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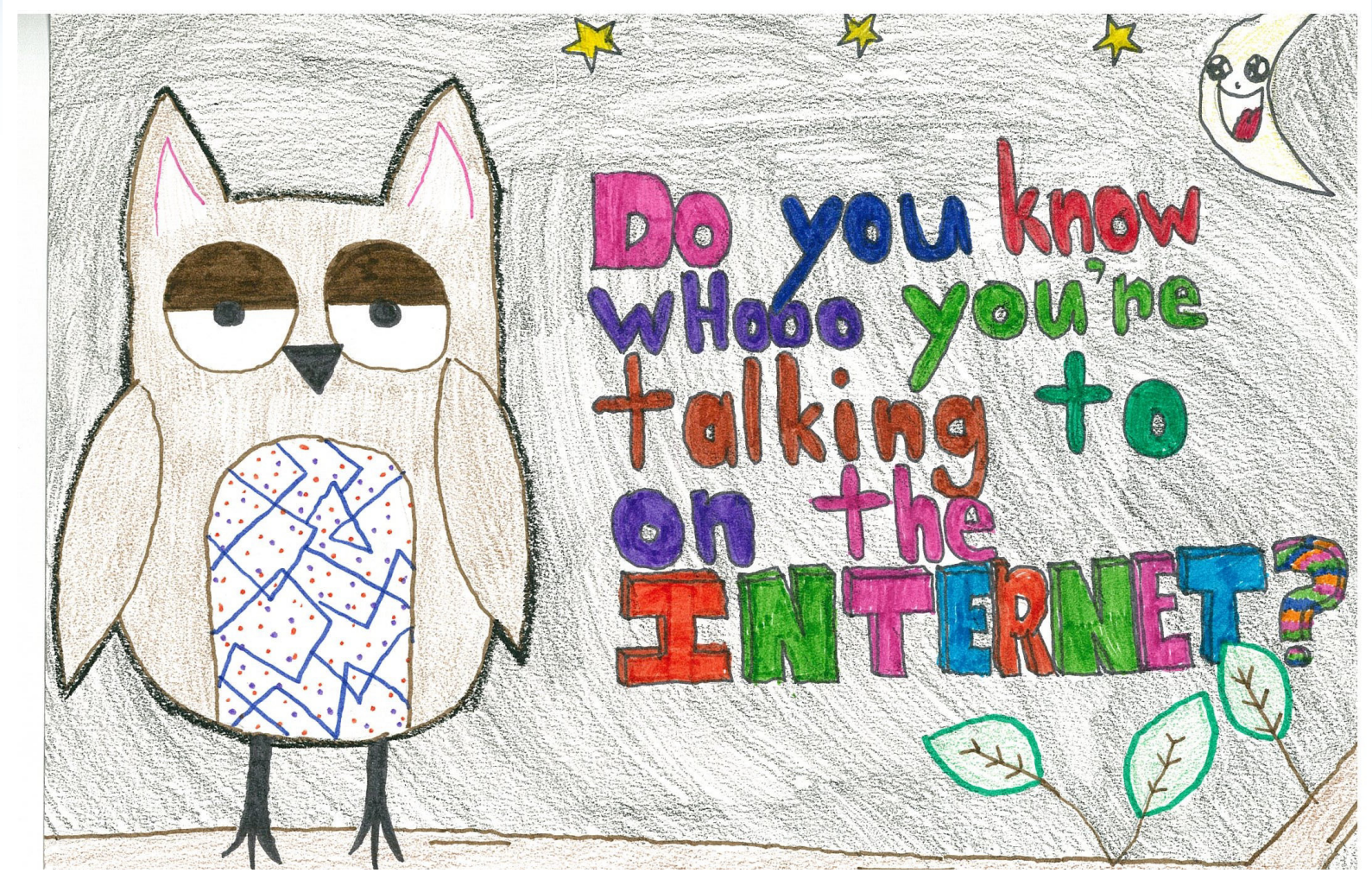

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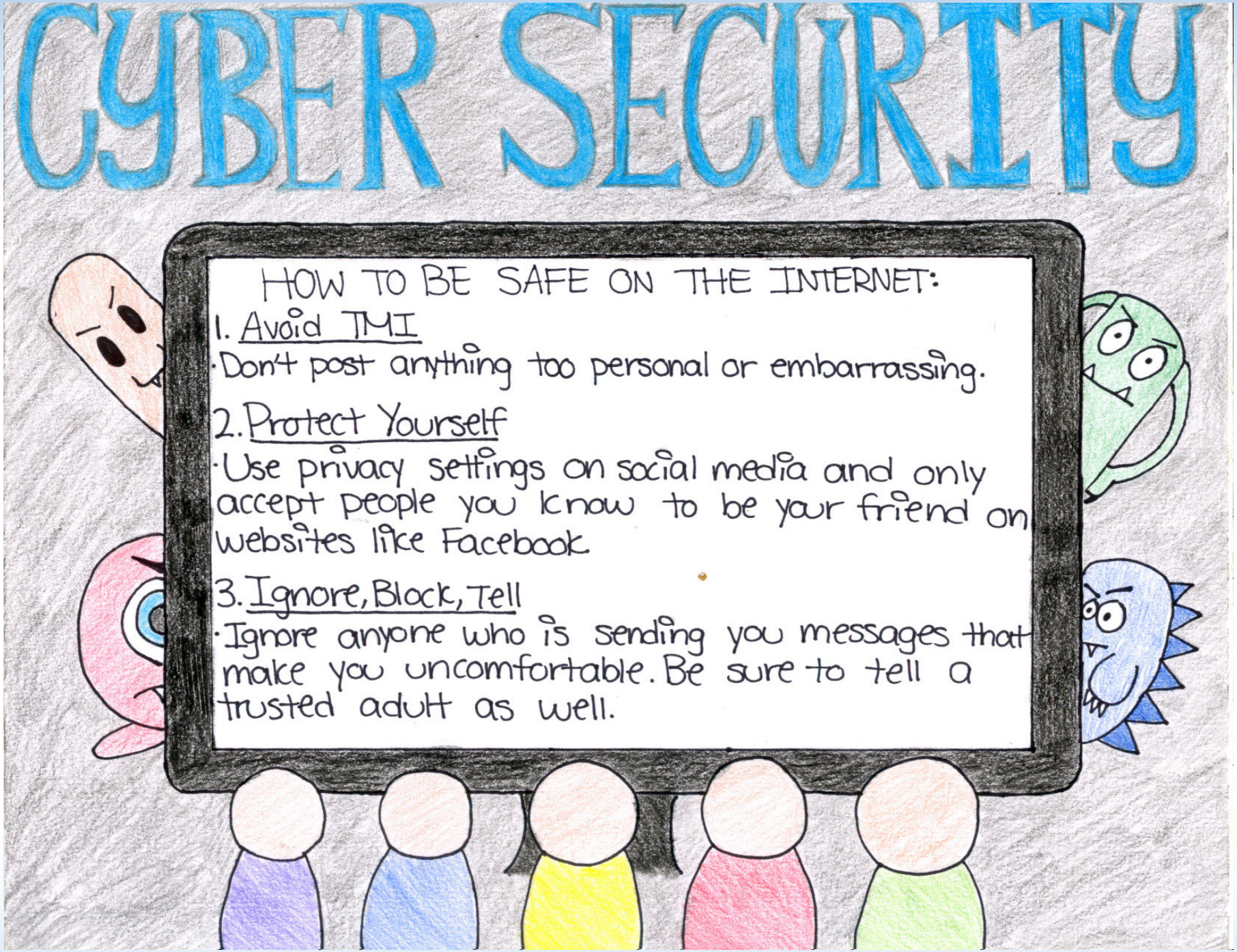

Alexa, Grade 9
State of New Jersey

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The New Year is here! Did you get a new computer or mobile device as a gift? Make sure it is properly protected by installing anti-virus and anti-spyware software, enabling your firewall, and implementing automatic updates on all of your software. More tips are available on our website at www.cisecurity.org					1 *New Years Day*	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 *Be sure to have a firewall installed and enabled on your computer.*	9
10	11	12 *Microsoft Patch Tuesday*	13	14	15	16
17	18 *Martin Luther King Day*	19	20 *Secure your wireless network.*	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 *Be aware that public computers and public wireless networks are not secure.*	29	30
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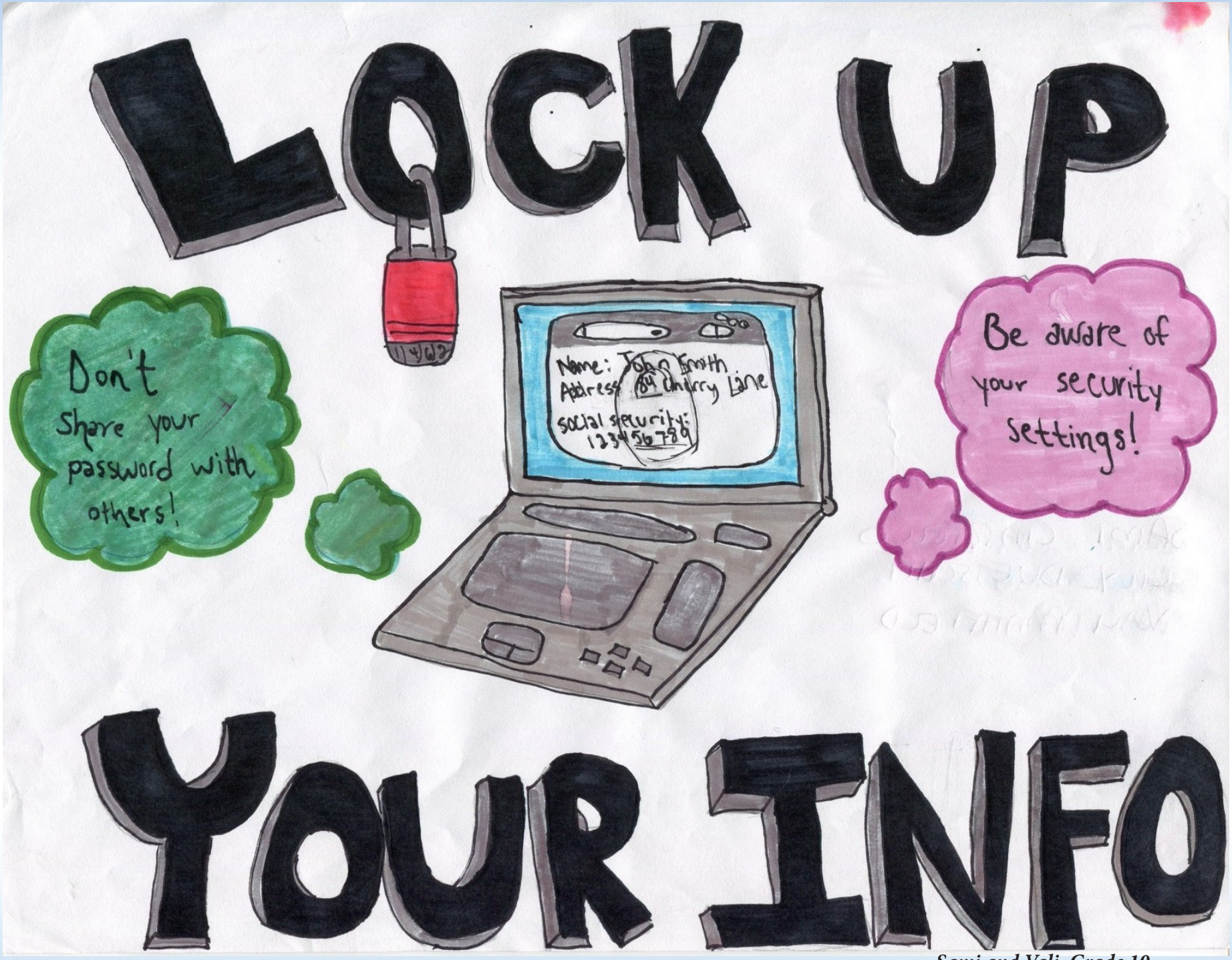

Sami and Vali, Grade 10
State of New Jersey

February 2016

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Valentine's Day is just around the corner and we all know what that means: red roses and heart-shaped boxes… but it can also mean viruses and scams. Hackers will use any holiday or special event to infect as many users as possible through social engineering techniques. To learn how to recognize and avoid scams, visit the CIS website at www.cisecurity.org.						
	1	2	3	4	5 *Learn how to use your smartphone securely.*	6
7	8	9 *Microsoft Patch Tuesday*	10	11	12	13
14 *Not every valentine is filled with sweet words or candy. Don't fall for phishing tricks.*	15 *President's Day*	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 *Sign up to receive the CIS Monthly Newsletters at http://msisac.cisecurity.org*	26	27
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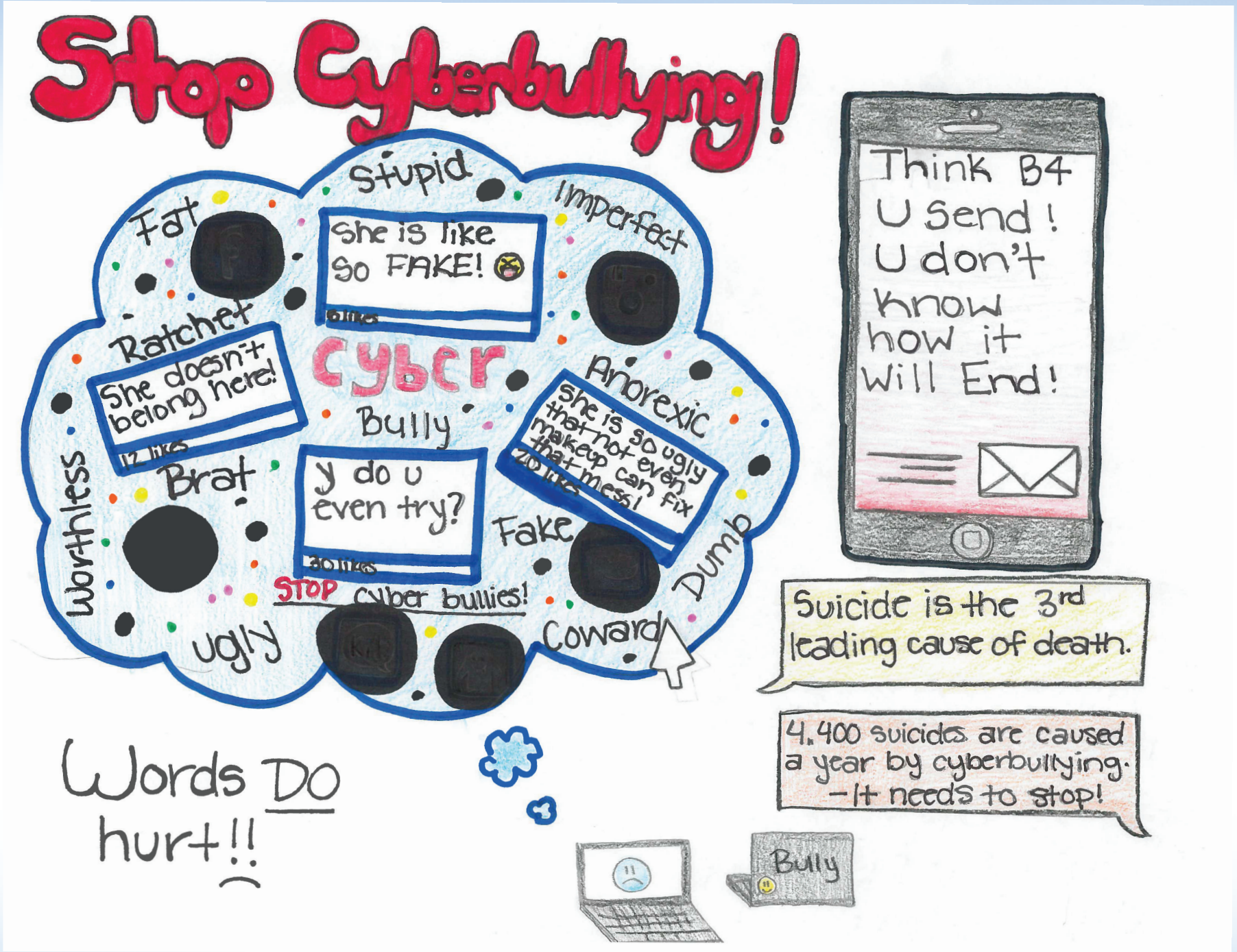

Jasmine, Grade 8
State of Ohio

March 2016

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		1	2	3	4 *Never use a public computer at hotels, libraries, or other public places to log in to an account.*	5
6	7	8 *Microsoft Patch Tuesday*	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 *Be aware of tax related scams.*	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 *Keep informed about the latest threats: sign up to receive CIS Advisories at http://msisac.cisecurity.org*	25	26
27	28	29	30 *Think before you click.*	31		

Spring is here! Spring into action and perform some basic maintenance on your computer. Think about installing security patches, updating your antivirus software, running a "deep scan" of your system and changing your passwords.

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Tyheem, Grade 12
State of New Jersey

April 2016

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Beware on April Fool's Day! The spammers know they have a better chance of getting their messages across on this date especially if they have "April Fool" in the subject line.					1 ***April Fools' Day***	2
3	4	5	6	7 ***Don't reveal too much information online.***	8	9
10	11	12 ***Microsoft Patch Tuesday***	13	14	15 ***Tax Day***	16
17	18	19	20 ***Make sure you see the "lock" icon on the browser status bar before submitting sensitive information.***	21	22	23
24	25 ***Make sure all information is wiped from your mobile device before discarding it.***	26	27	28	29	30

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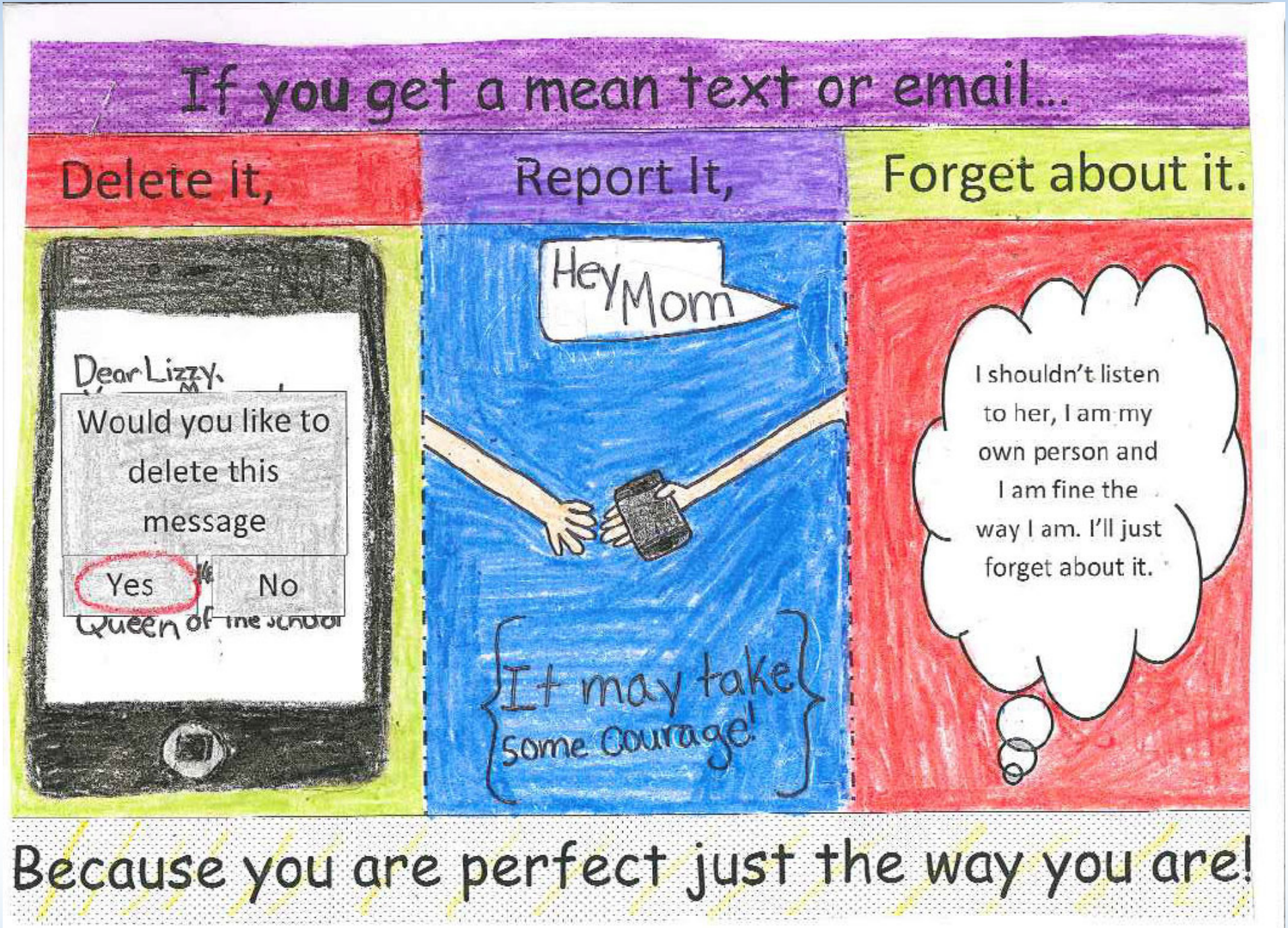

Grace, Grade 5
State of Minnesota

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 *Tell children to never arrange an in-person meeting with someone they meet online.*	6	7
8 *Mother's Day*	9 *Keep the children's computer in a central and open location in your home.*	10 *Microsoft Patch Tuesday*	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 *Supervise computer access for children and monitor the types of sites they visit.*	21
22	23 *Teach children not to post or share personal information.*	24	25	26	27	28 *Teach children not to respond to cyber bullies.*
29	30 *Memorial Day*	31				

Be careful this Memorial Day! Scammers have been known to target victims on this holiday, offering things like military discounts for rental/lease properties, military loans and insurance policies. Do your homework before making any payments or donations, and be cautious about clicking on links in unsolicited emails from untrusted or unknown senders.

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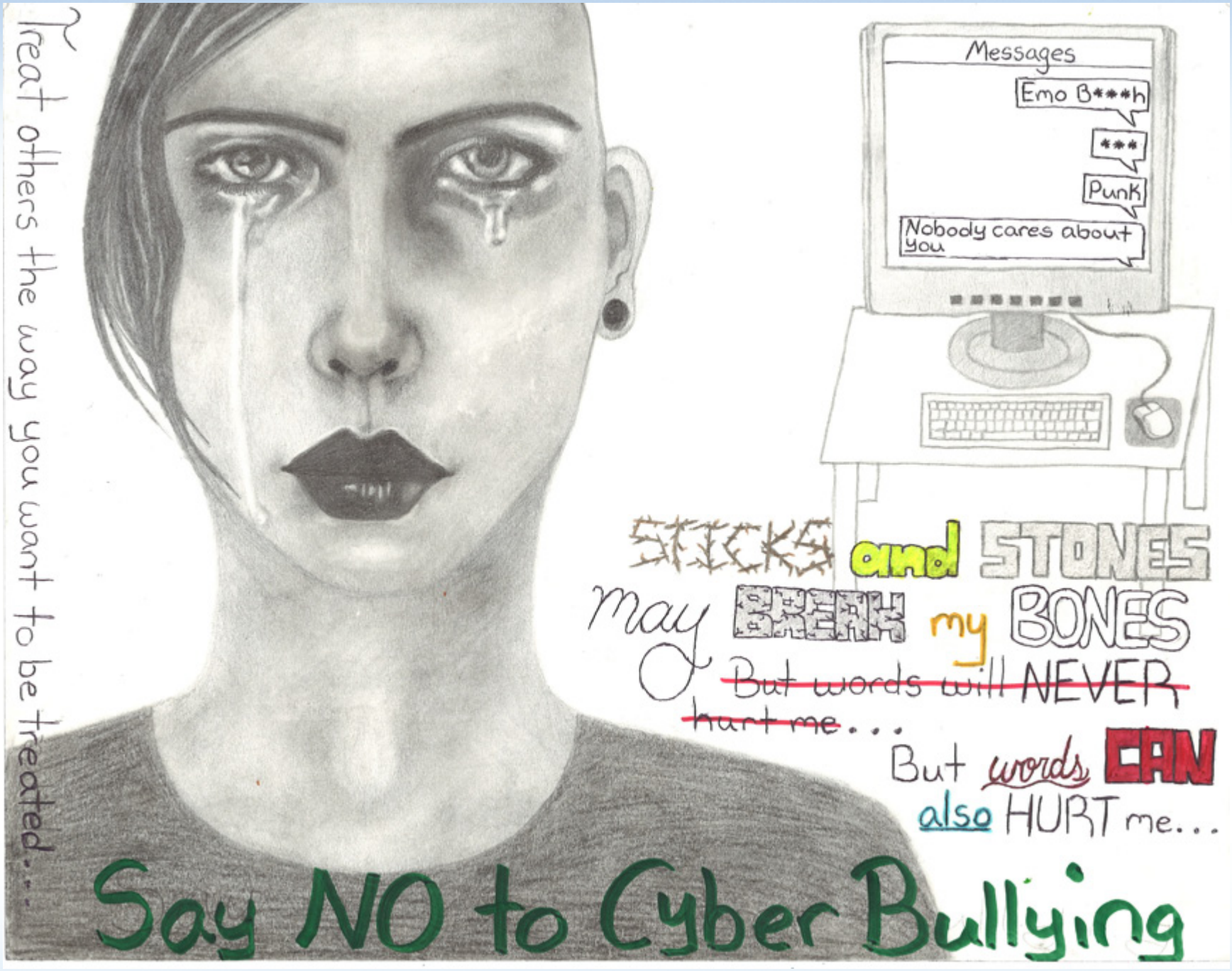

Diana, Grade 11
State of New Jersey

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Summer vacation time is here, and kids are out of school. Talk about online safety with your kids, sit with them and join in their digital activities, provide guidance, and keep communication open and positive. Ask them to show you the sites they visit, pages they create,			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 ***Use good cyber ethics when using the Internet.***	11
12	13	14 ***Microsoft Patch Tuesday***	15	16	17 ***Check that your antivirus software is updated and in good working order.***	18
19 ***Father's Day***	20	21	22	23 ***Enable automatic screenlock on your laptop and smartphone using a strong password.***	24	25
26	27 ***Don't leave your computer or device unattended in public locations.***	28	29	30		

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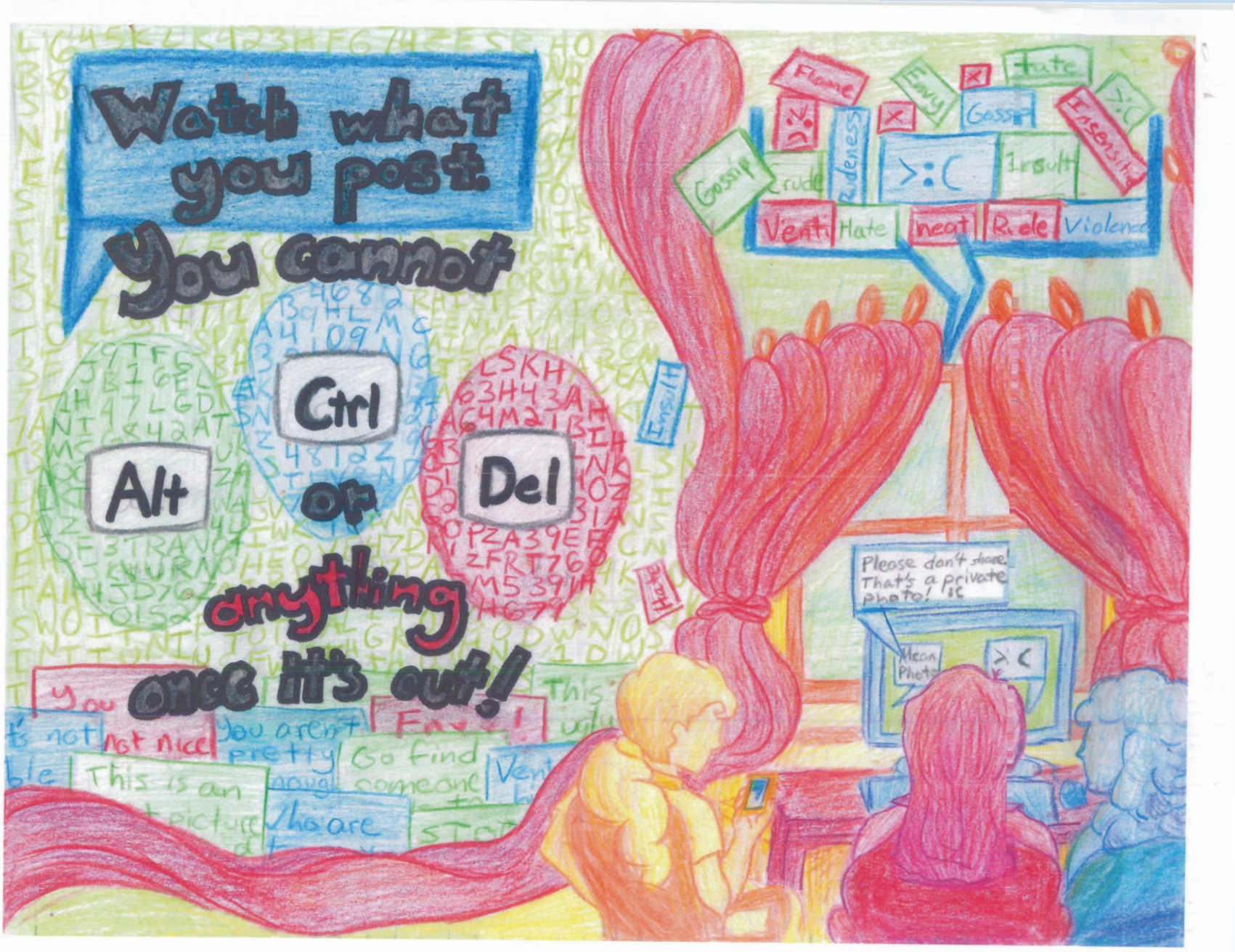

Abigail, Grade 11
State of Virginia

July 2016

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Traveling for the July 4th weekend, or a vacation this summer? Learn how to protect your information on the go. Visit CIS at www.cisecurity.org to learn some tips.					1	2
3	4 *Independence Day*	5	6 *Do not email sensitive data. Beware of emails requesting personal information.*	7	8	9
10 *If you're unsure that a file or program is safe, scan it for malware before you open or install it.*	11	12 *Microsoft Patch Tuesday*	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 *Lock or shutdown your computer before you walk away from it.*
24	25	26 *Manage your digital footprint. Know what is posted online about you.*	27	28	29	30
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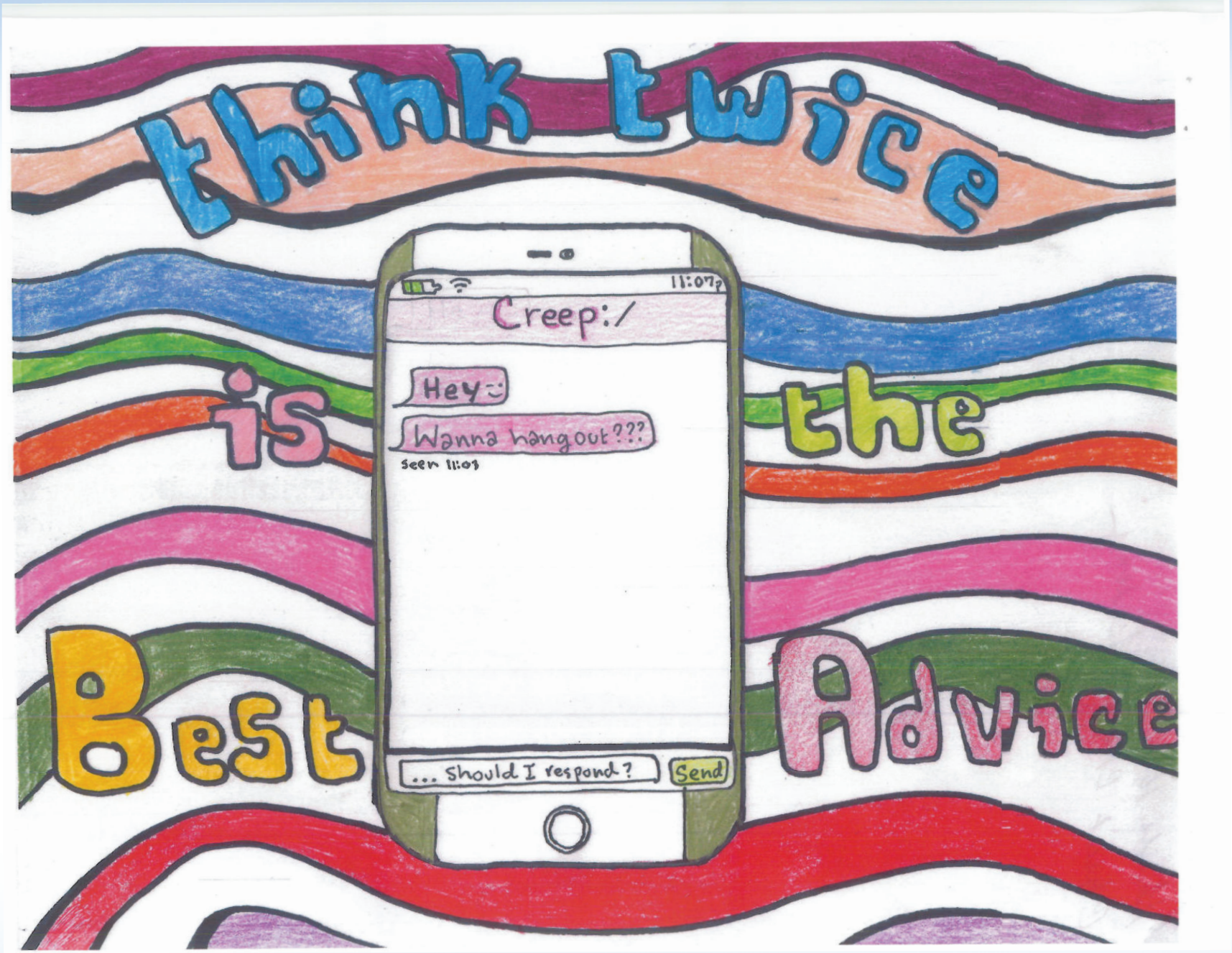

Joel, Grade 10
State of Virginia

August 2016

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Are your kids headed back to school? It may be time to purchase their school books, pencils and pens. But one more thing to do is educate them about online security and privacy.						
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7	8	9 *Microsoft Patch Tuesday*	10	11	12	13 *Be cautious of attachments and only open those that you were expecting.*
14	15	16	17 *Make sure your child's computer and devices are updated with security software.*	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 *Make sure kids know they should talk to a trusted adult when they feel uncomfortable online.*	27
28	29 *Sign up to receive CIS Monthly Cyber Tips Newsletter at http://msisac.cisecurity.org*	30	31			

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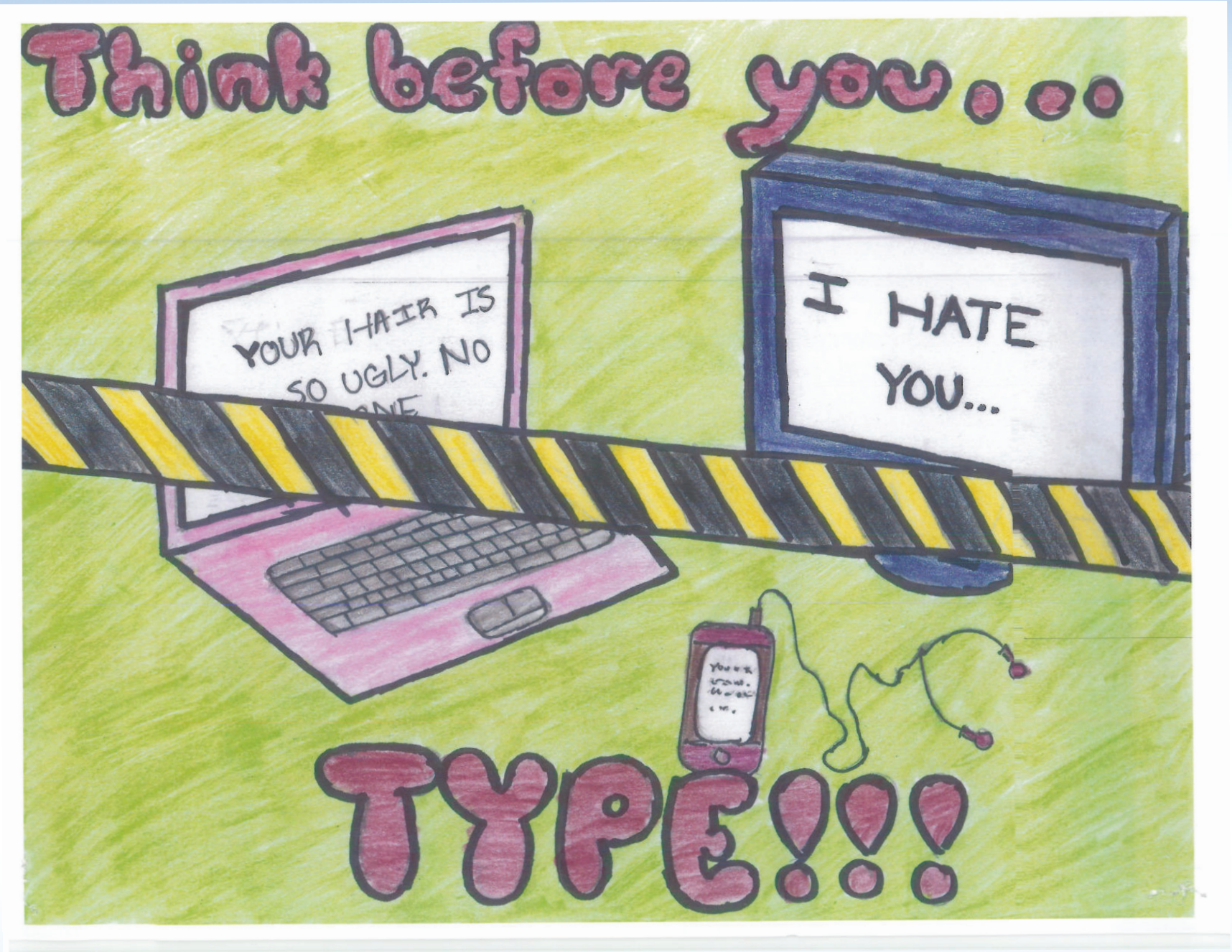

Naana, Grade 8
State of Virginia

September 2016

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Your mobile device often contains lot of personal information, including your contacts, emails, financial account information, etc. Learn how to keep it protected by visiting www.cisecurity.org				1	2	3
4	5 *Labor Day*	6	7	8	9 *Be careful when using file sharing. Trojans or other malicious software can hide within file sharing programs.*	10
11	12	13 *Microsoft Patch Tuesday*	14	15 *Keep your systems updated with the latest patches.*	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 *Secure your instant messaging application.*
25	26	27	28	29 *Don't fall for phishing scams.*	30	

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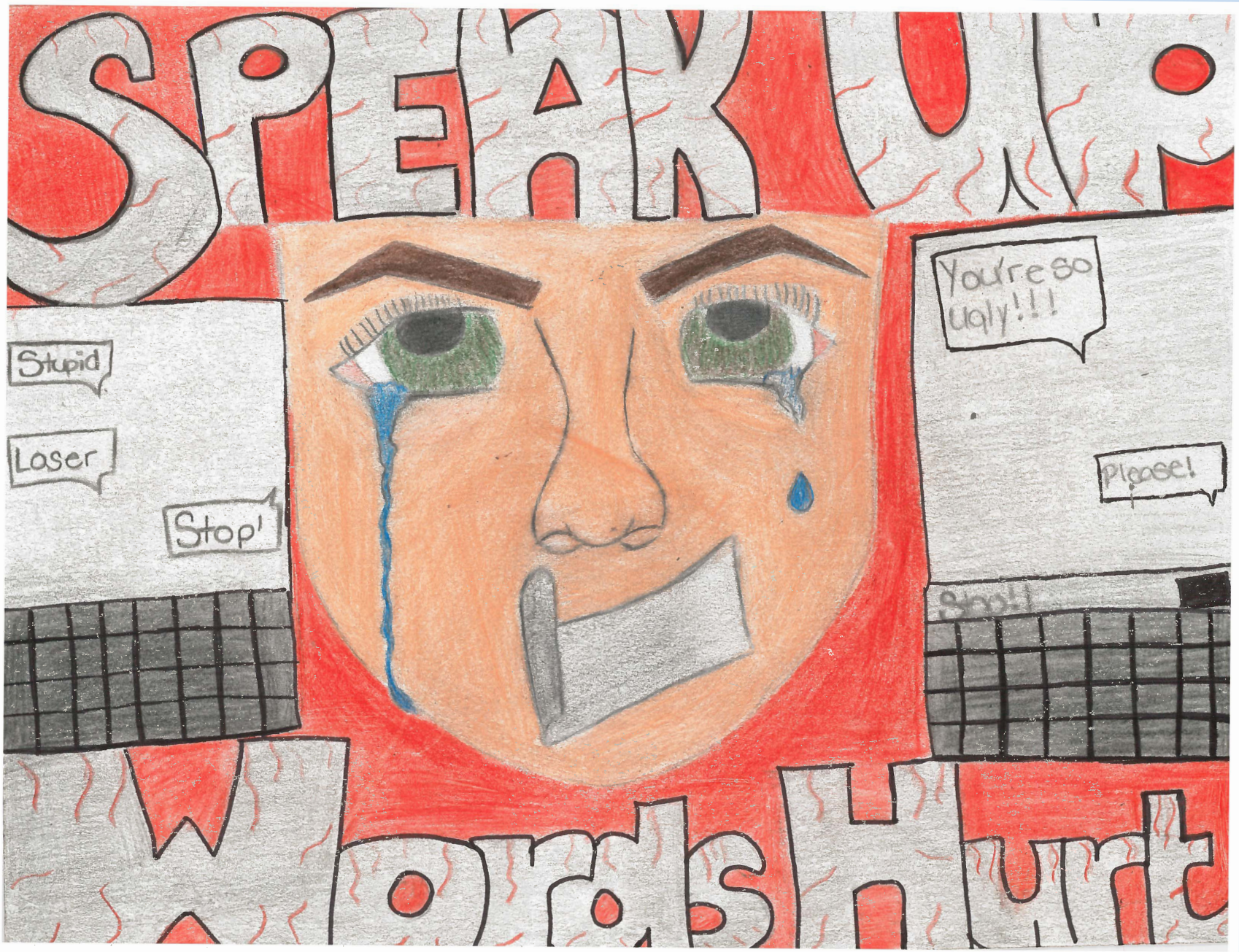

Faith, Grade 12
State of Ohio

October 2016

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Happy Cyber Security Awareness Month! **How are you celebrating the month and keeping your friends and family safe? Need some ideas? Visit www.cisecurity.org to access our awareness resources.**						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 *What have you done to be more cyber aware?*	8
9	10 *Columbus Day*	11 *Microsoft Patch Tuesday*	12	13 *Practice good cyber hygiene.*	14	15
16	17 *Discuss security awareness with your family, friends, and colleagues*	18	19	20	21 *You can create a strong password by using capital letters, numbers, and special characters.*	22
23	24	25	26 *Shred confidential information when disposing.*	27	28	29
30	31 *Halloween* *Don't be tricked into giving out personal information.*					

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Be Safe on the Internet

Log off your accounts!

Don't give your passwords away!

Put your things on Private!

Keep your social circle safe!

Marc, Grade 5
State of New Jersey

November 2016

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Before you start your holiday shopping, remember to update your operating system and applications and change your passwords		1	2	3 *Stay informed about the latest threats, sign up to receive CIS Advisories at http://msisac.cisecurity.org*	4	5
6 *Always read a website's privacy policy before giving out any personal information.*	7	8 ***Election Day*** *Microsoft Patch Tuesday*	9	10	11 ***Veteran's Day***	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 *Know who you are talking to online.*
20	21	22	23	24 ***Thanksgiving Day***	25 *Tell your child not to share passwords with anyone but you.*	26
27	28 ***Cyber Monday*** *Do not use public computers or public Wi-Fi for your online shopping.*	29	30			

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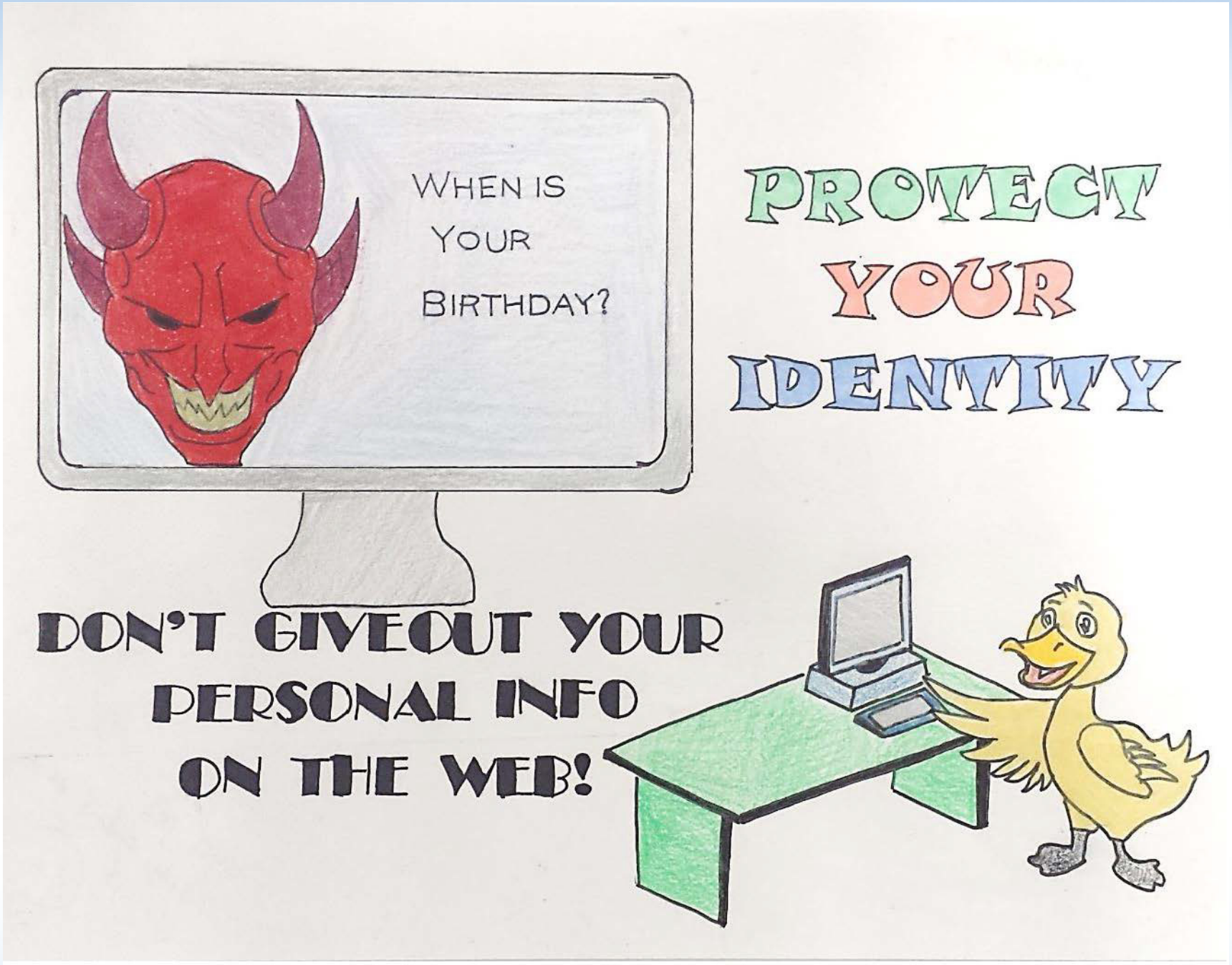

Sam, Grade 8
State of New Jersey

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				1	2 *Do not respond to email solicitations claiming to be from a charity. Instead contact the charity directly.*	3
4	5	6	7 *Be cautious when shopping online.*	8	9	10
11	12	13 *Microsoft Patch Tuesday*	14	15	16	17 *Establish limits for children. Determine which online sites they may visit and for how long.*
18	19	20	21	22	23 *Use strong passwords on computers and devices.*	24
25 *Christmas Day*	26	27	28	29 *Pre-approve the pictures and videos your child posts online.*	30	31

Did you take any pictures with your family and friends this holiday season? Let's back them up, along with any other important information on your computer in case of a virus, hard disk failure, or natural disasters.

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This Cyber Security Calendar was developed as part of that effort.

Each year, the MS-ISAC conducts a children's cyber security poster contest to encourage students, parents and educators to participate in cyber security awareness. Each state is encouraged to conduct its own contest; the winning state submissions are entered into the national MS-ISAC contest, and those winners are included in this Cyber Security Calendar.

More information about the poster contest can be found at:
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