## STEELERS SHOWCASE



Welcome to our monthly showcase newsletter! This month's showcase features the grade 7/8 ELA class and their unit "All That I Am". The Mind Maps project was inspired by the movie *Inside Out*. The students identified their five personality islands and then wrote about the core memories that helped form each aspect of their identity. The project also asked them to create visual representations that symbolized their core memories and personalities. After going through the stages of writing (pre-writing, writing, editing, and revising) students created strong pieces that truly reflected their individual experiences.

Great work, 7/8s!

Our School Goal: "To foster a culture of literacy that instills a lifelong appreciation of reading and writing for various purposes and audiences"

### **CREATING THE MIND MAPS**



Wyatt Ivanco shares a core memory that helped form Hockey Island.

# HOCKEY ISLAND

Hockey Island is my favorite island. Hockey is important to me because it makes me work as a team and I make more friends. When I was thirteen we made it to Provincial Finals. I remember walking into the cold hockey rink. It was a Saturday evening, everybody was nervous and quiet. When our team got on the ice the crowd roared. You could still hear them over the loud music. After three periods, we won by one point. We were provincial champions! All the moms ran out onto the ice screaming with their phones in their hands and wanting pictures. I made lots of more friends and I know how to treat people right from the coach and if I had a boss I would have a better understanding what a boss will be like later in life. This is a core memory that created



### Arts and Crafts Island

I want you to know that Arts and Crafts Island is a huge part of my personality. The time and patience it takes to finish to a project is very time consuming. It was my mother, grandma, Mrs.B, and my online teachers/tutorials that got me where I am with arts and crafts. It took a lot of time and patience cooperating with other people, learning about techniques, and trying to do crafts. When I was between 8-9 years old, I had been doing arts and crafts, even drawing cartoon characters was a big thing for me. I really was a bad artist back then, but hey we all start somewhere. I had a lot of role models I looked up to. Inside my house is where it all began, when I was introduced to the internet. I've made a lot of friends just over art online. I've always loved expressing my emotions through art, adding and showing my creativity with art, and that's why I chose Arts and Crafts Island.



Kierra Moody and Tobin Kirkness found ways to make their islands 'pop' off the board and complement their written pieces.



Baking Island is a huge part of who I am and something I'm inspired by every day. Without Baking Island I would not be the person I am today, because baking is one of my many passions and brings me lots of joy. It is also a huge stress reliever. Ever since I have been little, I have been baking. Either watching TV or making a mess in the kitchen. The people who have expanded or started Baking Island is my mom who has taught me the basics in baking and is the one who got me into it. My aunty has taught me little tips and tricks in baking. I have learnt many other things by watching the Food Network and Betty Crocker. Most of my baking Island memories are made in Edmonton. I love baking because you can feel the warmth of the oven brush against your face. The smell of freshly baked goodies flow through the house and a smile that grows on people's faces as they eat my treats. Baking Island is a huge part of who I am and is an island that will stay with me forever.

Keira Webb explains how baking has become one of her passions.

Wyatt Pavloff displayed his family pictures threedimensionally and wrote about how ranching has impacted who he has become today.



#### Gaming Island

I can remember. It started in grade 1 when the people in grade 1 played on the computer when the people in grade 2 had to do math. I was in the grade one and two classroom, it felt warm and smelled nice, but after that I was happy for a while. It was just the three of us (me, Braydon and Hilary) playing games. There was another time two or less years ago when I played five or more hours. The only person playing was me. It was in the living room, it smelt like food. I've been playing ever since. Playing games is good for you even though it gives you eye strain. I would probably be bored for a long time if I didn't have games. If I hadn't played the first time I would be doing nothing all day, which wouldn't be fun. This is one of my core memories because some of the gaming I did was with my brothers.

Levi Bueckert explained how gaming has become one of his passions and a fun activity to do with his older brothers.



Brody Fyson used props to represent his personality islands.

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