

# 2018 "TAR WARS" TOBACCO FREE EDUCATION PROGRAM



**A partnership between Warren County Public Health, The American Academy of Family Physicians and our Local Schools**

# SOME TOBACCO STATS

- ▶ Tobacco remains the number one cause of preventable deaths in the US killing more than 480,000 deaths annually (including deaths from secondhand smoke) (source cdc.gov)
- ▶ Smoking rates among High School students in NYS has dropped by 84% from 2000-2016 an all-time low (NYSDOH).
- ▶ In Warren County 23% of adults smoke. This is higher than both NYS and National smoking averages.
- ▶ Every year smoking costs NYS: \$10.4 billion in health care, of which more than a third (\$3.3 billion) is paid for by Medicaid. It also costs billions of dollars more in lost workplace productivity.

# TIMES ARE CHANGING AND SO IS BIG TOBACCO

- ▶ Although smoking rates among our adults remain steady the lower rates among teens and young adults is promising for Public Health.
- ▶ However big tobacco also sees this trend and is adapting to the changing perception of traditional tobacco.
- ▶ ENDS (electronic nicotine delivery system) products have become the next big marketplace for the tobacco industry to try and profit at the expense of our youth.
- ▶ In New York State youth rates of ENDS use has doubled from 10.5% to 20.6% surpassing the use of most other forms of tobacco.

# PROBLEMS WITH ENDS PRODUCTS

- ▶ They are not well regulated and have varying concentrations of nicotine.
- ▶ They are just as addictive as regular tobacco and nicotine dependence harms brain development, causes anxiousness, irritability, trouble sleeping and concentration issues in teens.
- ▶ ENDS products have become an issue in schools because they are easily hidden, come in many designs and the vapor given off usually smells fruity, sweet or like other foods or perfume and doesn't stay visible long.
- ▶ ENDS products can also be used for illegal substances as well.



# WHAT CAN BE DONE

- ▶ Continue to fund traditional tobacco prevention programs.
- ▶ Increase regulations on ENDS manufacturers
- ▶ Increase the tobacco (including ENDS products) purchase age from 18 to 21 to keep tobacco out of schools.

**Did you know?** 5 States have raised their tobacco purchase age to 21? They include Oregon, California, Hawaii, Maine and New Jersey.

- ▶ In New York State 15 City, or County localities including New York City have raised the purchase age to 21. Locally Albany and Schenectady Counties.

There is no preemption language present in state law keeping localities from raising the Minimum Legal Sales Age (MLSA) to 21. Local governments are free to enact ordinances to better protect their kids from addiction.

BIG CROSS ELEMENTARY – COOPER IVES  
GRADE 4



BOLTON ELEMENTARY – RILEY HUCK  
GRADE 4





BOLTON ELEMENTARY – LAYNA WARD  
GRADE 5



# GLENS FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL – NORA MOYNIHAN GRADE 5



HADLEY LUZERNE ELEMENTARY – KITTELY VANGUILDER

GRADE 4

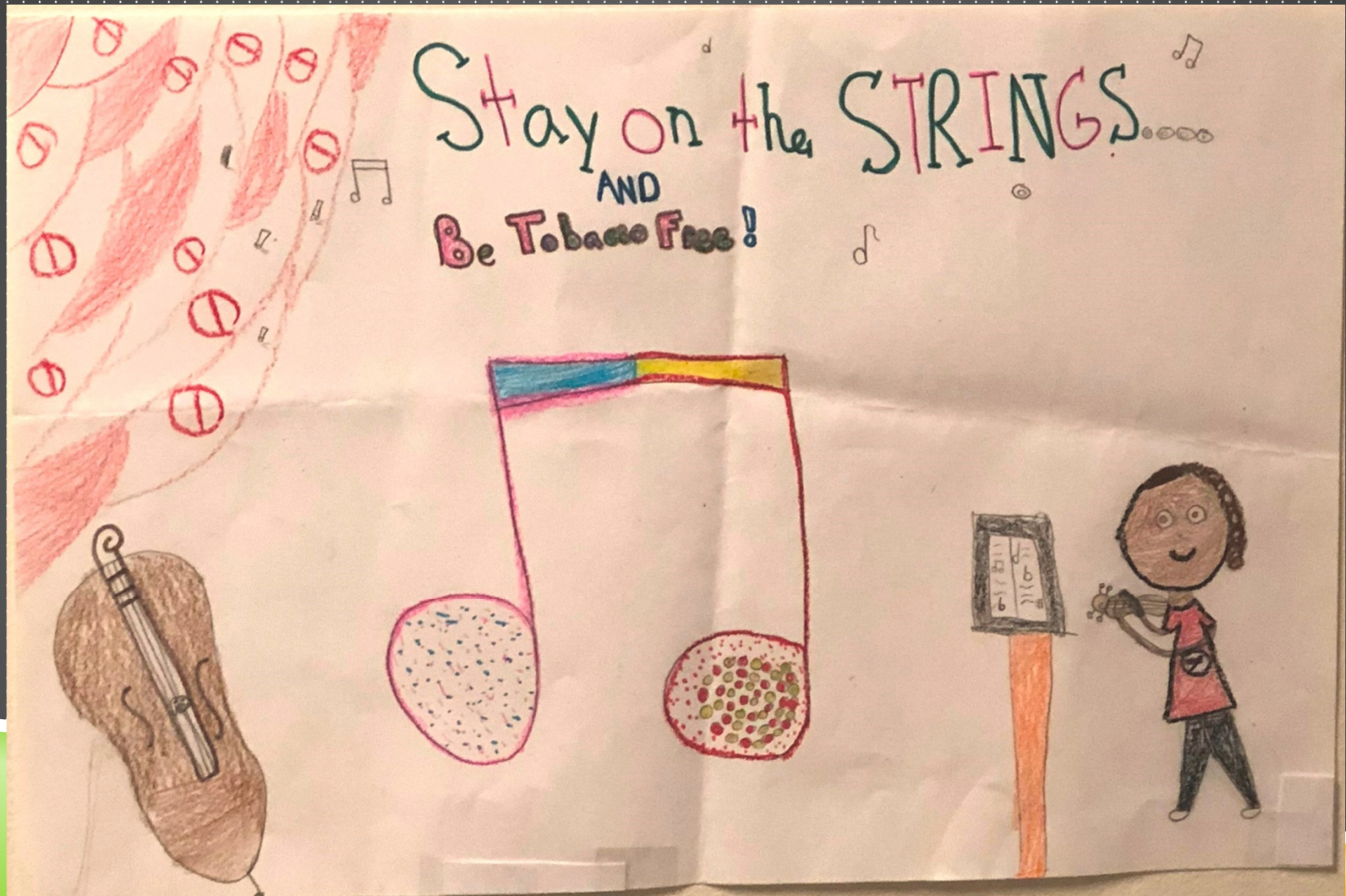
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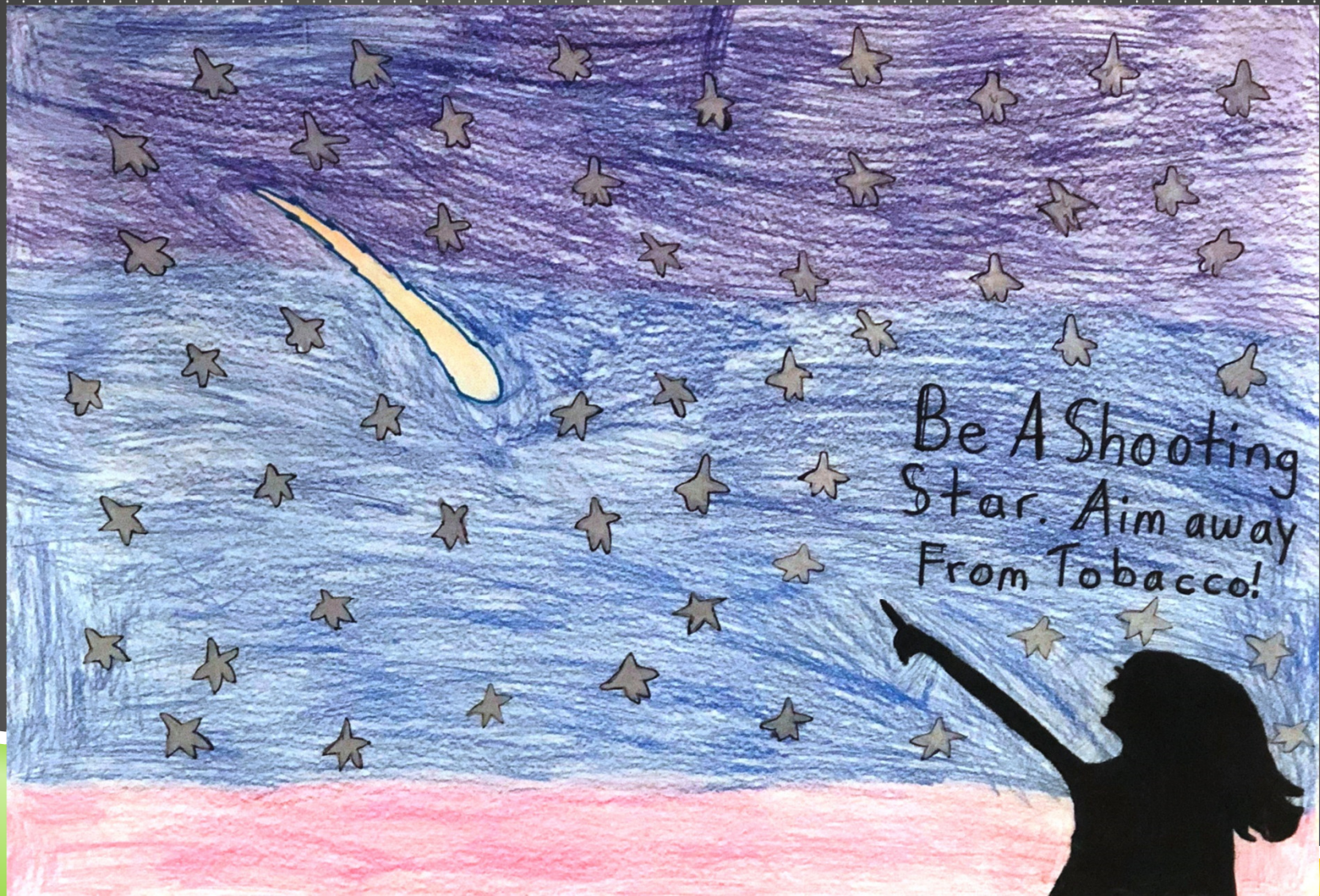
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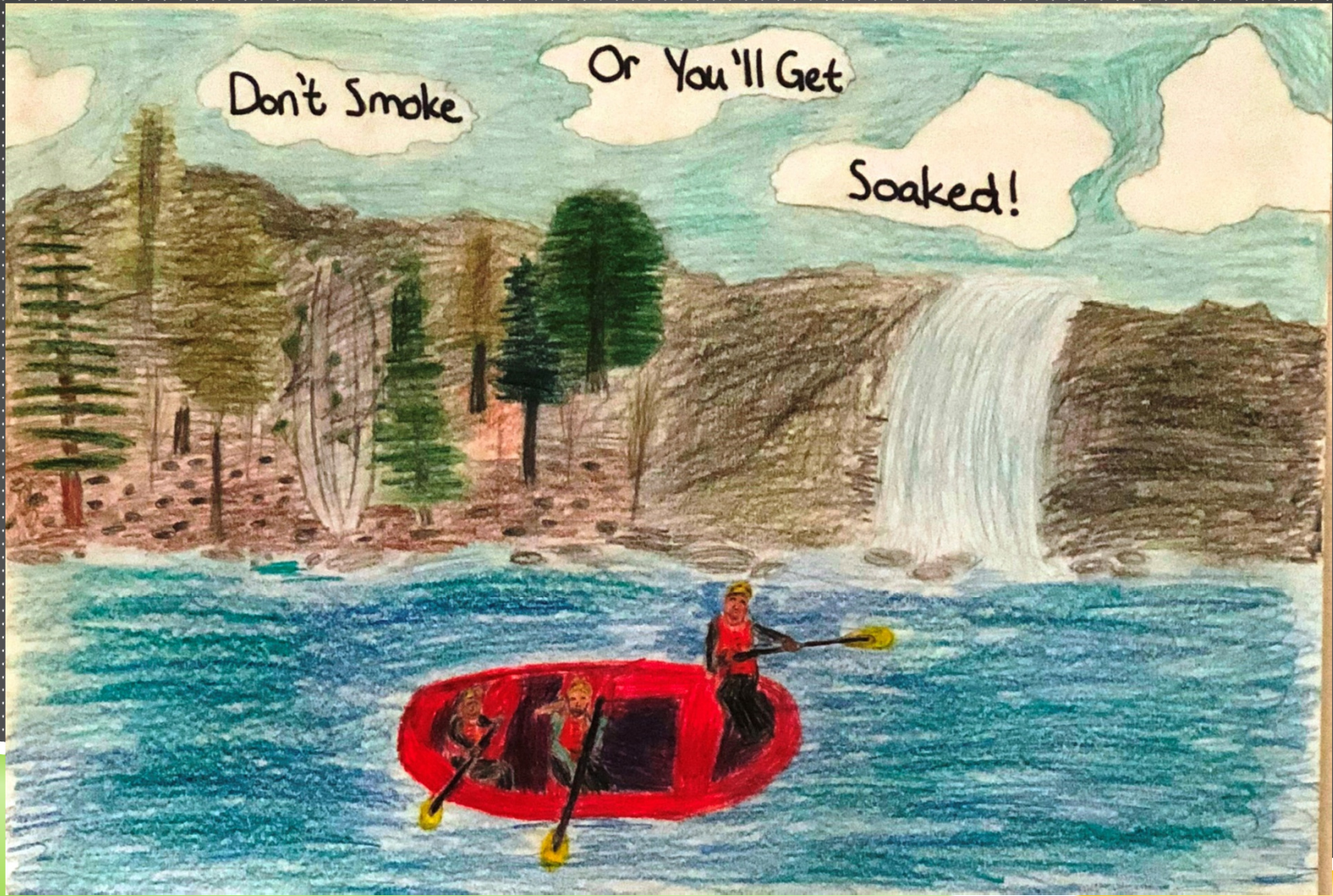
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# JOHNSBURG ELEMENTARY – HALEY MOSHER GRADE 4



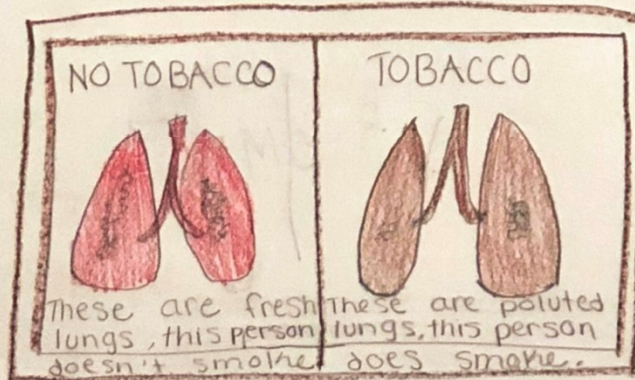
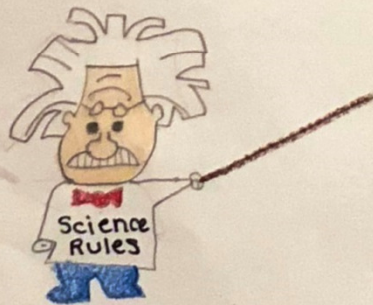
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GRADE 5



KENSINGTON ELEMENTARY – NATALIE ZACHAR  
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You Don't have to Be A Genius to know  
that TOBACCO Is Bad!

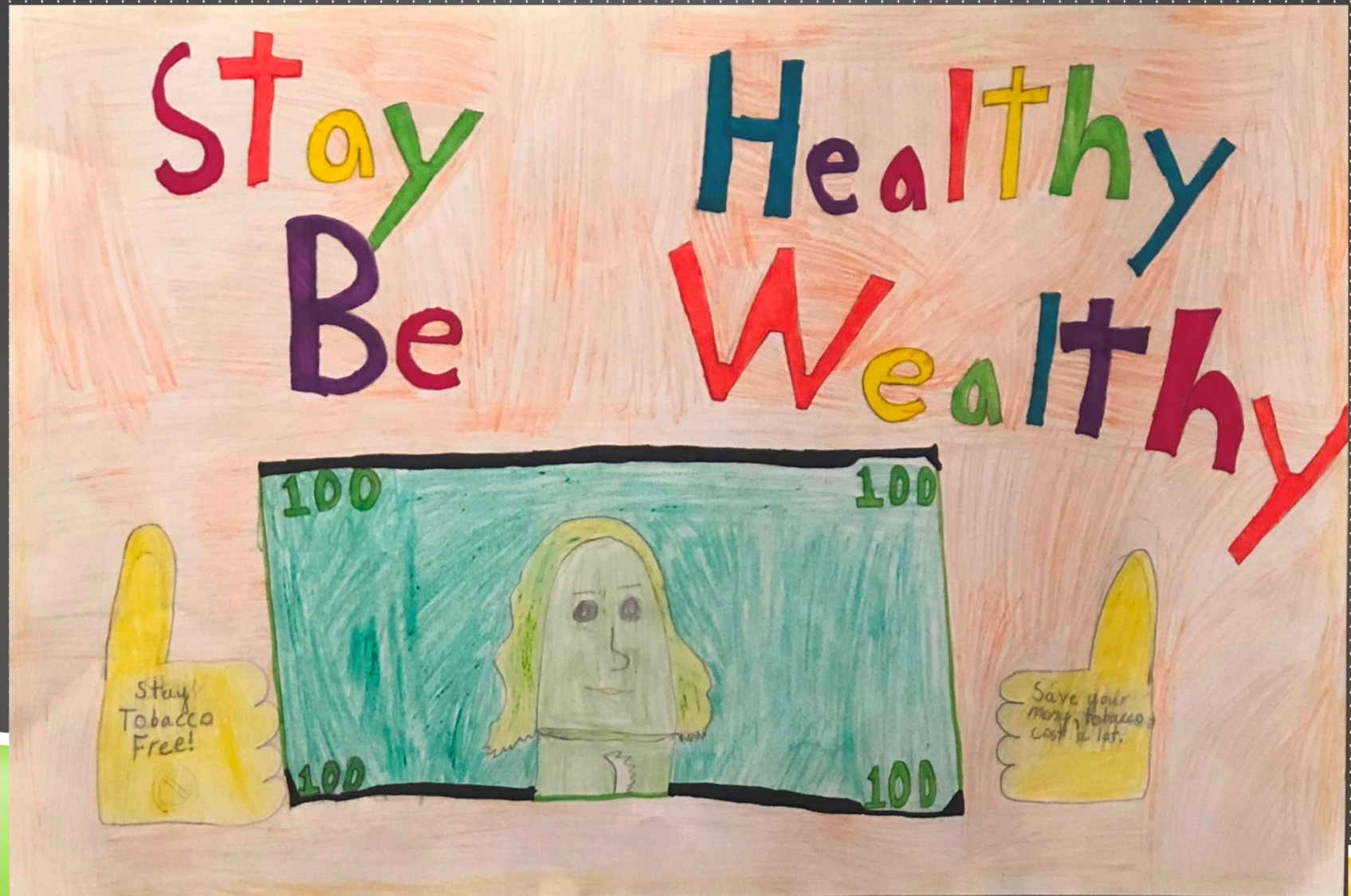


Stay smart protect your Heart





LAKE GEORGE ELEMENTARY – KARI LYNN  
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LAKE GEORGE ELEMENTARY – ALLESSANDRIA FASULO  
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NORTH WARREN ELEMENTARY – ALEXIS SMITH  
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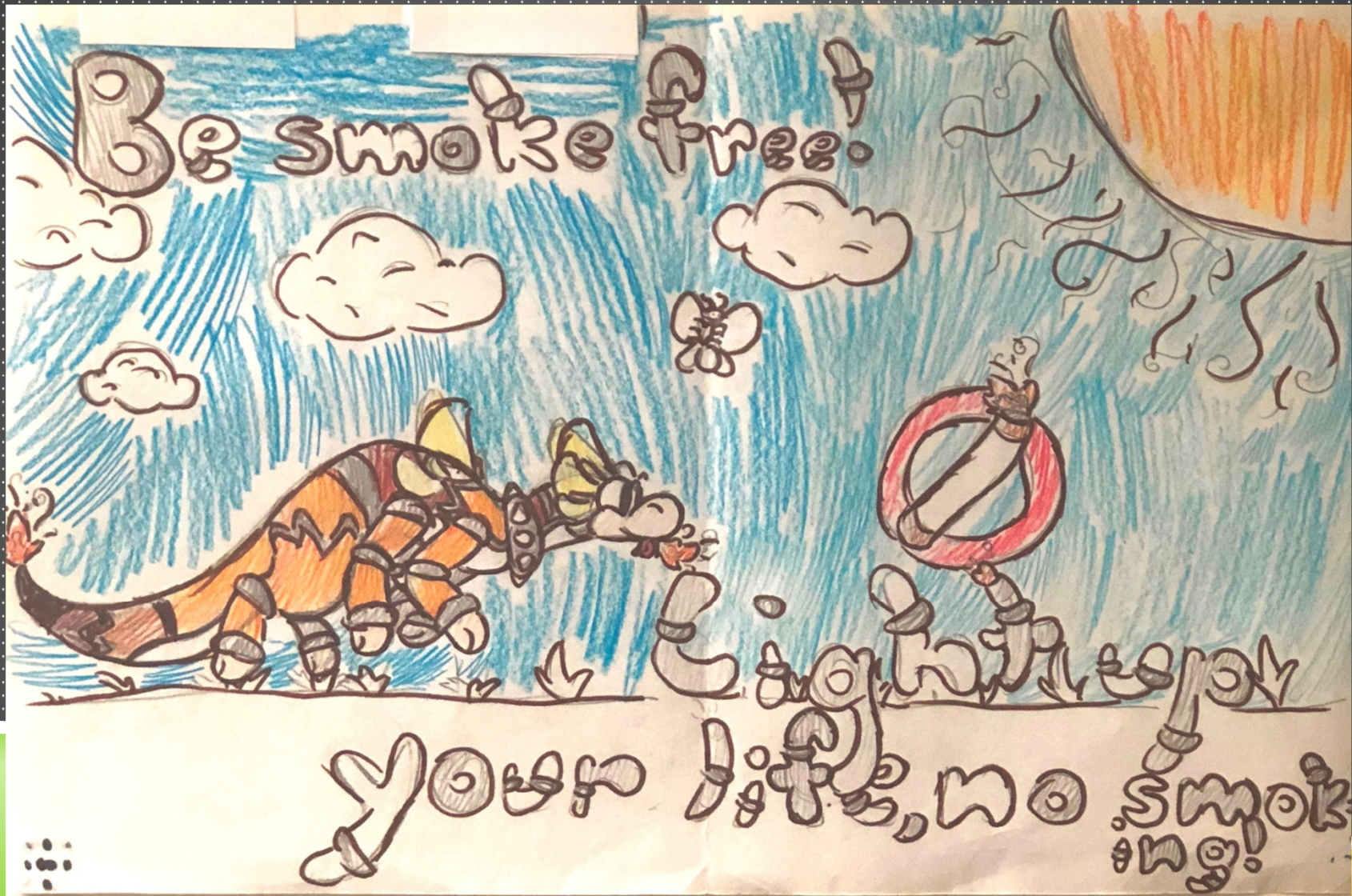
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QUEENSBURY ELEMENTARY – COLIN MCKEEL  
GRADE 4



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GRADE 5

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WARRENSBURG ELEMENTARY – HAILEY GOODSPEED  
GRADE 4





WARRENSBURG ELEMENTARY – CHARLOTTE MEASECK  
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