

HEALTH EDUCATION

# Tar Wars

## Nicotine & Tobacco Education

Warren County Health Services  
June 21, 2024



# NYS Youth Tobacco Use by the Numbers

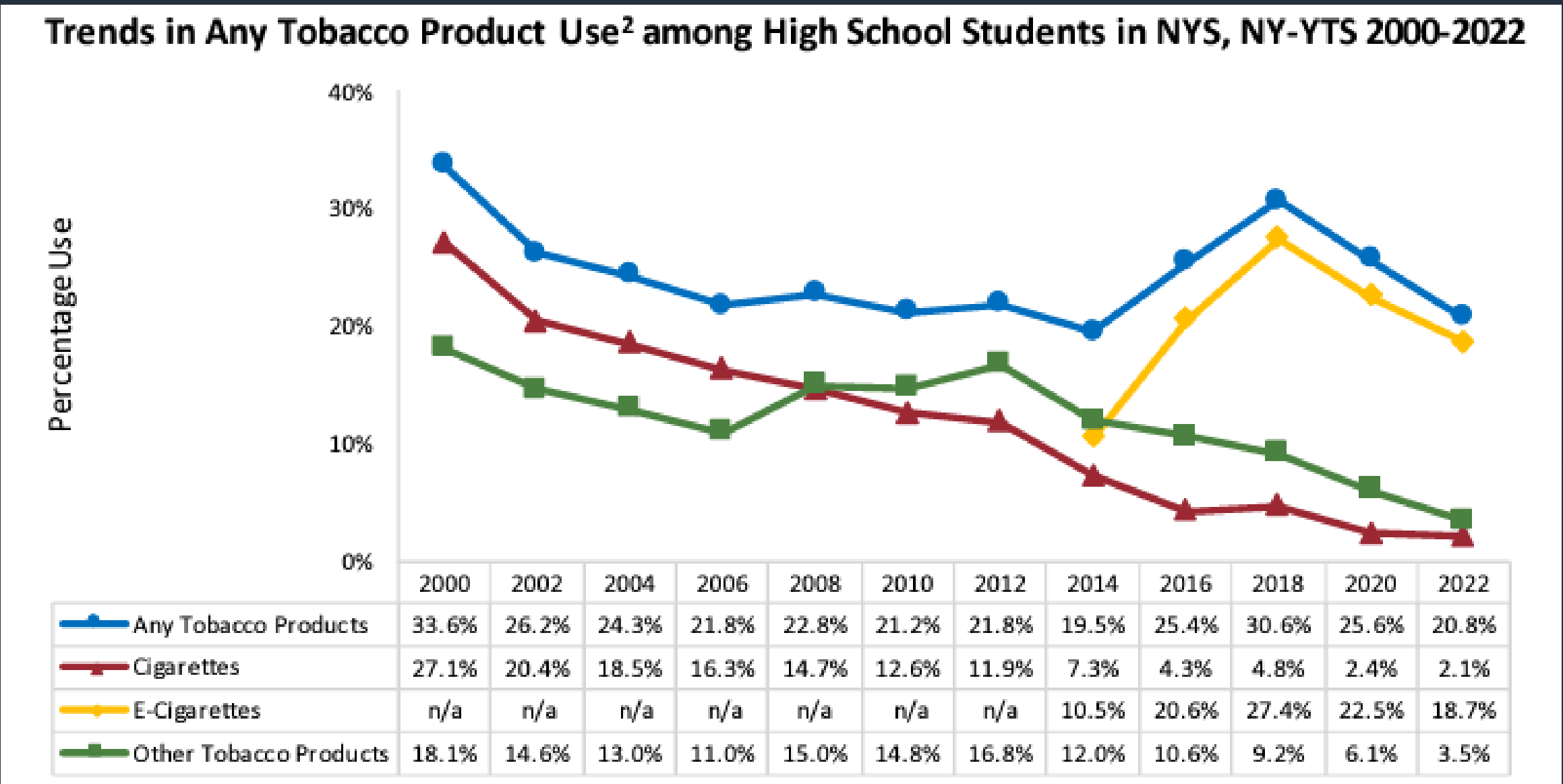
NYS Youth tobacco use rates had been in steady decline for 15 years

- Youth cigarette use 2.1% is at its lowest level since it has been tracked
- Use of other tobacco products including cigars, chew tobacco is also at all time lows

Unfortunately, that progress was upended in 2014 with the explosion of e-cigarettes or vapes.

- From 2014-2018 youth e-cigarettes use increased by 161%.
- Youth tobacco use rates increased by 57%

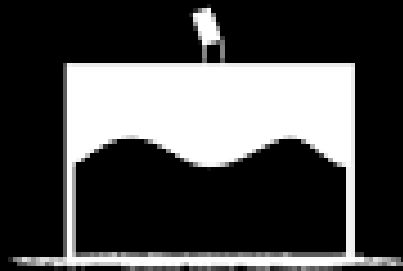
Almost two decades worth of progress reducing youth tobacco use was wiped out in 4 years. Thankfully through Public Health and legislative efforts youth tobacco use rates are again declining.



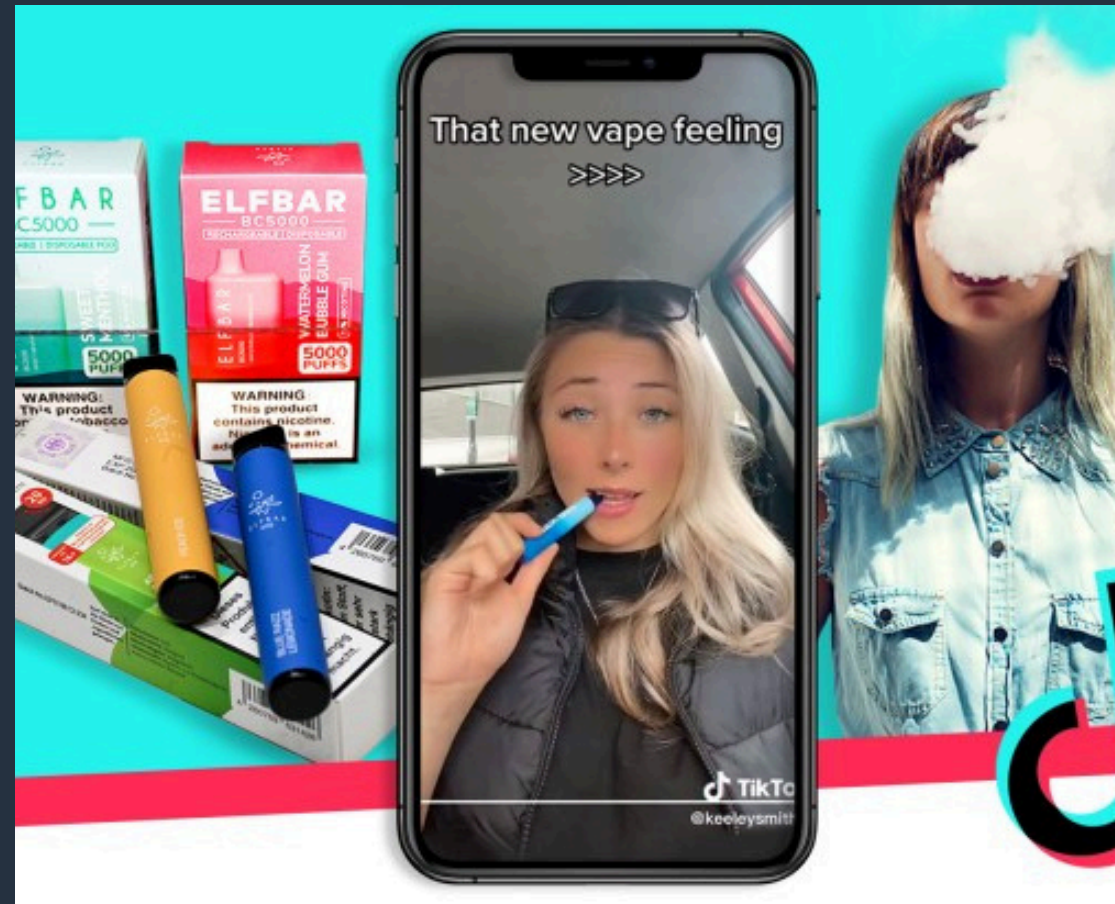
Public Health continues to fight to reduce the impacts of tobacco and nicotine on your youth and communities, but it is an uphill battle and resources remain limited. Funding and legislative support are vital to achieving positive outcomes. Tar Wars is just one example of that support.



Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is highly addictive. Nicotine can harm the parts of an adolescent's brain that control attention, learning, mood, and impulse control.



THE AVERAGE AGE OF A NEW  
SMOKER IN NEW YORK STATE IS  
**13 YEARS OLD**



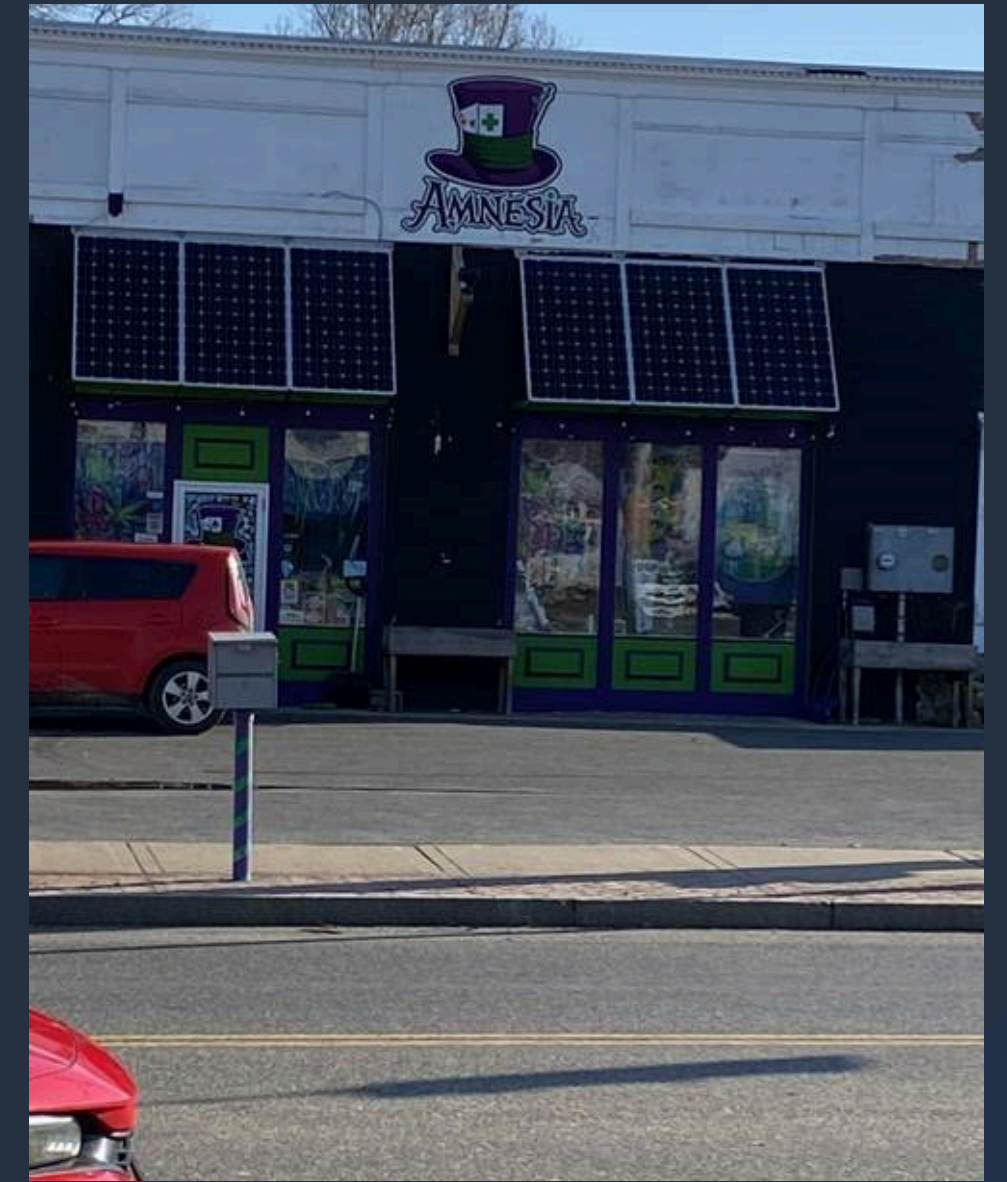
E-cigarette marketing, the availability of flavored products, social influences, and the effects of nicotine can influence youth to start or continue vaping.

Acute nicotine exposure can be toxic. Children and adults have been poisoned by swallowing, breathing, or absorbing vaping liquid through their skin or eyes. More than 80% of calls to U.S. poison control centers for e-cigarettes are for children less than 5 years old.





# Local Shops





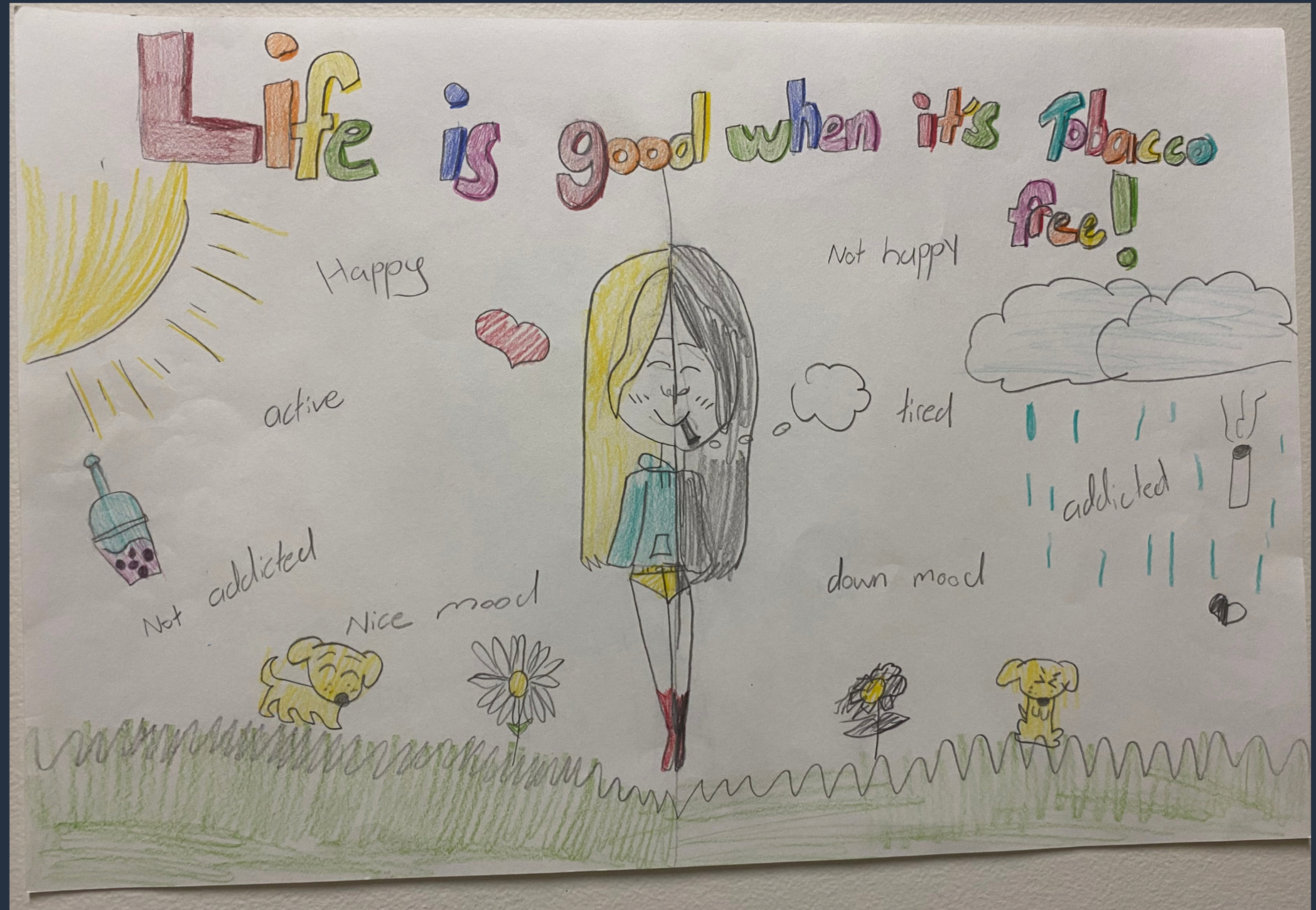
# **Warren County Overall Winners**



FIRST PLACE COUNTYWIDE

# Ellie McNamee

School: William H. Barton  
Intermediate School  
Grade: 4

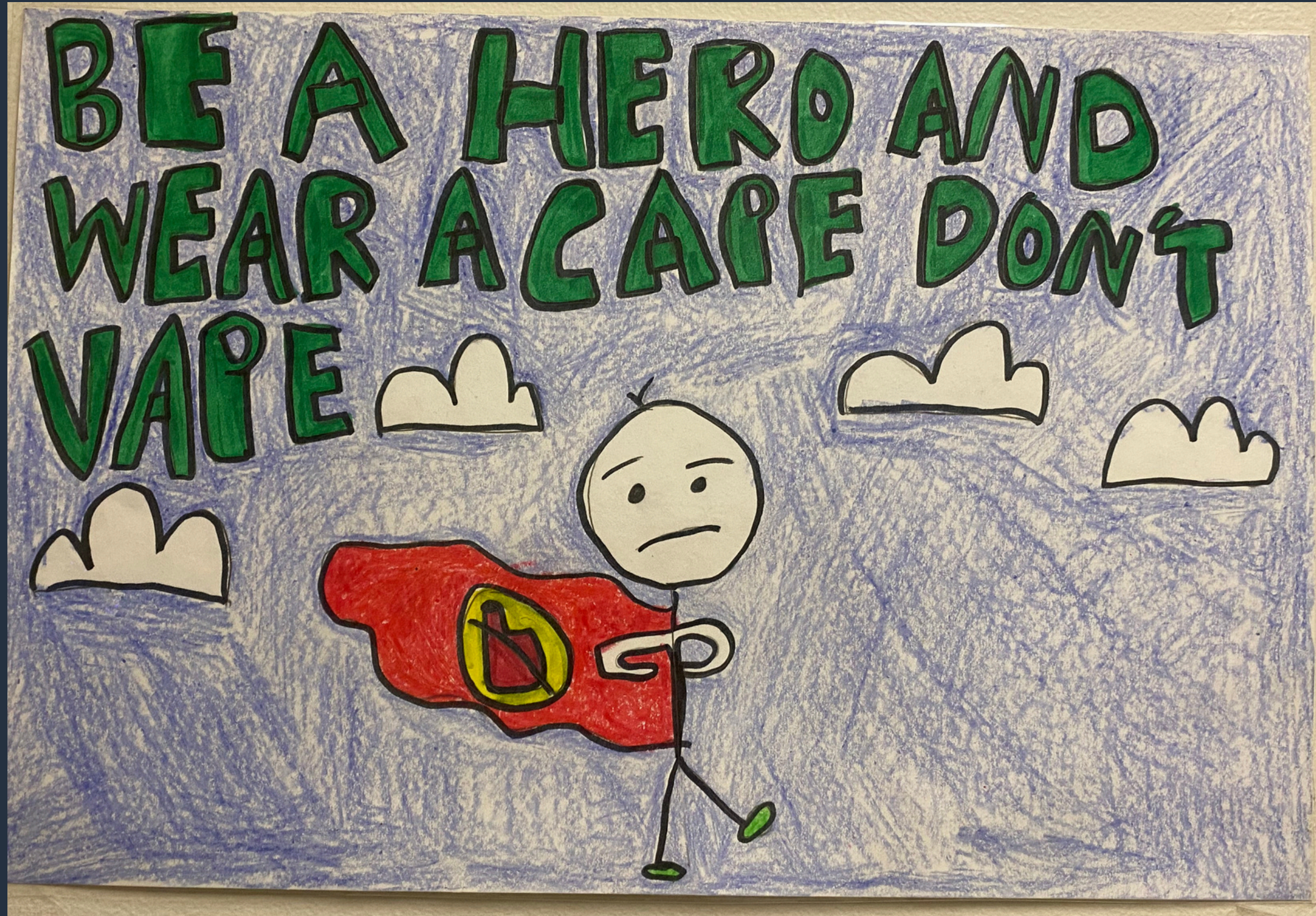




SECOND PLACE COUNTYWIDE

# Aurora Hitchcock

School: Johnsburg Central School  
Grade: 5





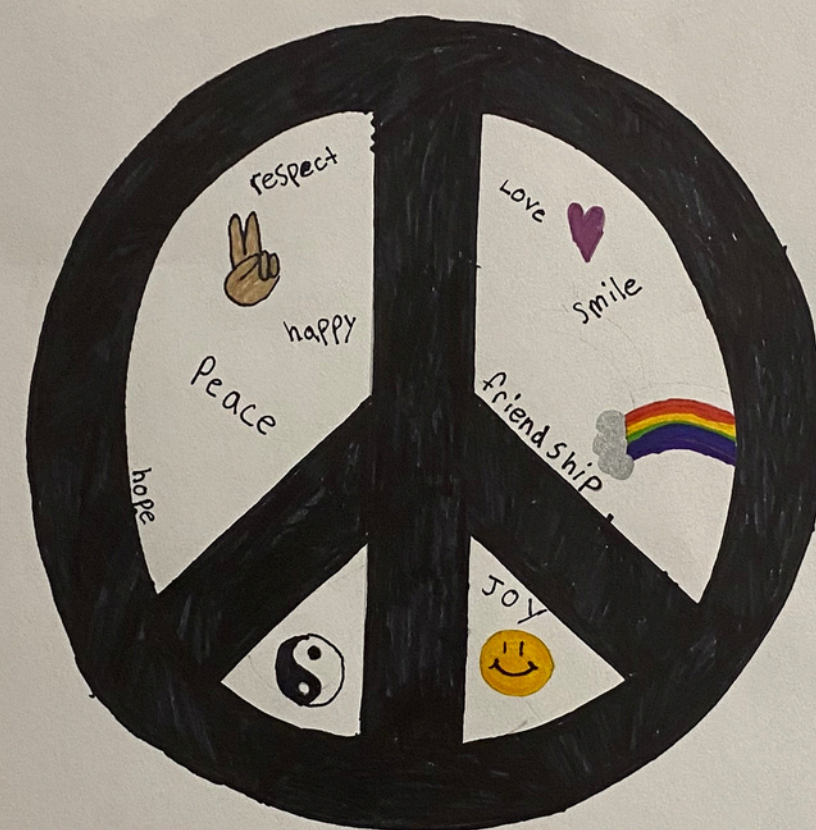
THIRD PLACE COUNTYWIDE

# Ily Howe

School: Lake George Central School

Grade: 4

Stay Positive  
Like Me,



Be Tobacco  
Free!



# First Place Winners

## Participating Schools

ABRAHAM WING ELEMENTARY  
BIG CROSS ELEMENTARY  
BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GLENS FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
JACKSON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY  
JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
LAKE GEORGE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
NORTH WARREN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
WILLIAM H. BARTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



# Molly Pratt

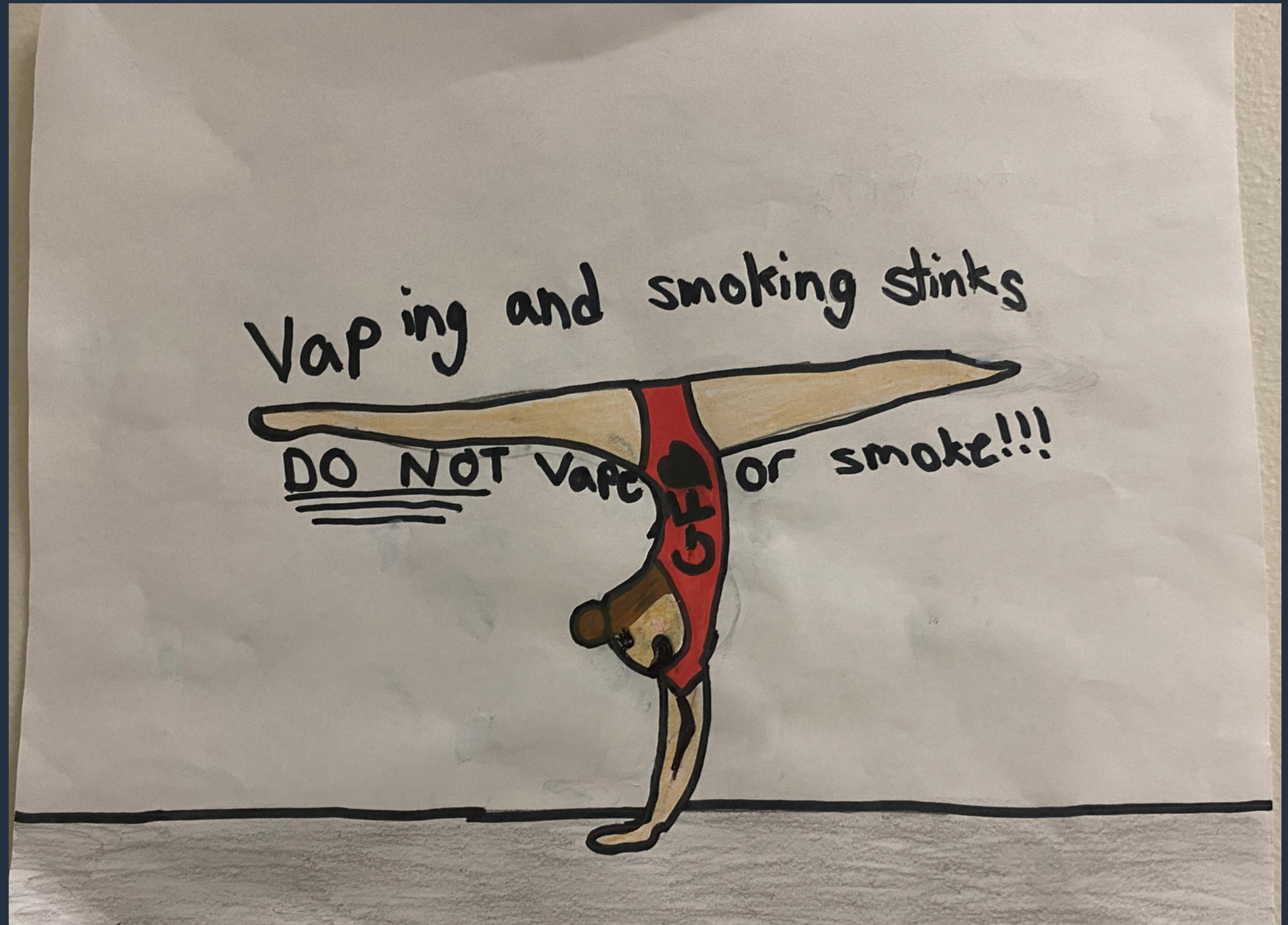
School: Abraham Wing Elementary  
Grade: 4





# Ava Perry

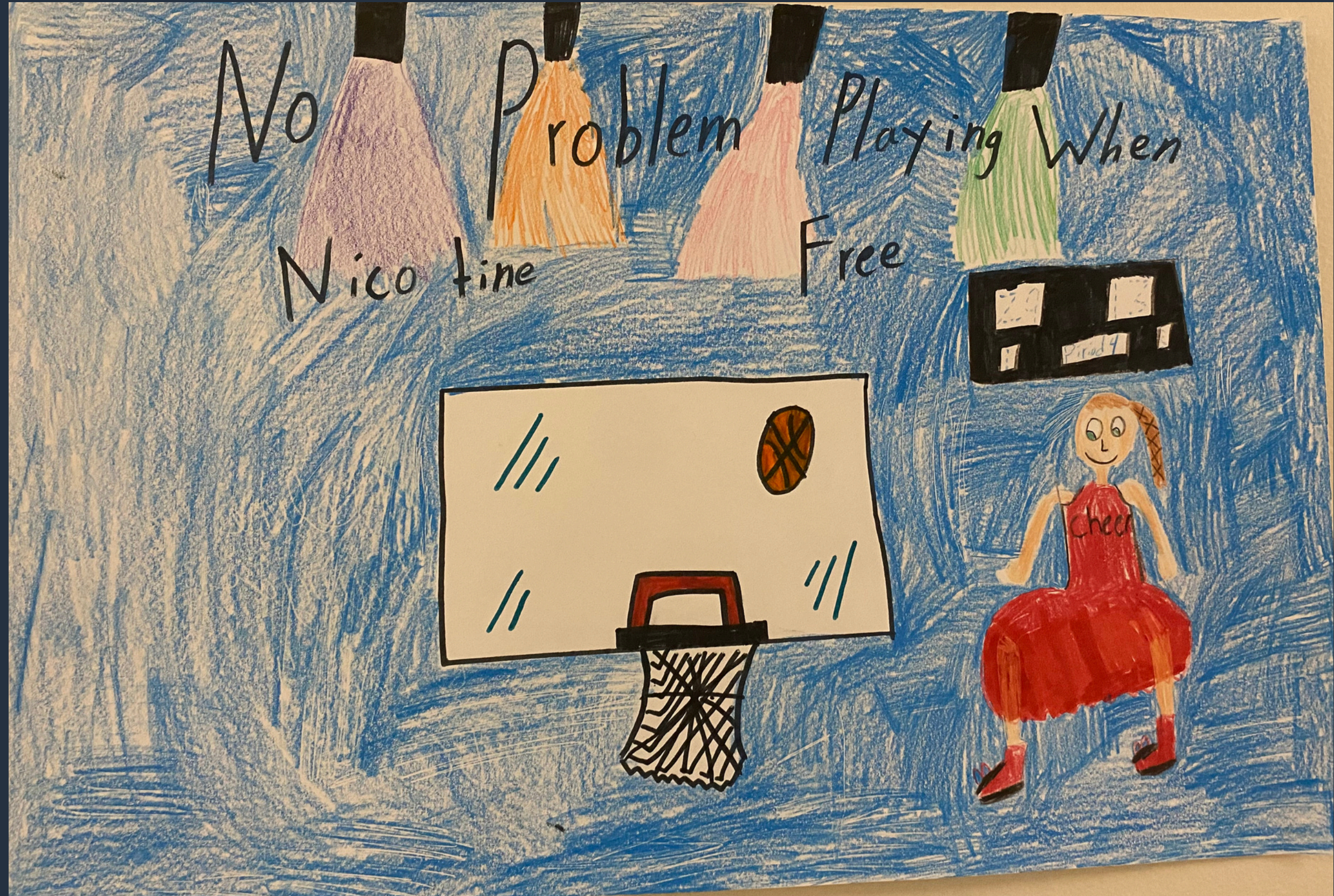
School: Big Cross Elementary  
Grade: 4





# Adeline Sawyer

School: Bolton Central School  
Grade: 4

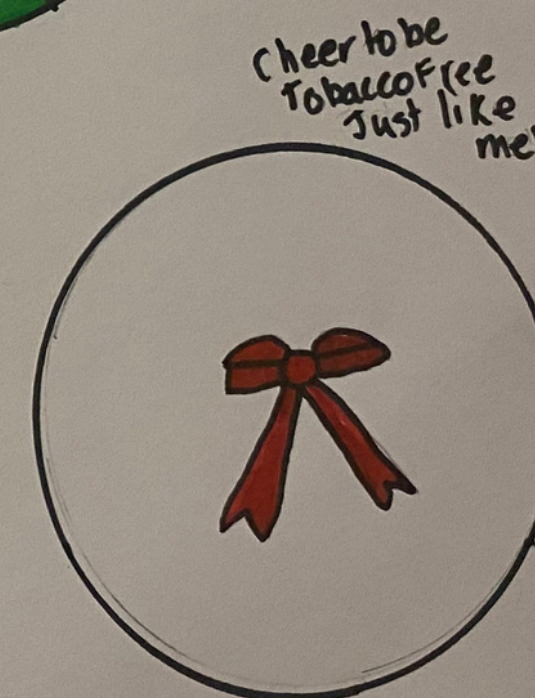
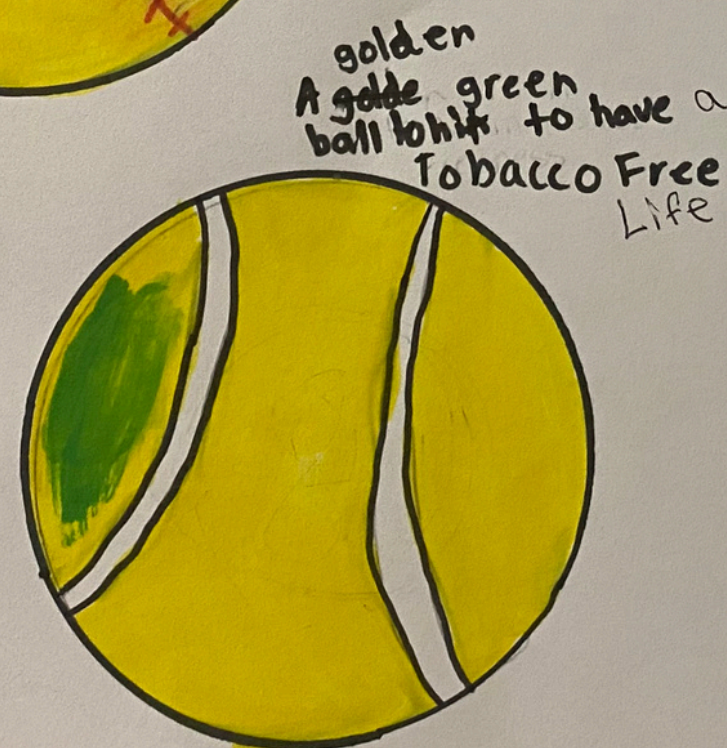
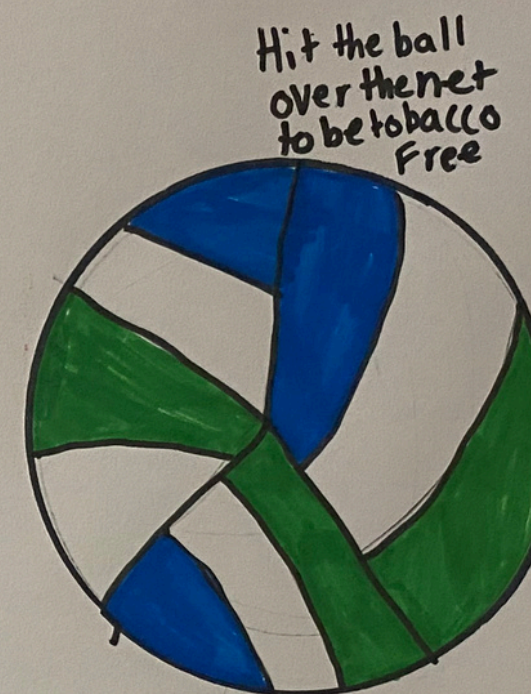
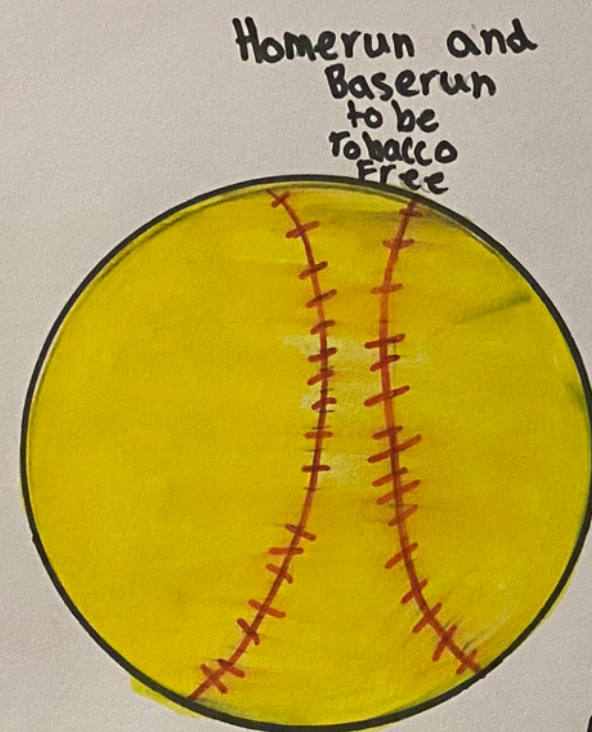




# Addalynn Brayman

School: Bolton Central School

Grade: 5





# Alexis Stillman

School: Glens Falls Middle School  
Grade: 5





# Sadie Bartholf

School: Jackson Heights Elementary  
Grade: 4





# Kinleigh Lawrence

School: Johnsbury Central School  
Grade: 4





# Adelaide Davenport

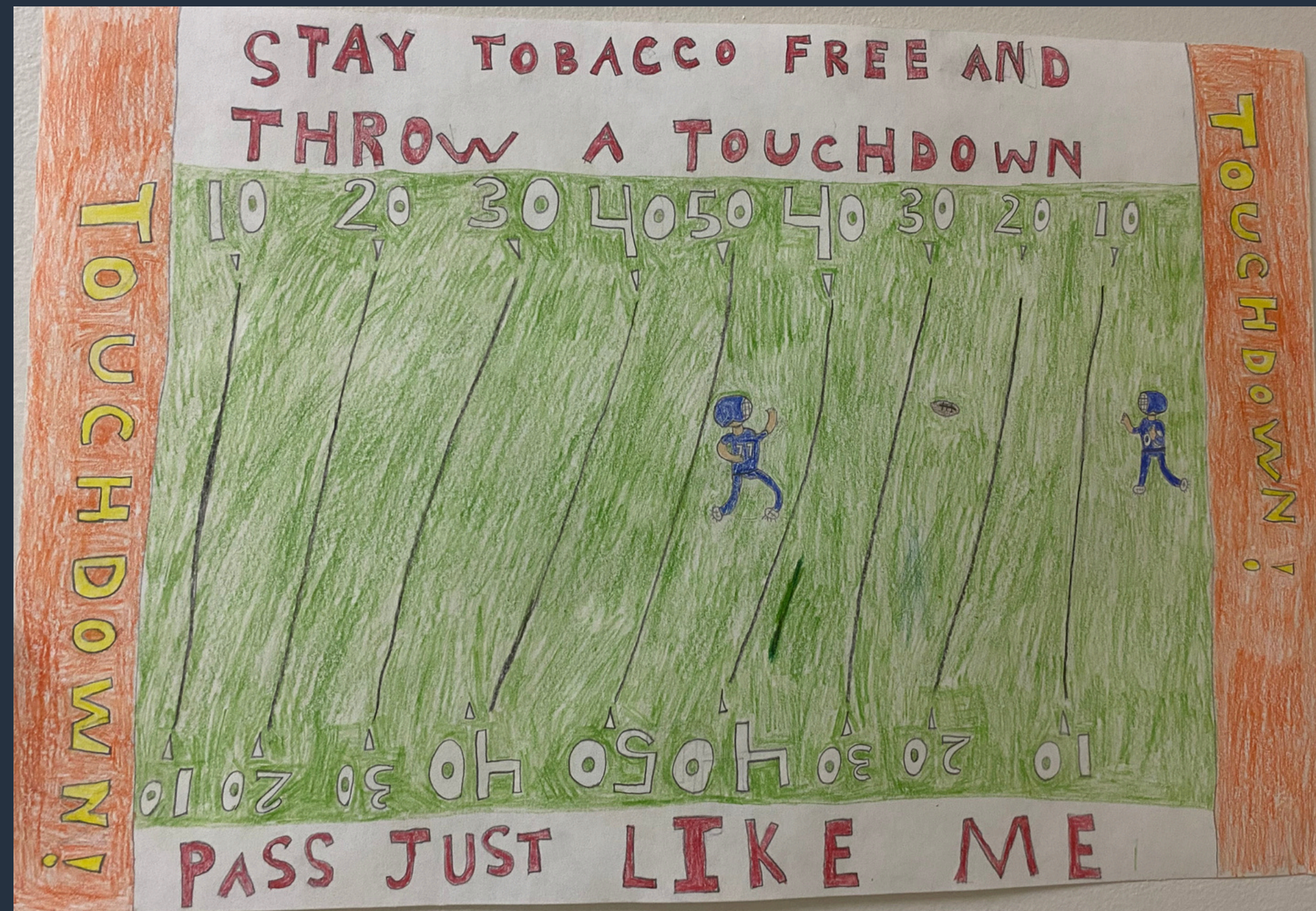
School: Lake George Central School  
Grade: 5





# Easton Burke

School: North Warren Central School  
Grade: 4

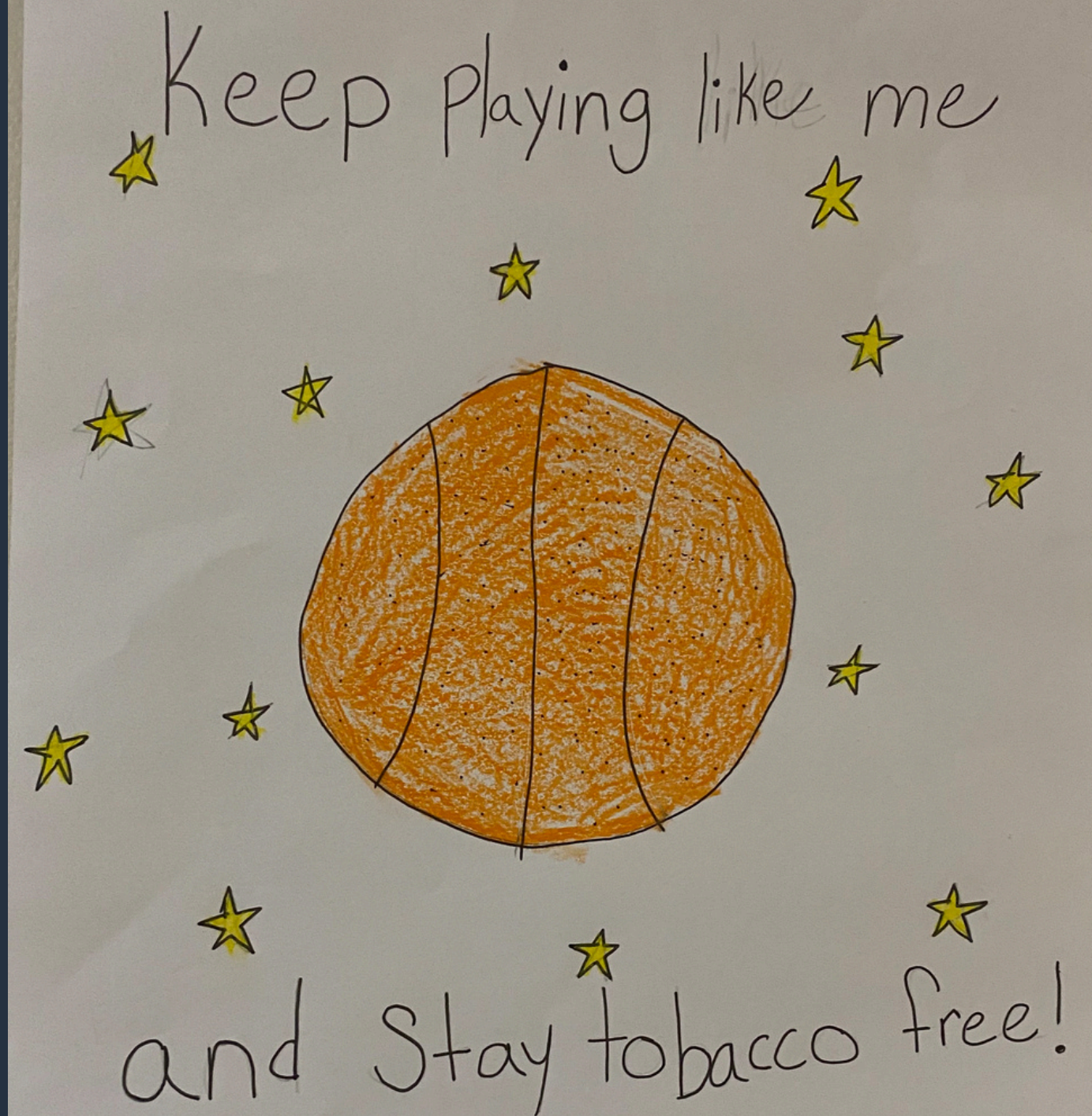




# Adaline Raymond

School: North Warren Central School

Grade: 5





# Kennedy Dean

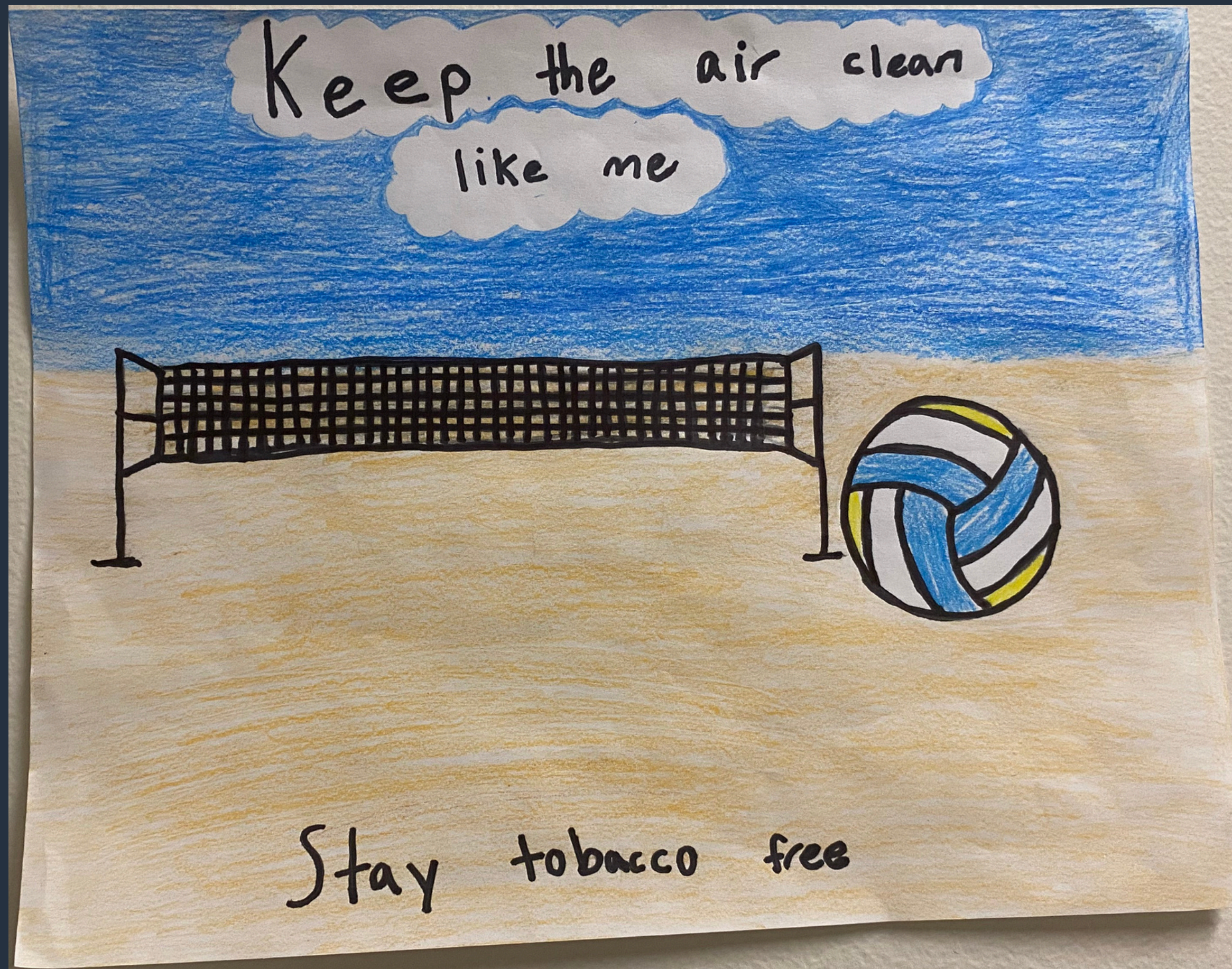
School: William H. Barton Intermediate School  
Grade: 4





# Abigail Mahoney

School: William H. Barton Intermediate School  
Grade: 5





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