leaves in autumn.
Cherries are as small as baby mice.
Cherries are like breakfast, I can eat
them everyday.
Cherries are as healthy as bananas.

Aniah V., 11, Denver

Gummy Bear

I can be any flavor
I am bouncy, do you know what I am?
Instead of you being afraid of me,
I am scared of you.
Mamma mia help me I am in your mouth.
I am a GUMMY BEAR!

Gladys S., 11, Denver

My Animals

I'm many animals
I am sometimes slow and reluctant like a snail
because I'm lazy.
I am smart like an elephant. I never forget a face.
You could hurt me, treat me weird, leave, get
plastic surgery but I will remember you!
I'm scary like a wolf. I pop out when you I
east expect me.
I'm very creepy and weird,
I don't think there's an animal for that.
I'm like a fox, I wander, move around.
I'm focused like a tiger on my work.
I'm hilarious like a kangaroo. I can make my
friends shriek with laughter at my jokes.
I am graceful like a butterfly. I imagine delicate
effects and try to live them.
But sometimes... I'm fearsome as a crocodile, if
you trouble me I'll bite your legs off (just kidding)
I'm all these things and more, but don't worry I'm
normal that's for sure!

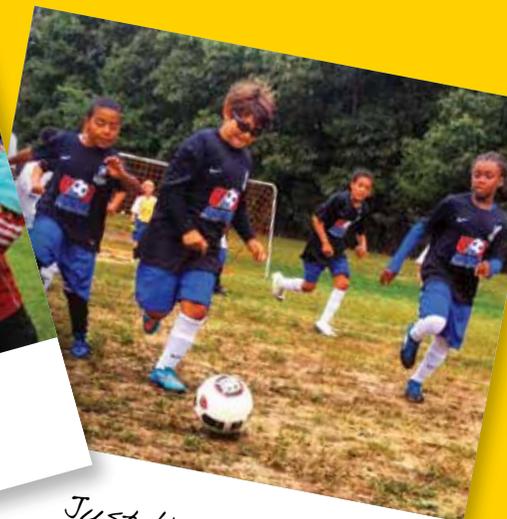
Kiarra J., 11, D.C.



Friends on the field



Ready for anything!



Just kickin' around

My Community Project, Milwaukee

*Hi, we're the poet-athletes of ALBA Elementary. Last year, we worked together as a team to try and make our school more inviting for the community. This is the letter we wrote to Coach Kate and Coach John of America **SCORES** Milwaukee to support our project:*

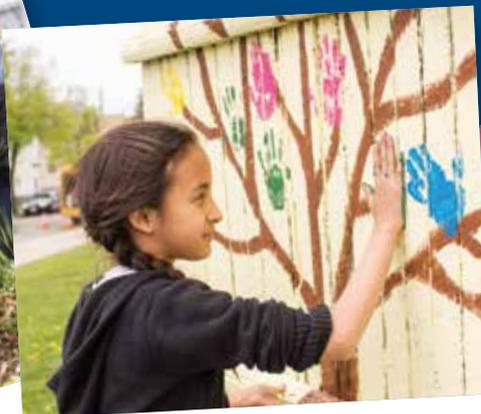
We have begun renovating our school garden to make it look inviting for our school and community. We would like to continue to add to our renovation by adding more garden beds to grow vegetables, benches where people can sit, stepping stones to make a nice walk way to get through the garden, and fruit trees to have a shaded area so teachers can bring their students out and use the garden as part of their science lessons.

We also want to build a bird house community library so we can involve the community to take a book and leave a book. Renovating our garden was a way to show the community the importance of keeping the community clean and inviting, and to have them come together to be a part of this amazing change. It might also inspire them to do this in their own homes. We would like to use the garden to teach the students, staff, community and parents on how to grow healthy foods and how to use them in their everyday meals.

Sincerely,
ALBA Elementary



Working together



Lending a hand



We did it!

*As you can see from the pictures, we did it! With the help of our coaches and **SCORES**, we built new gardens, painted them, and created a new fence mural outside the school for people to feel welcome when they come. Hopefully now all students, teachers, and parents feel good about having ALBA in their neighborhood!*

DREAM ON!

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today!"

Martin Luther King Jr., I Have a Dream Speech (1963)

What are 5 of your own dreams for the future?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Now, choose *one* dream from the list above and create a poem telling us how you will make that dream come true:

WORD SCRAMBLE

DIRECTIONS > Unscramble each of the words below. The first two have been done for you!

AIMWELKUE

EAAARYB

CIGHOAC

LLAVENDCE

WAOCSNTNIHGD

ADALSL

VDEREN

EL**N**OSGSLAE

NDEAG**N**EWNL

YOW**K**ENR

TPRNADLO

TLAETSE

LTSS**I**UO

VEVUN**C**AOR

MILWAUKEE

BAY AREA

Then, unscramble the bold letters above to figure out a hidden word!



Hint! This literary device describes the repetition of the same or similar sound at the beginning of all or most words in a sentence.

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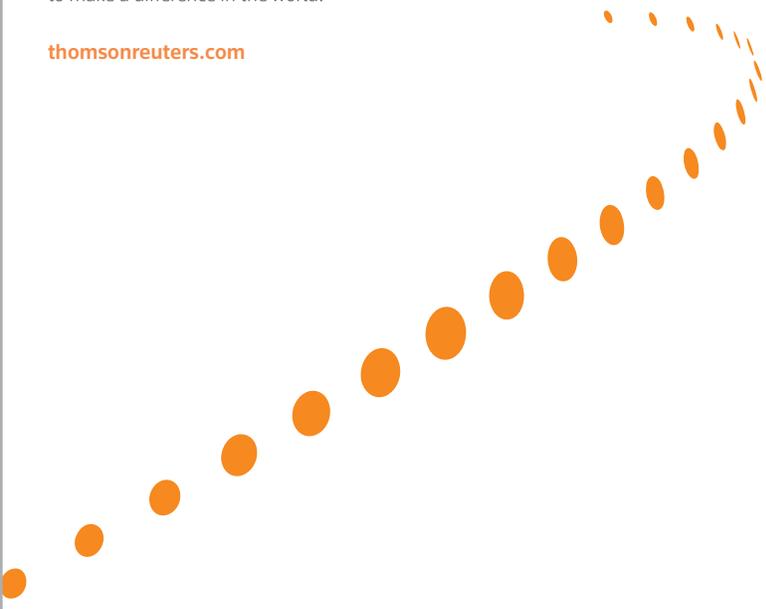


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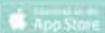
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Bridges Elementary School
Bryant Elementary School
Carver Elementary School
Cleveland Elementary School
Davidson Middle School
Elmhurst Middle School
ER Taylor Elementary School
Esperanza Elementary School
Everett Middle School
Flynn Elementary School
Francisco Middle School
Garfield Elementary School
Greenleaf Elementary School
Hawes Elementary School
Henry Ford Elementary School
Hillcrest Elementary School
Hoover Elementary School
John Gill Elementary School
John Muir Elementary School
Junipero Serra Elementary School
Korematsu Discovery Academy Elementary School
Lakeshore Elementary School
Laurel Dell Elementary School
Longfellow Elementary School
Manzanita Elementary School
Marshall Elementary School
Mission Education Center
MLK Middle School
Montera Middle School
Moscone Elementary School
Paul Revere Elementary School
Paul Revere Middle School
Redding Elementary School
Salvation Army KROC Center Tenderloin
San Francisco Elementary School
San Pedro Elementary School
Sanchez Elementary School
Short Elementary School
Sunnyside Elementary School
Tenderloin Community School Elementary School
Thomas Edison Charter Academy
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Venetia Valley K-8
Westlake Middle School

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Ambrose Plamondon Elementary School
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Eli Whitney Elementary School
Johnson School of Excellence
John Spry Community School
Learn 7 Elementary School
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Rosario Castellanos Elementary School
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Whittier Dual Language School

Cleveland

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Cleveland, OH 44114

Artemus Ward School
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Luis Muñoz Marin School
Mound STEM School
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Wade Park School
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DALLAS

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Lorenzo DeZavala Elementary School
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Aiton Elementary School
Amidon Elementary School
Anne Beers Elementary School
Bancroft Elementary School
Barnard Elementary School
Barry Farm Recreation Center
Brightwood Education Campus Elementary School
Brightwood Education Campus Middle School
Burrville Elementary School
Capital City Public Charter School Elementary School
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Harrison Recreation Center Elementary School
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J.C. Nalle Elementary School
Jefferson Middle School
J.O. Wilson Elementary School
Kelly Miller Middle School
KIPP DC: KEY Academy
KIPP DC: Promise Academy
KIPP DC: QUEST Academy
KIPP DC: WILL Academy
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus
Leckie Elementary School
Lincoln Middle School
Marie Reed Elementary School
Miner Elementary School
Moten Elementary School
Orr Elementary School
Parkview Recreation Center Elementary School
Parkview Recreation Center Middle School
Payne Elementary School
Powell Elementary School
Raymond Education Campus Elementary School
Seaton Elementary School
Taft Recreation Center
Thomas Elementary School
Thomson Elementary School



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Tubman Elementary School
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Barnum Elementary School
CMS Community School
Cowell Elementary School
Eggleton Elementary School
Knapp Elementary School
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Schmitt Elementary School
Traylor Academy School

Los Angeles

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Braddock Dr. Elementary School
Charnock Rd. Elementary School
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Milwaukee

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Brown Street Academy
Hayes Bilingual School
LaFollette School
Lincoln Avenue School
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New England

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Clarence R. Edwards Middle School
David A. Ellis Elementary School
Dennis C. Haley K-8 School
Donald McKay K-8 School
Gardner Pilot Academy
Henry Grew Elementary School
James P. Timilty Middle School
James W. Hennigan K-8 School
John F. Kennedy Elementary School
Lilla G. Frederick Middle School
Mario Umana Academy
The Mather School
Maurice Tobin K-8 School
Orchard Gardens K-8 School
Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School
Thomas A. Edison K-8 School
William Blackstone Elementary School
William Ohrenberger School

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PS 125 Elementary School
PS 161 Elementary & Middle School
PS 173 Elementary School
PS 192 Elementary School
PS 325 Elementary School

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Alder Elementary School
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Bless Field
Cesar Chavez School
Davis Elementary School
Glenfair Elementary School
Hacienda CDC (Community Development Corporation)
Hartley Elementary School
James John Elementary School
Lincoln Park Elementary School
Lynch Meadows Elementary School
Markham School
Oliver Elementary
Park Lane Elementary
Salish Ponds Elementary School
Sifton Elementary School
Whitman School

Seattle

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Seattle, WA 98134**

Bailey Gatzert Elementary School
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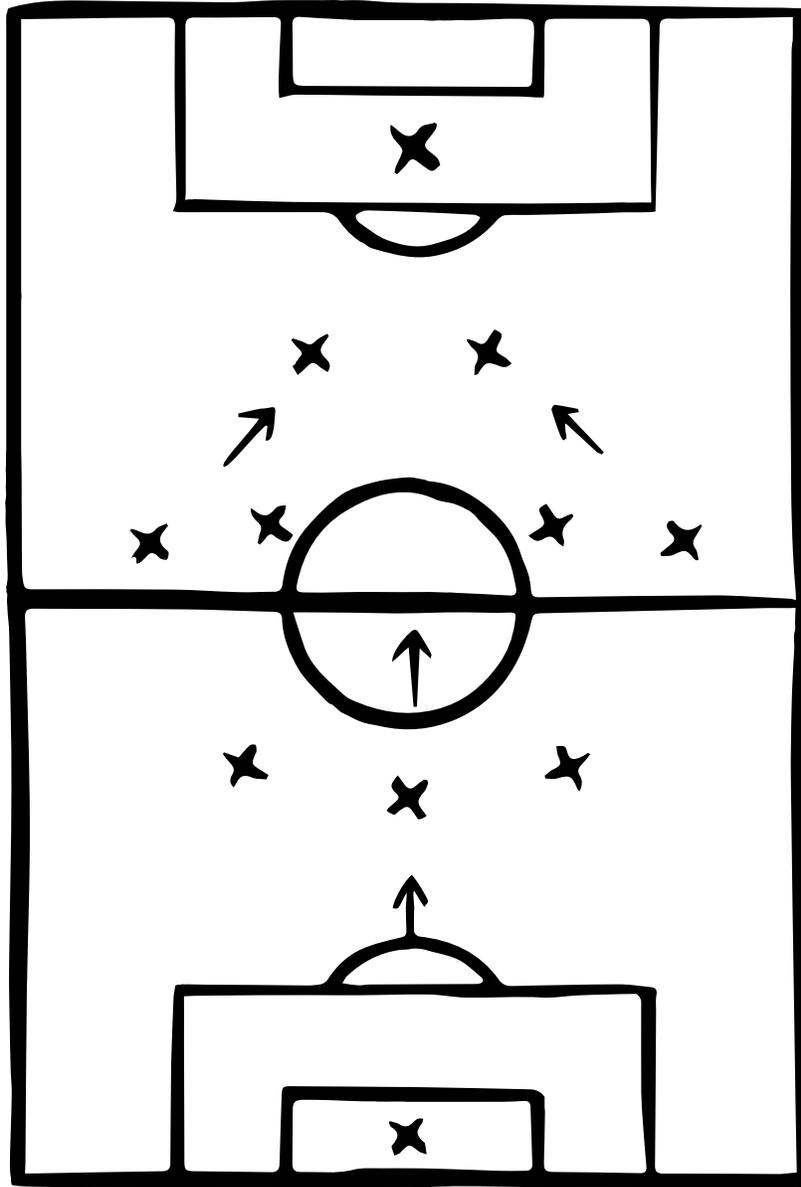
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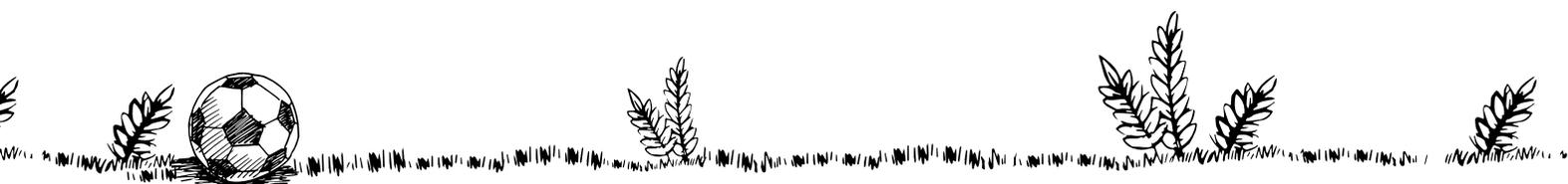
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