



## CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRST QUARTER BENCHMARK PASSERS

by Stephanie Ndjeumen

Out of 26 English 10 students who took the first quarter benchmark or Formative Assessment System Test (FAST), thirteen (13)

successfully made it.

There were three who were marked proficient:

**Yann Tienga**, 80.56 %;  
**Francisco Sanchez**, 77.

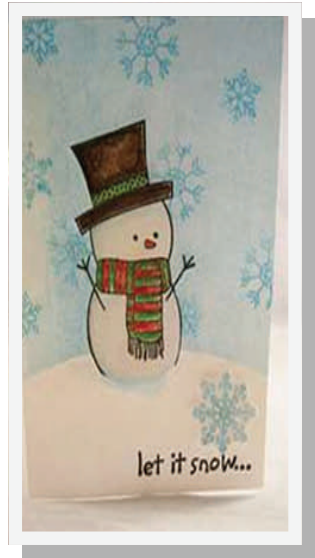
78%; and **Stephanie**

**Ndjeumen**, 75 %. The

ones who had advanced

scores were **Prisca**

**Ngoma** (64. 44%), **Ivan**



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## PREVENTING BULLYING FROM HAPPENING

by Aiseosa Omoma

**B**ullying is one of the most popular problems students experience today. I see bullying as an attack to other students which stop them from learning, having good lunch or feeling safe. This is bad be-

cause their parents send them to school to learn and feel comfortable and consider school to be their home where they are safe while learning.

There was one African girl whose accent was different from the other stu-

dents'; her English was not good because she speaks French. Thus, it was difficult for her to blend in. Some students were making fun of her every day,

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# LITERATURE: SENSORY DETAILS HELP COMMUNICATE THE PURPOSES OF "PIANO" AND "THOSE WINTER SUNDAYS"

by Erick Peña

D. H. Lawrence's "Piano" and R. Hayden's "Those Winter Sundays" communicate the purpose of their poems by using sensory details to aid readers have a better understanding of them. Both speakers in the poem remember a moment in their childhood during winter Sundays.

In "Piano," these images "softly in the dusk, a woman is singing to me;// Taking me back down the vista of years...//Betrays me back, till the heart of me weeps to belong//To the old Sunday evenings at home...." appeal to the sense of hearing and touch. The singing of the woman made him reminisce when

as a boy he sat under the piano listening to his mother playing. The sensory words make the readers recall their own experiences and associate these with that of the speaker's in the poem. This shows how a little thing as a song can make someone remember his/her past.

Also, "Those Winter Sundays" depicts an adult recalling his childhood; Hayden employed sensory images that appeal to the senses of sight, touch and hearing. "Sundays too my father got up early...with cracked hands that ached from labor...banked fires blaze. No one ever thanked him.// I'd wake and hear the cold splintering, breaking,//When

the rooms were warm, he'd call." These lines indicate that nobody appreciated the sacrifices the parent did. But, the speaker explains that as a child he did not understand the act of love, "What did I know, what did I know// of love's austere and lonely offices?" This simply says that as an adult he now realizes the difference between what he understood now and what he knew then as a child.

Sensory details not only provide a clue to help the readers understand the text but also makes the reader experience the speaker's emotions. ☺

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so she was scared and unhappy. In order to help, I told her mother. Her mother spoke to the principal, and they called an assembly to investigate who was bullying her. But, no one came out and the bullied African girl could not say who the person was because she was afraid. Consequently, she transferred to another school, and she found peace there.

Also, when my sister came to America, her classmates teased and called her names because they did not like the way she dressed up. She felt bad about herself, and she took a dozen of pills because she wanted to kill herself. She was rushed to the hospital; fortunately, she recovered. Subsequently, she went back to school, and those students who

bullied her were expelled.

Anyone who says bullying is a minor thing is lying and should be lectured about it. Bullying happens in all grade levels. Students are bullied because of the way they talk, look, and dress. A person's sexual orientation (gay, lesbian) may also be a target of bullying. This makes the victim feel insecure, lose focus, and not want to go to school anymore. If the pressure is too much, the student may commit suicide. It is sad to see how bullying can ruin someone's life.

Dropping out or changing school is not easy. The victim finds it hard to trust people again or feel relaxed in the new environment.

Indeed, students really face a lot of challenges every day. Some are not strong enough to report instances of

bullying; others are strong and bold to talk and save lives which are amazing. I am so thankful that the government, administrators, teachers, parents, and friends are working together to prevent bullying from happening. It is also best for a student to fight back and stand up for herself or himself. ☺



## **Celebrating Christmas** by Christabelle Musong

Christmas is a family moment where we share gifts and have fun because it's Christ's birthday and people unite. It's a moment of peace, and everyone lives in harmony and forgiveness.

On Christmas, my family buys gifts and put them under the Christmas tree. Each

gift has the receiver's name on it. We also decorate our tree with lots of Christmas colors such as red, green and white.

In the morning we cook different kinds of foods. At 7 P. M., everyone is home and we sit at the table and pray together; we thank God for the all the

graces we receive, and for Jesus Christ who was born on that day so that our sins could be forgiven. After eating, we go under the tree to open up the gifts and see what is in them. We rejoice because the gifts turn out to be what we really wanted the whole year. We laugh and dance together.

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## POETRY

### HAIKU

#### A DREAM

by Erick Peña

The dream while sleeping  
Foretells the goal of my life;  
It is my purpose.



#### SCHOOL

By Sekou Sackor

Everyone goes there  
For students' education;  
Learn from each other.

#### Albanian Flag

by Bujar Mexhuani

The Albanian flag  
Red, with a big black eagle;  
The symbol is best.

#### The Rain

by Stephanie Armelle

**Dripping on the floor**  
**Making nice melodious sound;**  
**I smiled at the sky.**



#### MY LIFE

by Ysser Touko

My life is like a roller  
Coaster;  
It has always been difficult  
But I always stayed strong  
Like a lion in darkness,  
Try to find my way to  
survive.

The person I used to love  
is walking away;  
It's sad, but I've to let go.  
I'm looking up and talking  
to the sky.

I pray to be safe  
I pray to be healthy  
I pray to survive  
I need help.

### CINQUAIN



#### CARS

**Luxurious, comfortable**  
**Running, speeding, screeching**  
**Attention getters on the street**  
**Mercedes Benz**

by Sifredo Sibrian



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Then, our parents go to the room and bring us a surprise package which is different from the Christmas gifts. Between 10 and 11 P.M., we go to my uncle's house to give him the gifts we bought for him and his family and to continue the feast there. Then, my uncle will give our presents, and we go home rejoicing.

Indeed, Christmas is a special day for me, and I love the fact that God sent Christ Jesus on that day to come and die for our sins. 🙏

## FUNNY HUMOR J KE

### BIGGER TURKEY

by Ali Manguera

A mother was choosing through frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but she could not find one big enough for her whole family. She came upon a stock manager. She asked, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock manager replied, "No, ma'm; they are dead." 🙏



### Another Joke

by Mohamed Kamara

An aggressive and cranky woman, who lived in New York, was always cursing and screaming at people who knocked at her door. One day, some gangsters planned to rob her because she was alone.

When the night came, the robbers came to her house and knocked at the door. She screamed and cursed while asking who they were. Finally, she opened the door. She saw the men with guns and knives. Startled, she said, "Oh, I thought you were my neighbors. Come inside and take what you want." 🙏

