

Join the X-Team

Time is running out for you to join the *St. Petersburg Times* X-Team. If you haven't read the rules and clipped the application coupon (see **Page 6D**), this is your last chance. The deadline is June 2, that's next Monday, so get moving.

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My Two St. Petersburgs

I am waiting, anticipating,
I am longing to go to the other St. Petersburg,
Visiting a new place,
Which I never have seen before,
And looking at new faces
All over the city.
Seeing on the run,
Onion domes and bridges,
The Hermitage and all the museums.
Another St. Petersburg,
Not Florida, but Russia.

St. Petersburg and St. Petersburg.
What do they have in common?
I hear the people there are solemn.
St. Petersburg, Russia, has subways
everywhere.

Catch a ride — and you'll be there.
St. Petersburg, Florida? No subways at all,
Just the restaurants in the Mall.
Moosika and music.
I listen to it a lot.
Not rap, but Peter Tchaikovsky.
His *Sleeping Beauty* is so hot!

The three Peters,
Peter Tchaikovsky,
Peter the Great,
And Peter Demens,
Are so important to me.
Peter Tchaikovsky made music for the heart.
Peter the Great created the city of art.
Peter Demens built a city, which stands apart.

And the two St. Petersburgs?
They are both so fine.
And what is truly special —
They are both mine.

— Philippe Novikov, 10, fifth grade,
Perkins Elementary, St. Petersburg

Sunset

The sun sinking low
Sinking lower and lower
Finally touching the great sea
Yellow, orange and red rays splash the sky
Creating a beautiful sight
The clouds appear to blush
Sadly the moment is gone
As the sun finishes its job.

— Theodora Garos, 11, fifth grade, Palm Harbor
Elementary

I Hear the Beach Singing

I hear the beach singing,
I hear the people splashing,
I hear the waves coming,
I hear the sand blowing,
I hear the fish scattering,
I hear the surfers crashing,
I hear the seagulls calling,
I hear the shells echoing,
I hear my car leaving.

— Connor Montgomery, 9, fourth grade, Leila
Davis Elementary, Clearwater

Heaven

I wonder what it's like in heaven
People say it's a wondrous place
But how do they know for sure
For the angels cannot speak
I would guess it's very relaxing
You can fly around freely in the open air and
Enjoy the time alone, for it is brief
You can eat whatever you want
Not having to worry about weight
What is sacred is plentiful
What is troublesome is gone
You're all on your own, where you will be safe
In a world filled with love versus hate
No dangers to face
No deadlines to meet
No place to be
I can't wait!

— Jessica O'Neill, 12, sixth grade, Guardian
Angels Catholic School, Clearwater

The Sound of Color poems from Susan Manche's fourth-grade students at Skycrest Elementary in Clearwater

Have You Heard the Sound of Yellow?

Can you hear the sound of school bus
yellow?

Noisy, motor rumbling,
All those kids shouting,
The squeaky doors shutting.
That's the sound of school bus yellow.

Can you hear the sound of gold yellow?
All those keys jiggling in your ear.
When you drop some money on the floor.
That burning sun on your back.
That's the sound of gold yellow.

— Jamie Armstrong, 9
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Shades of meaning

May is a colorful month for Xpressions in words as well as art. A wolf howling to the blue moon. The squeaky doors of a yellow school bus. Scarlet crayons scraping against jagged paper. Blueberries being picked in the springtime. A black racer in the midnight air. Look for the directions below to see how you can get your work published in Xpressions.

— Nancy Green, Xpressions editor



Spring by TESS HUTTENLOCKER, 9, fourth grade, Bear Creek Elementary, St. Petersburg



LAURENT KAWLICHE, 18, 12th grade, Gaither High, Tampa



Geometry Thru Art class

ABOVE: DANIELLE SCHWIEGEL, 17, 11th grade, Pinellas Park High.

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Send your Xpressions

Xpressions, our monthly showcase for the art, writing and photography of students through the 12th grade, is looking for your work! Xpressions appears the last Monday of each month inside *Floridian*.

Please read the following instructions before submitting your work, which must be based on the designated themes.

JUNE: DISABILITY AWARENESS — Take a close look at the world around you and examine how having a disability affects everyday life. Create a work that reflects your experience with disabilities. Think about the following: If you have a disability, create a work that conveys your personal experiences. How do you relate to a friend who has a disability? What do you think it means to have a disability? **Deadline: Postmark June 13.**

JULY: OPEN THEME — Send us your

creative work (art, words or photography) depicting the topic of your choice. **Deadline: Postmark July 14.**

AUGUST: OPEN THEME — The theme so nice, we ran it twice. **Deadline: Postmark Aug. 8.**

Work may be edited for length and content. Please send your work, theme suggestions and comments to: Xpressions, c/o Nancy Green, St. Petersburg Times, 1000 N Ashley Drive, Tampa, FL 33602.

Artwork must be on white, unlined paper, with the medium stated on the back (oil, pastel, crayon, etc.). Be sure to include your name, age, school, grade, address, ZIP code, phone number with area code and your e-mail address.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR WORK WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE INFORMATION ABOVE. Stories must be no longer than 150 words. We can return only artwork, and only if you indicate that you want it back.



SANDRA TORRES, 18, 12th grade, Gaither High, Tampa