

Winner:

Alicia Hrvatin

Alicia is 19 years old, loves to swim, and do artwork, attends York University and hopes to become a Graphic Designer.

Tell us about your favourite hangout:

My favourite hangout place in Brampton is Chinguacousy Park. I love Chinguacousy Park because it is one of the most beautiful parks to ever visit. It reminds me of a majestic wonderland with beautiful flowers everywhere, a cute little train that goes around the park, children playing and laughing, the Mini Moo Farm, and the beautiful garden at the back of Chinguacousy Park. I can't wait to come back to this park again to be able to do all the fun activities there with my friends, and also go on nice walks with my family around this wonderful park.



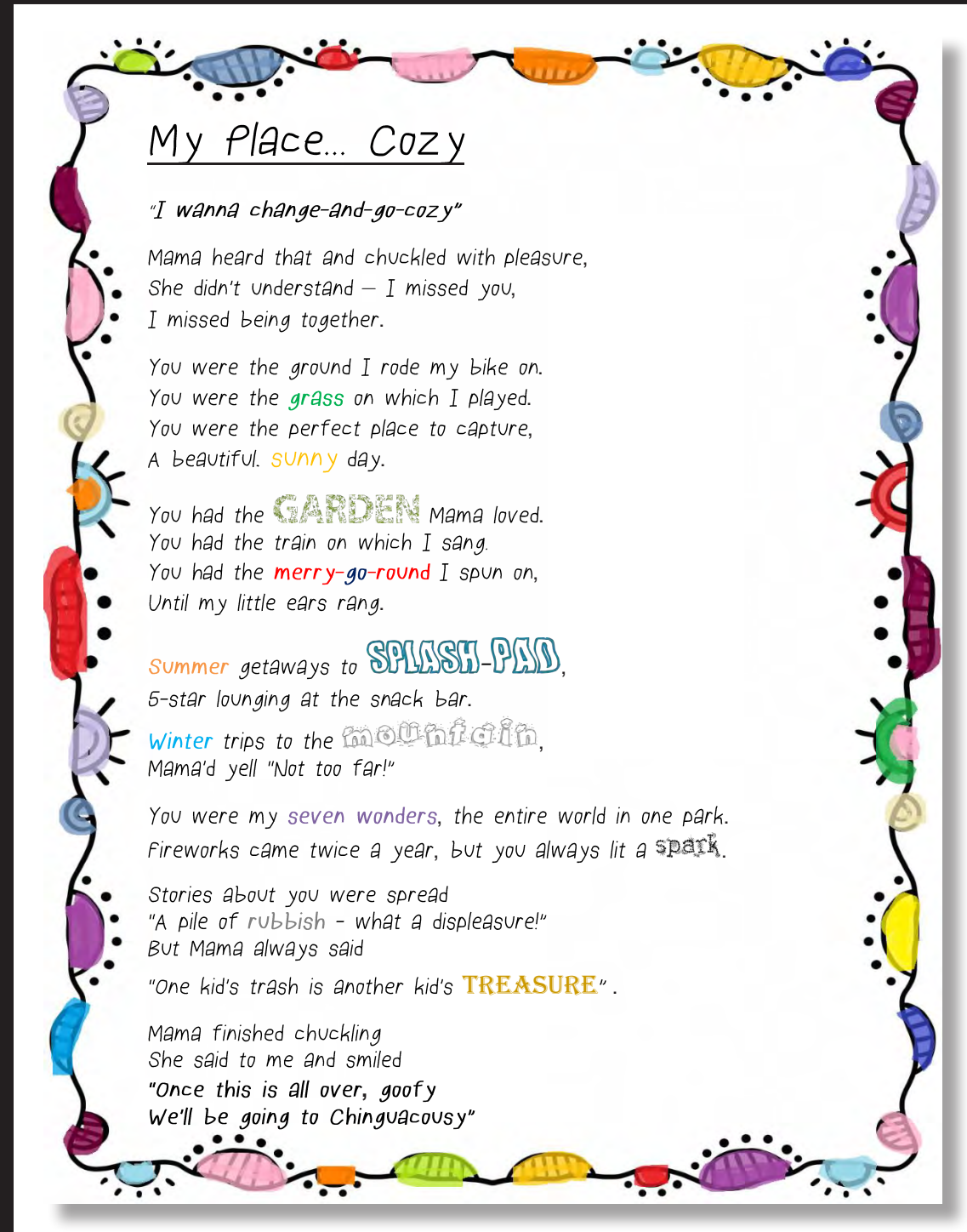
Runner Up:

Ramneek Sunner

I am 15 years old, currently attending Harold M. Brathwaite Secondary School. My hobbies include baking, puzzles, and poetry! One day, I hope to be a successful entrepreneur!

Tell us about your favourite hangout:

My favourite hangout is a place where the adventures are endless. I trust that you will enjoy this piece as much as I enjoy the place :)



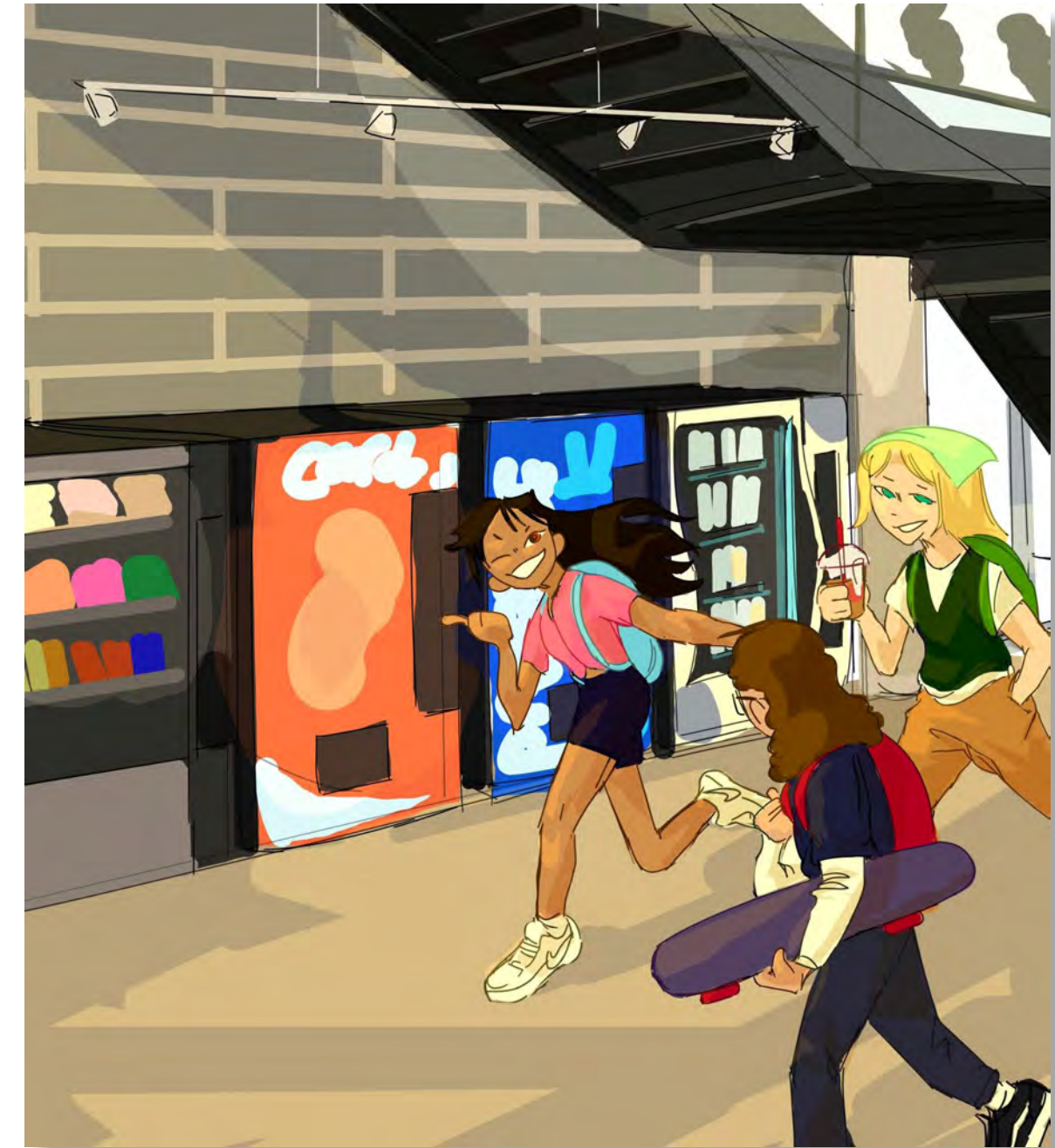
Runner Up:

Bianca Lou Tiglao

My name is Bianca Lou Tiglao, I'm 17 and attend St. Edmund Catholic Secondary School, my favourite thing to do is play Animal Crossing, and I would like to study to become a doctor!

Tell us about your favourite hangout:

My favourite hangout is Cassie Campbell community centre. It's a spot that my friends and I go to throughout the year, after school, in the heat of the summer, and during the coldest of winters. I can't wait to see them again so we can buy snacks from the Let's Play Cafe and chill!!!



Runner Up:
Gurnoor Jande

I am fifteen years old, I like to spend time reading, or painting, and in the future I would like to pursue a career in the business or STEM field.

Tell us about your favourite hangout:

My favourite hangout in Brampton is probably Eldorado Park. There's plenty of activities to keep everyone entertained, and last year we discovered the outdoor pool. It's the city's hidden gem, the perfect spot to hang out during the summer, and a great way to meet new friends. There's picnic spots, parks, hiking, there's always something to do.

Summer Hangout

The perfect escape from the summer heat
Somewhere where we all can meet
We reach the outdoor pool
The water's temperature is cool

The pop music plays loud
The sun shines, no sign of a cloud
The water games begin
Everyone joins in

Eldorado Park- located in the perfect location
Is one of Brampton's best creations
The vast, luscious green grass
Throw a frisbee to help time pass

The sun starts to set
There's no need to fret
Tomorrow we will return
With sunscreen to help the sunburn

Runner Up:

Madeline Fenn

I'm a 17 year old student at Bramalea Secondary School who loves the outdoors and aspires to be a elementary school French immersion teacher.

Tell us about your favourite hangout:

My favourite Brampton hangout is the bridge by the cenotaph at Chinguacousy Park. I love hanging out there with my friends after school and looking at all the awesome wildlife we've been able to find within the bounds of our own city! We've seen ducks, ducklings, a mink (or similar animal) as well as many other awesome creatures like crayfish, a turtle and lots of colourful birds! The bridge is an awesome spot in Brampton that gives all the calm feelings of being out in nature while still being surrounded by our beautiful city!



Runner Up:
Arnav Talwani

I am a 16 year old, Grade 11 student attending North Park Secondary School, and I have multiple hobbies, including, but not limited to, reading, writing, playing video games, acting, and making music and short films; although I have not firmly decided on which career path I would like to pursue, I am considering either becoming an actor, or starting my own pharmaceutical company.

Tell us about your favourite hangout:

My favourite hangout is Gore Meadows Community Centre. It is one of the first places I visited when I first moved to Brampton, and it has been my favourite ever since because it has many facilities and opportunities for visitors to have fun. Additionally, it is close to myself all of my friends, so we can often use it as a meeting point when we want to hang out.

Gore Meadows Community Centre

I feel no different than my pet fish
Swimming in the confines of his bowl.
Able to see everywhere,
But go nowhere.

As I look outside,
I see busy streets now empty.
The doors that once opened to welcome me
Have become a barrier to my happiness.

Where is the hustle
And bustle of my community?
Where are the sounds
That could be heard from miles away?

From the basketball court
To the Pavilion.
From the soccer nets
To the swimming pool.
I hear nothing but silence
Where it was once rarely found

The nets call out,
Waiting for a ball
To enter
Or miss;
Waiting for a group of friends'
Argument
About whether the ball
Fell out of bounds.

The Pavilion calls out
For young kids
To bring back their skates,
Or,
Better still,
To use the bare ground
For their soccer drills,
But to use it, nevertheless.

I wander,
Recalling the fond times I spent
With not only my friends,
But with those
With whom I was yet to extend
The hand of friendship.

When I would wear the blue pinny
And teach children their ABC's

Before playing HORSE
Or tag around the trees.

When I would take a book
From the library,
And read through to my heart's content
Or maybe borrow a movie
To watch for the weekend.

They say only farmers like meadows,
And a farmer is definitely not me.

But,
When I leave my fishbowl,
I know the first place
That I will see.

Gore Meadows.



Honourable Mentions:

Kashyap Patel

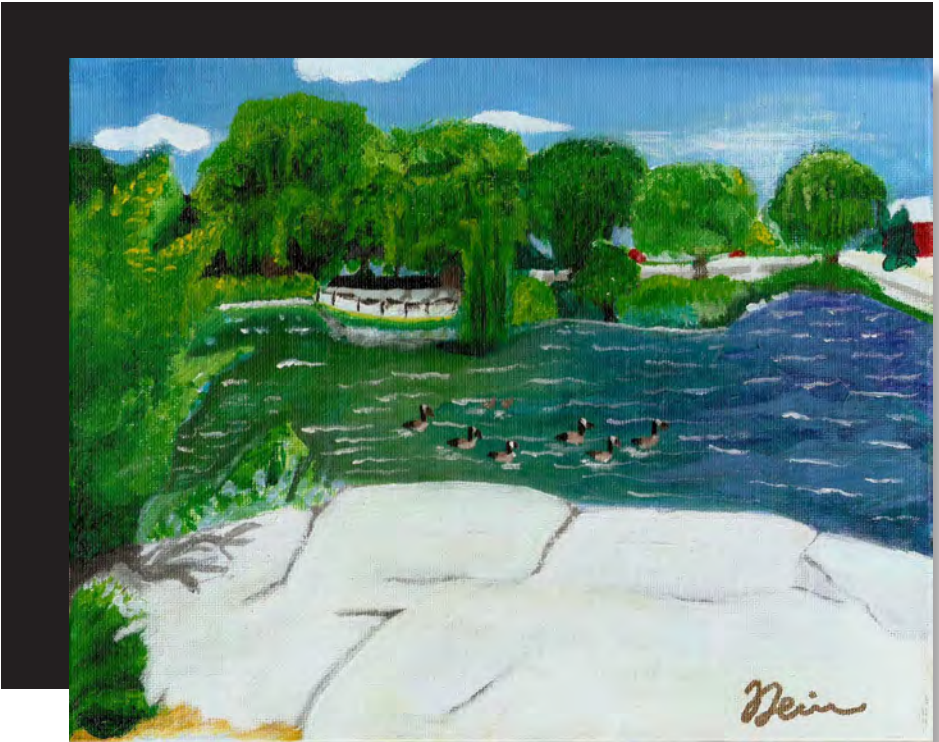
I’m Kashyap Patel, a 21-year old student/ writer who aspires to work in healthcare and enjoys bowling and watching movies.

Tell us about your favourite hangout:

I love getting the Jerk Chicken dinner special from Baker’s Jerk on Mountainash Road. Just cornering Trailside Park is a hill that looks over the city. The view from the top of that hill inspired me to write this piece to commemorate my experience. I can’t wait to hit up Baker’s Jerk and go on this little adventure again.

Hill on Mountainash

We shared a hot meal:
Jerk chicken and rice,
Under the lonely gazebo
At the base of that snowy hill
On Mountainash Road—
We abandoned our meals
To make the treacherous trip—
Laden with steep sheets of ice
And a downward gust—
Up the hill to see our city
We looked over it all:
Suburbs, amorphous lakes,
Warehouses, meandering
Streets that cut up our city
Into weird uneven shapes
We stood over it all
As our cold city beckoned us
Into the grey
We turned down our city—
And went back to our gazebo
At the base of that snowy hill
On Mountainash Road.



Honourable Mentions:

Katelyn Derian

I’m 16 years old and I go to Bramalea Secondary School, I like to paint and I’m thinking about becoming a psychologist.

Tell us about your favourite hangout:

My favourite hangout place is Chingcousay park because I had numerous memories of happy experiences with my friends and family. When I was younger I went to many birthday parties in the park, and went on many walks with my family.

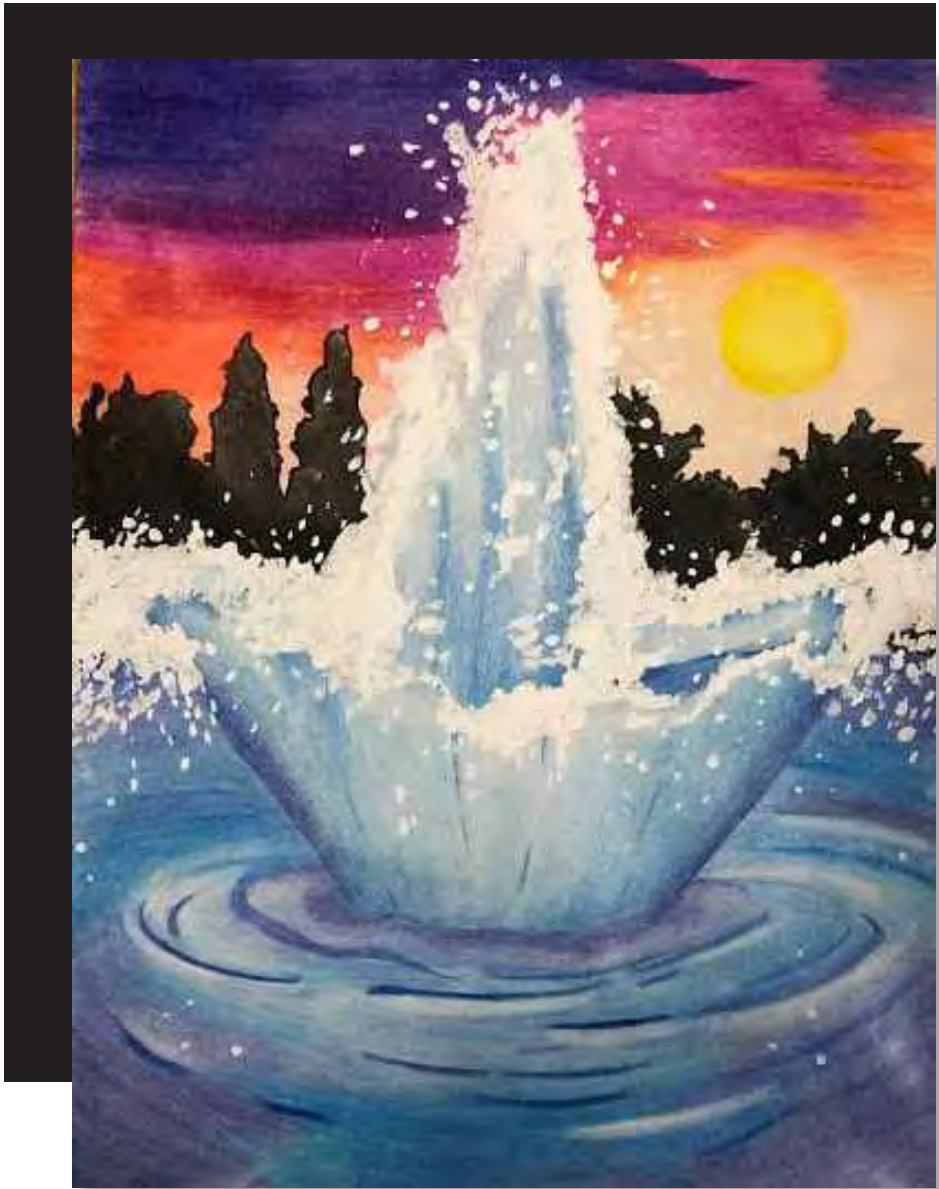
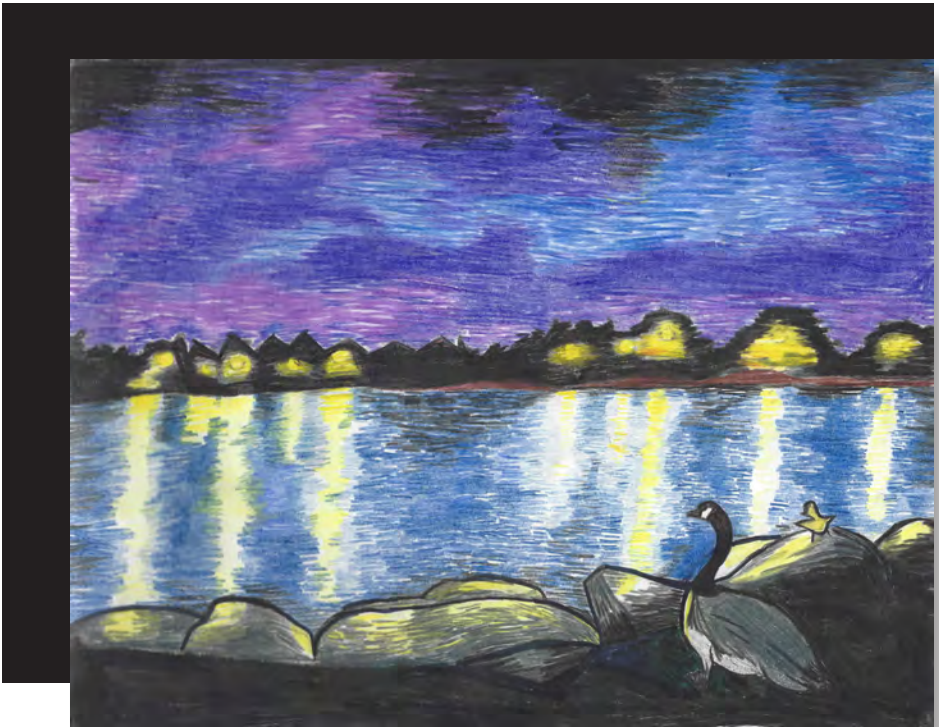
Honourable Mentions:

Vivian Vuong

I'm 16 years old, I attend Bramalea S.S., I love to paint and I want to be a vet.

Tell us about your favourite hangout:

The Lake of Dreams is a comforting local place to unwind and retouch with nature. Armed with my headphones, this park is the perfect place for an isolated walk after completing a final project or exam.. I love this lake because it is quiet at sunset and there are always families of Canada geese there.



Honourable Mentions:

Violet Ly

I'm 16 years old, my favourite hobby is drawing and I want to be a NASA engineer.

Tell us about your favourite hangout:

I love the Lake of Dreams because there is so much wildlife. Take a morning stroll there and you will catch the sight of rabbits, chirping birds, ducks and canada geese. Along with the beautiful fountain, I definitely miss this hangout.