

HEALTH EDUCATION

Nicotine & Tobacco

Prevention Education

Warren County Health Services
June 20, 2025



NYS Youth Tobacco Use by the Numbers

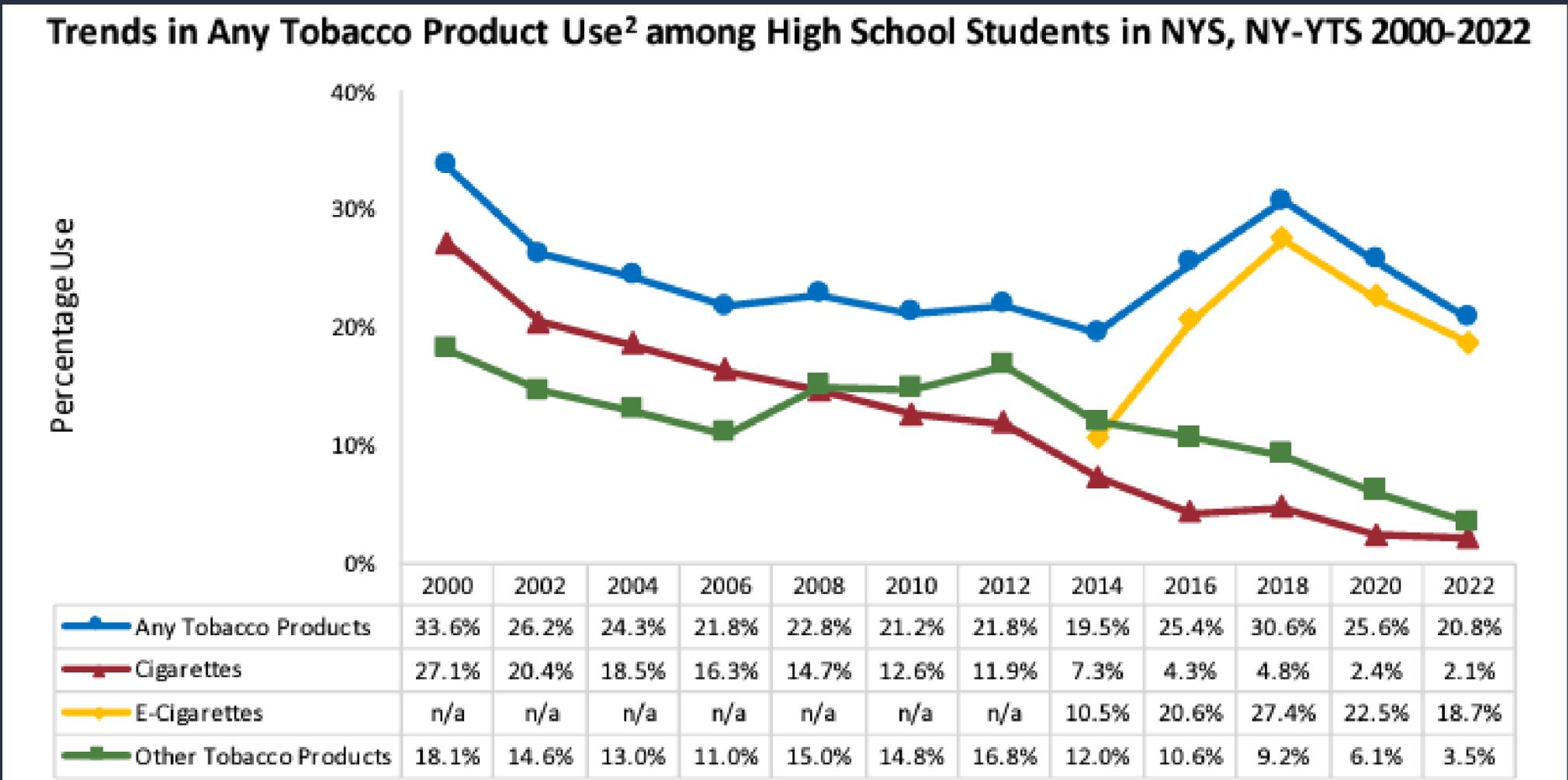
NYS Youth tobacco use rates had been in steady decline for 15 years

- Youth cigarette use 2.1% is at its lowest level since it has been tracked
- Use of other tobacco products including cigars, chew tobacco is also at all time lows

Unfortunately, that progress was upended in 2014 with the explosion of e-cigarettes or vapes.

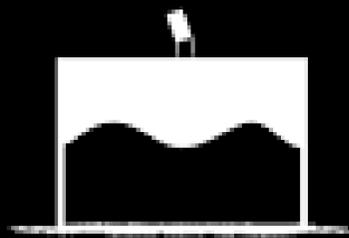
- From 2014-2018 youth e-cigarettes use increased by 161%.
- Youth tobacco use rates increased by 57%

Almost two decades worth of progress reducing youth tobacco use was wiped out in 4 years. Thankfully through Public Health and legislative efforts youth tobacco use rates are again declining.

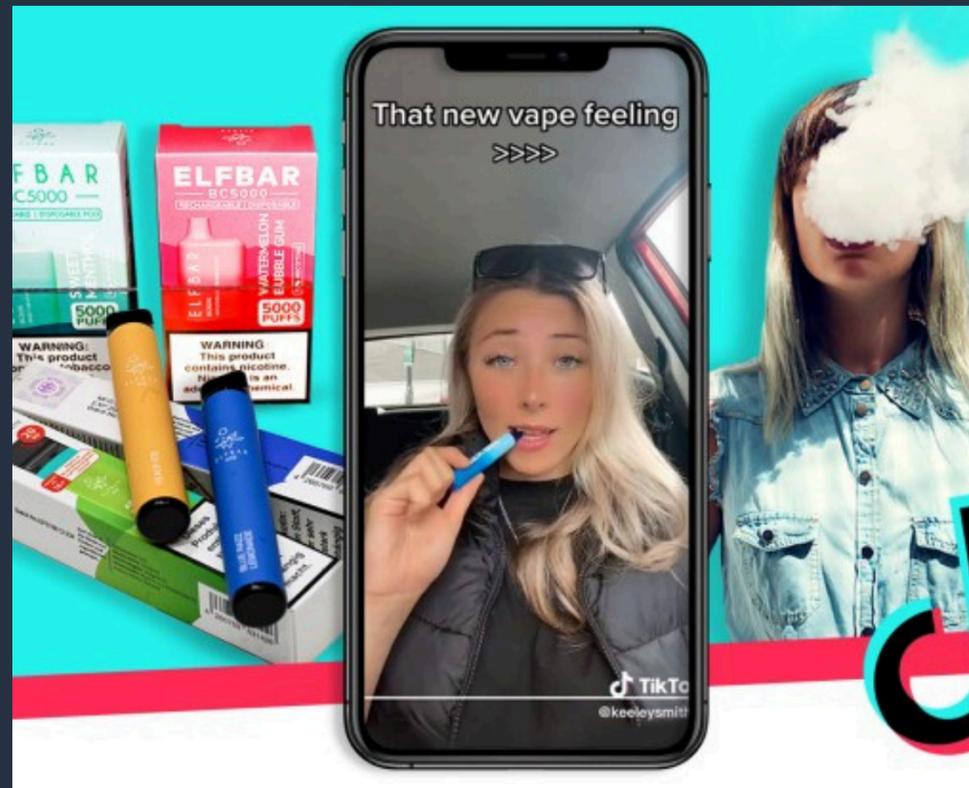


Public Health continues to fight to reduce the impacts of tobacco and nicotine on your youth and communities, but it is an uphill battle and resources remain limited. Funding and legislative support are vital to achieving positive outcomes. Tar Wars is just one example of that support.

Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is highly addictive. Nicotine can harm the parts of an adolescent's brain that control attention, learning, mood, and impulse control.



THE AVERAGE AGE OF A NEW
SMOKER IN NEW YORK STATE IS
13 YEARS OLD



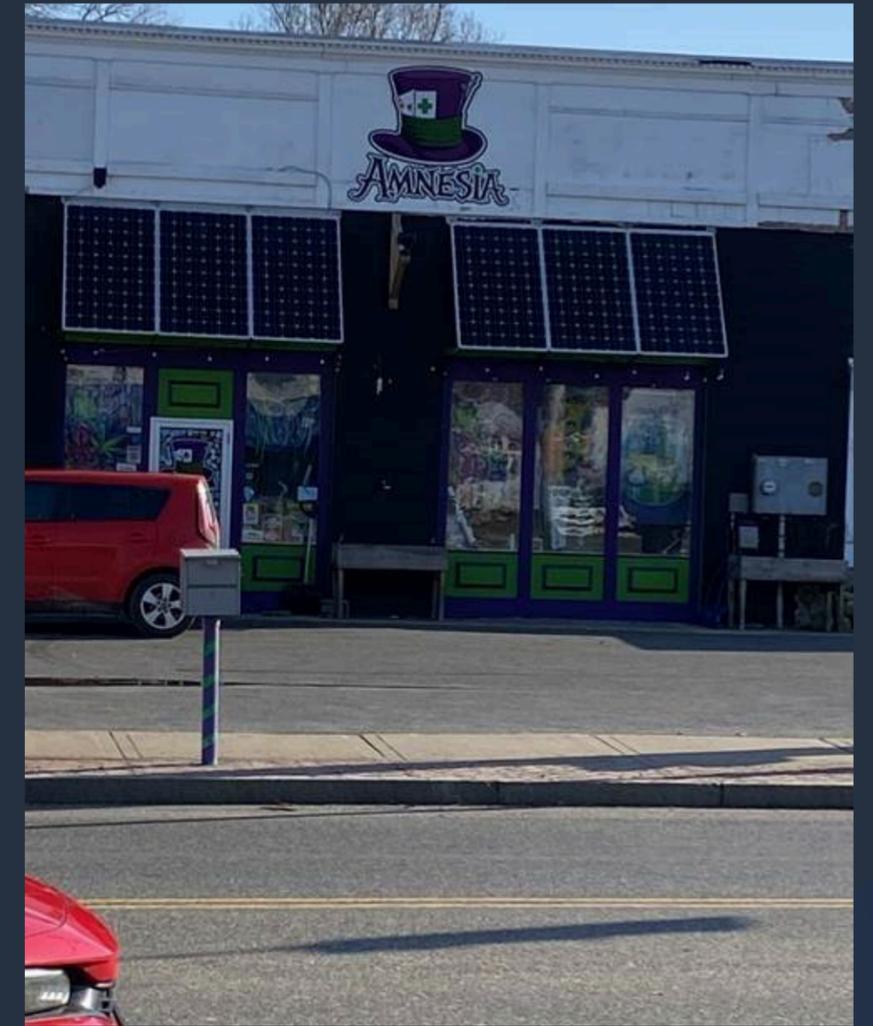
E-cigarette marketing, the availability of flavored products, social influences, and the effects of nicotine can influence youth to start or continue vaping.

Acute nicotine exposure can be toxic. Children and adults have been poisoned by swallowing, breathing, or absorbing vaping liquid through their skin or eyes. More than 80% of calls to U.S. poison control centers for e-cigarettes are for children less than 5 years old.



Local Shops

Did you know there are 93 registered tobacco and vape retailers in Warren County? This includes stand-alone, convenient stores, gas stations etc. Smokers have greater access to tobacco products than they do to primary care physicians. 1 retailer per 141 smokers. 1 physician per 839 residents.



Warren County Overall Winners



FIRST PLACE COUNTYWIDE

Olivia Barrows

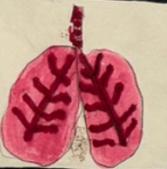
School: Glens Falls Middle School
Grade: 5

STAY TOBACCO

If

Healthy lungs

Free breathing



Free heart



Clean teeth



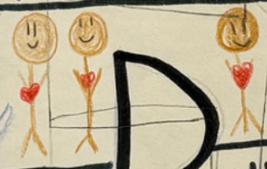
Good body



You

Healthy family

No second hand smoke



Feeling good!!!



Healthy brain



Good



energy



stay

Healthy environment



Good breath



Free life

Wild life



Good



free

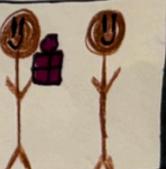
Happy life



Can do sports



Be yourself



Hey



Hi

These

things

will happen

to you

SECOND PLACE COUNTYWIDE

Zoey Arias

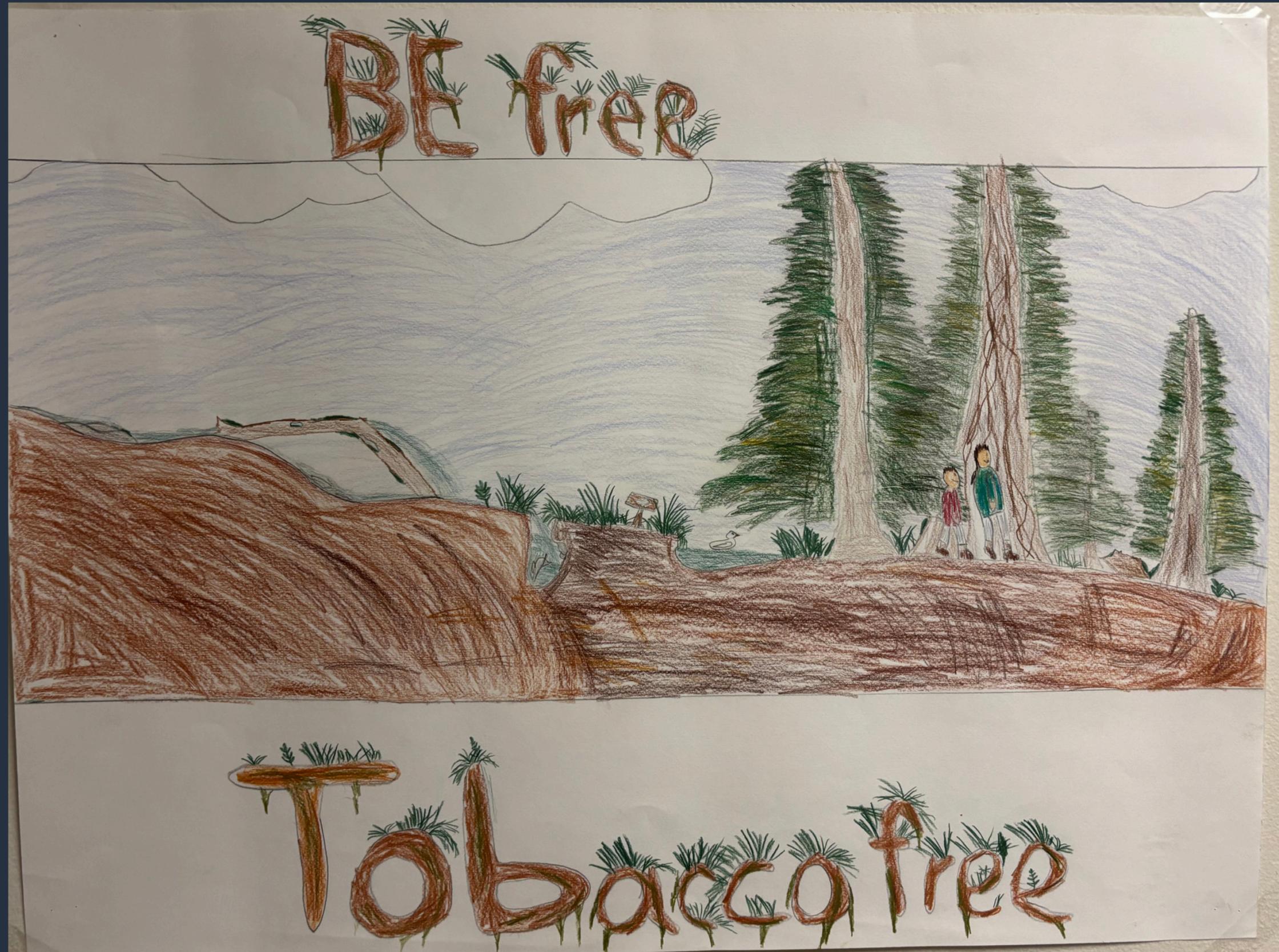
School: Glens Falls Middle School
Grade: 5



THIRD PLACE COUNTYWIDE

Bryce Mance

School: North Warren Central School
Grade: 4



First Place Winners Participating Schools

GLENS FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
WILLIAM H. BARTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
BIG CROSS ELEMENTARY
JACKSON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY
BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
WARRENSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
LAKE GEORGE CENTRAL SCHOOL
NORTH WARREN CENTRAL SCHOOL



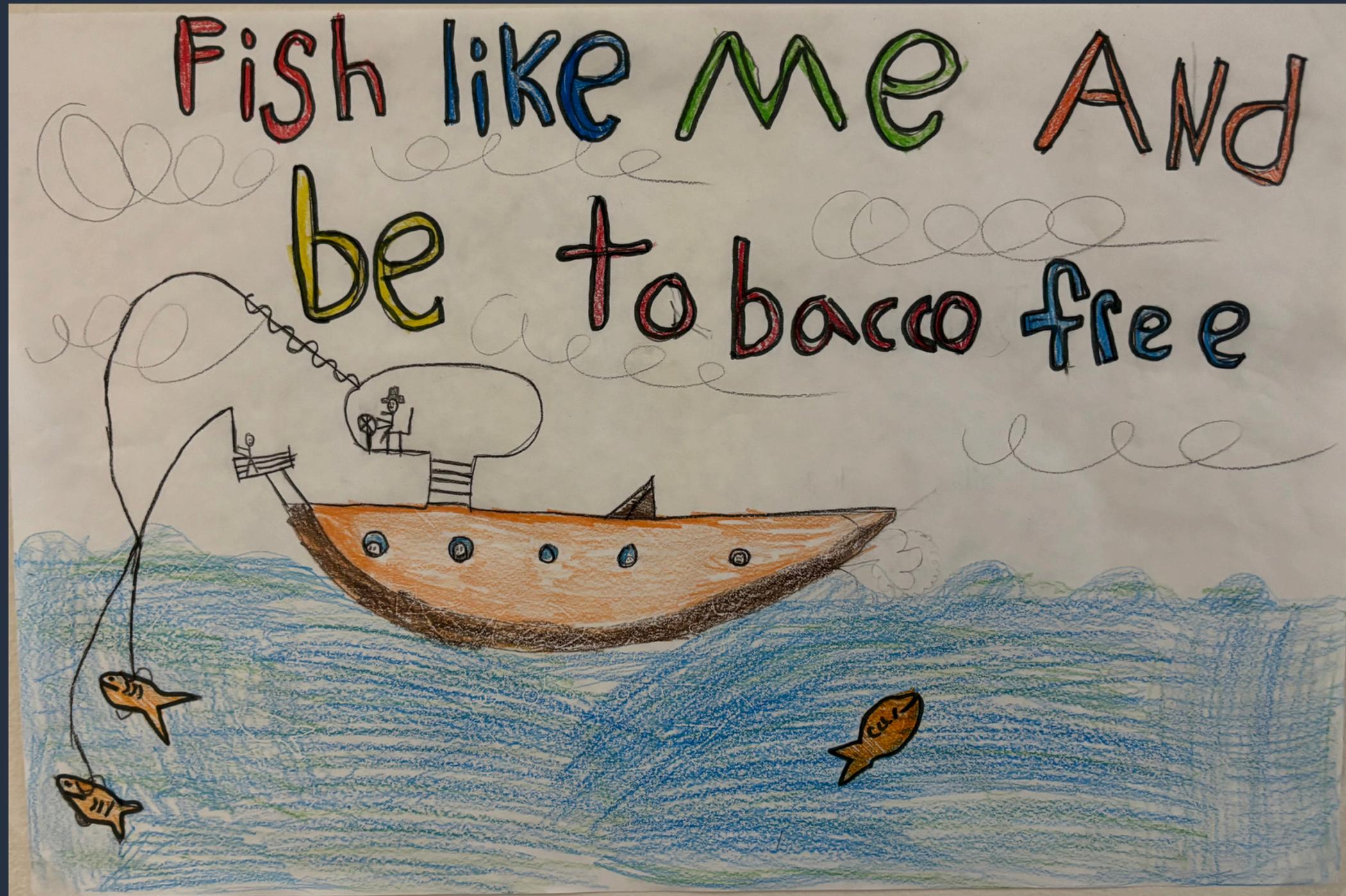
Gracelyn Monroe

School: Johnsbury Central School
Grade: 4



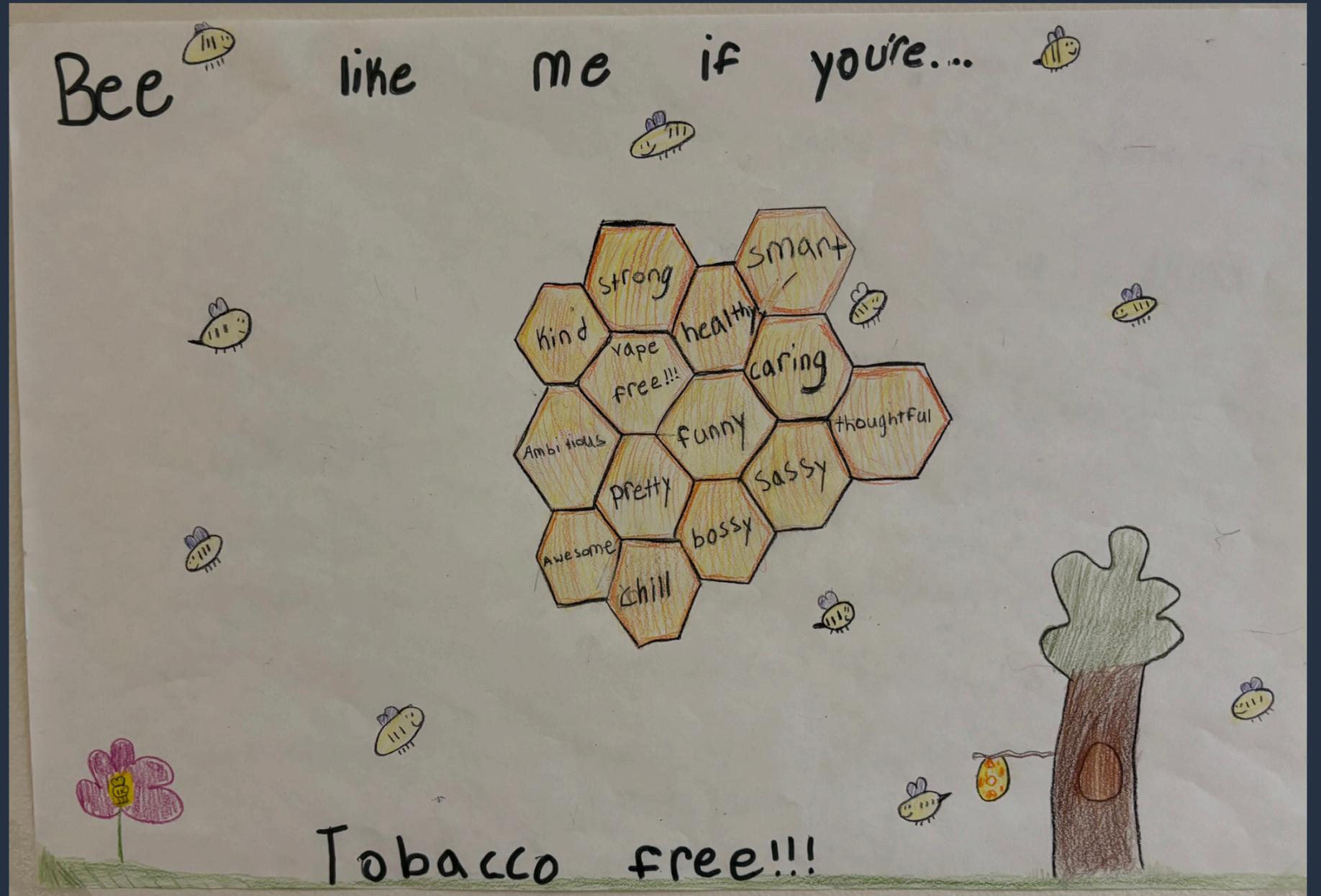
Silas Leigh

School: Johnsbury Central School
Grade: 5



Kinleigh Lawrence

School: Johnsburg Central School
Grade: 5



Josie Smith

School: William H. Barton Intermediate School

Grade: 4



Elora Garcia

School: William H. Barton Intermediate School
Grade: 5



Cosette Thompson

School: Big Cross Elementary School

Grade: 4



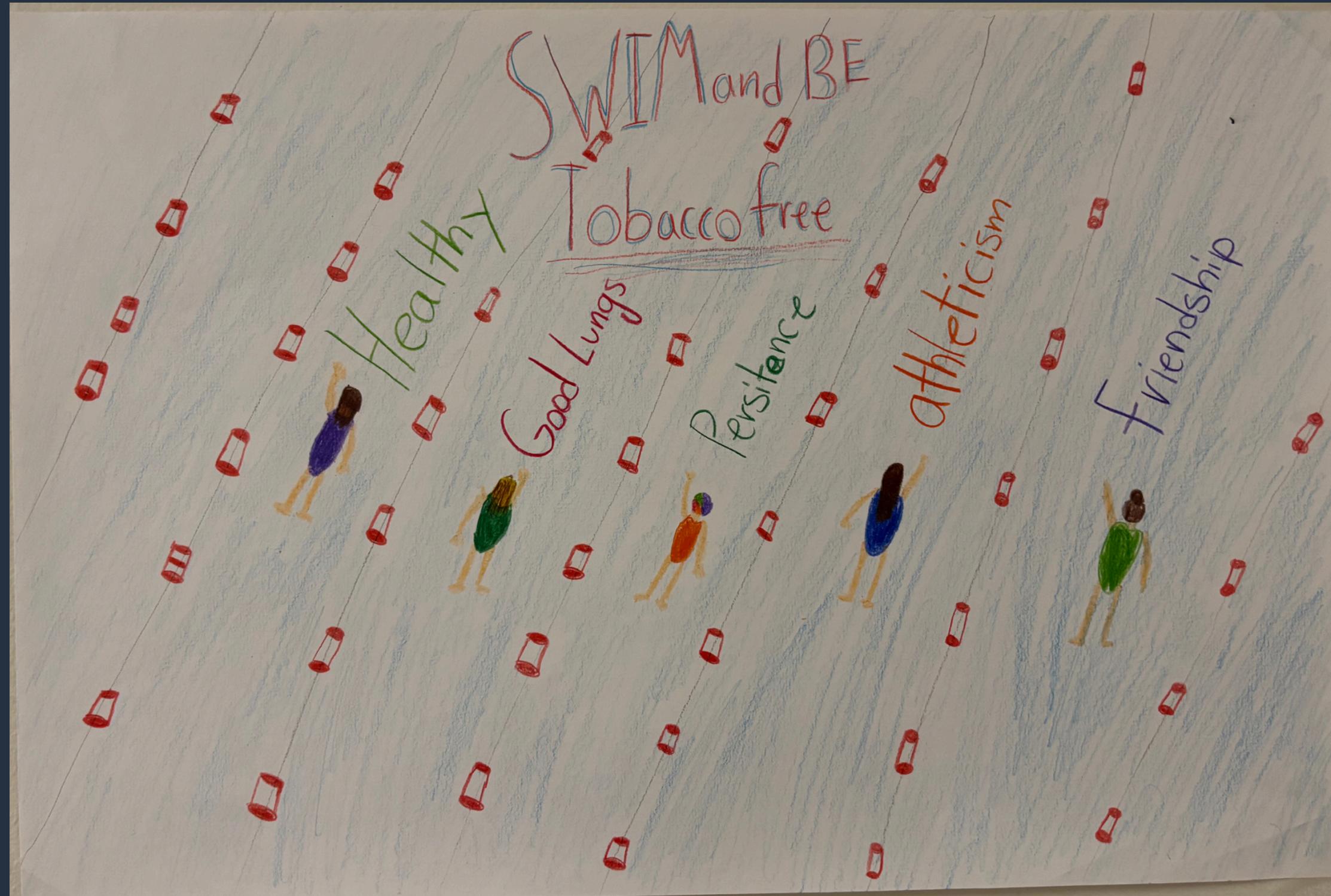
Daniel Hoose

School: Bolton Central School
Grade: 4



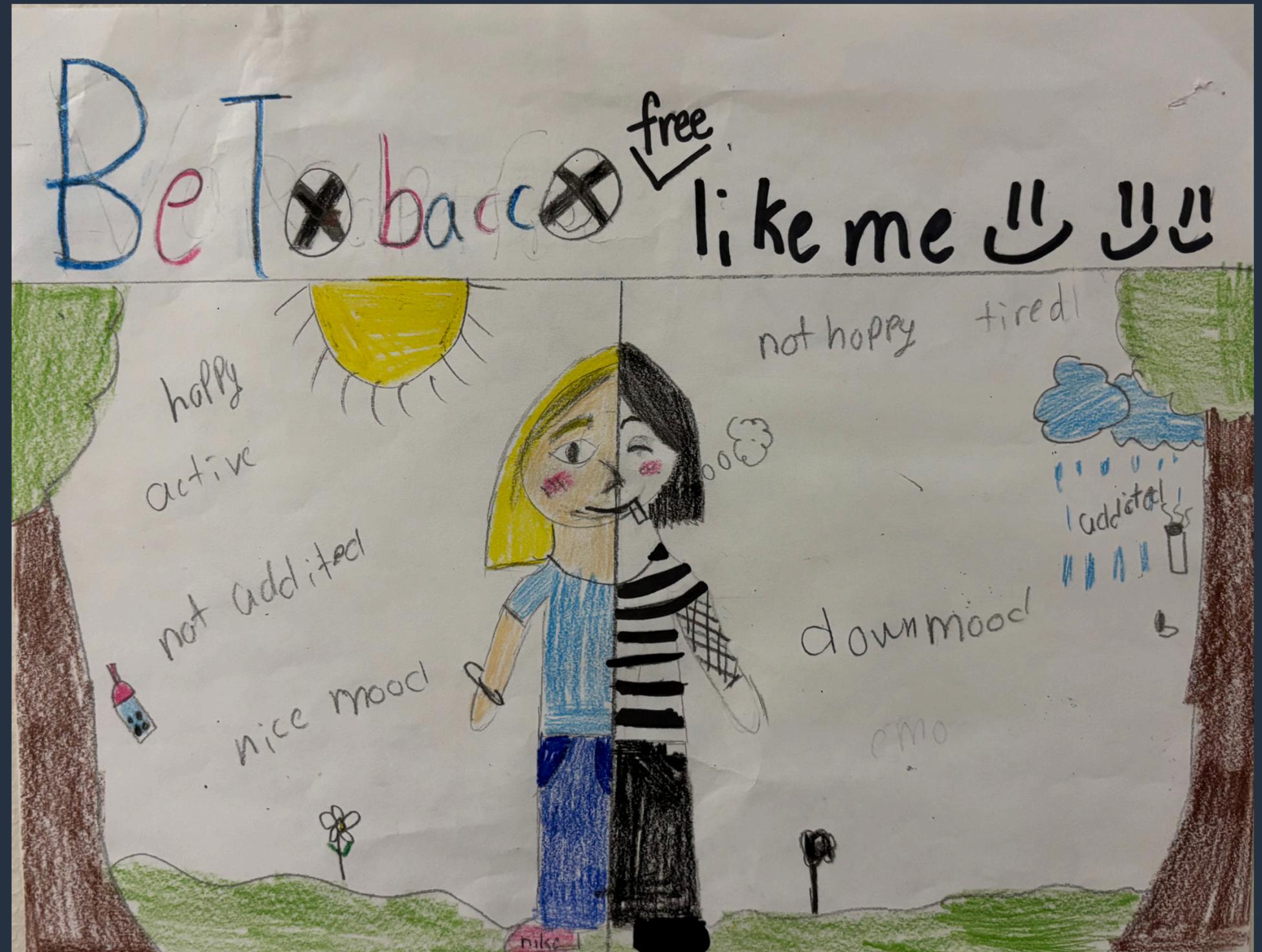
Eleanor Cummings

School: Bolton Central School
Grade: 5



Rori Monroe

School: Warrensburg Central School
Grade: 4



Victoria Hernandez

School: St. Mary's Academy

Grade: 4



Payton Henel

School: St. Mary's Academy
Grade: 5

When you're on the **Chain**
you feel **pain!**

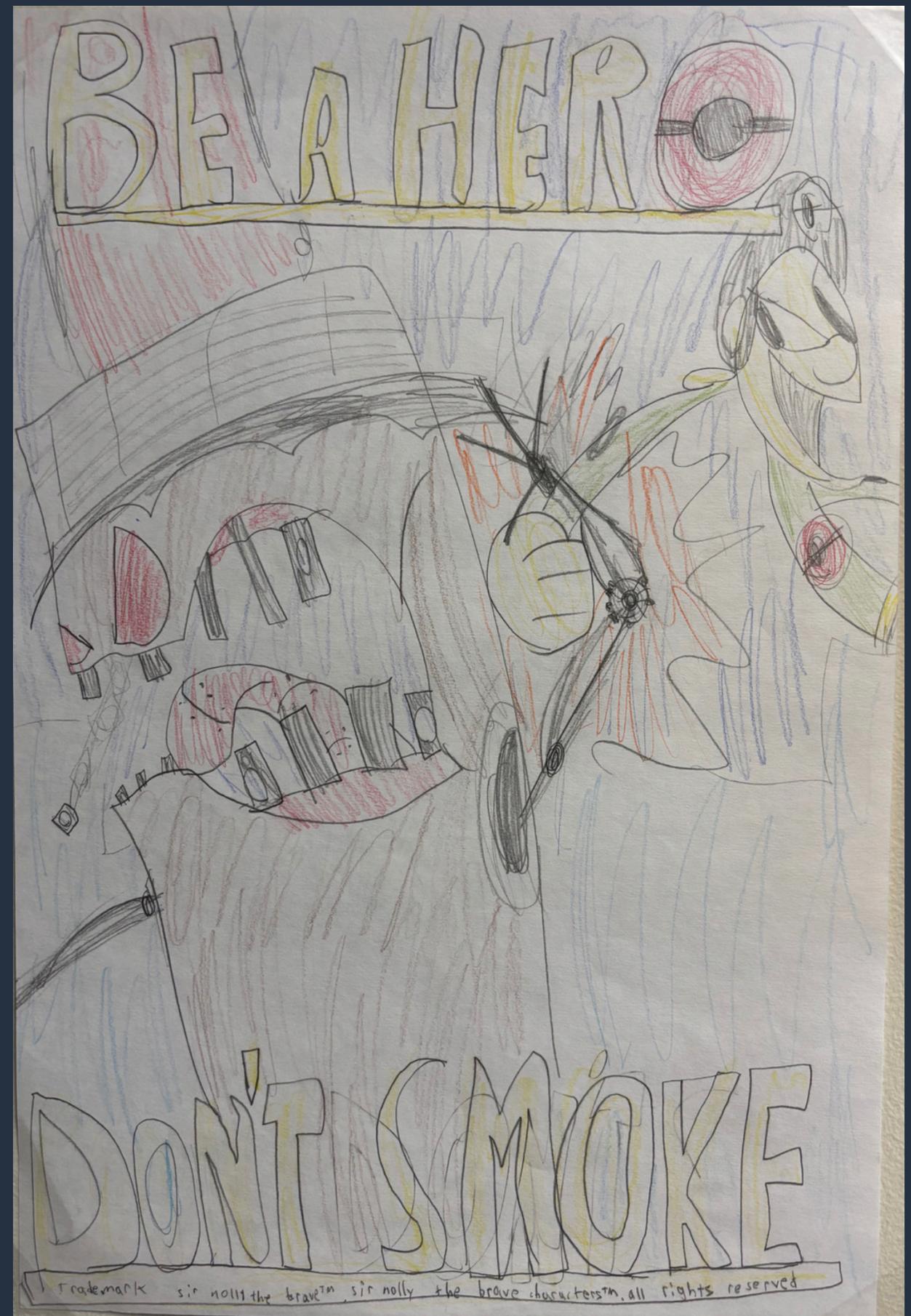
Break free and **Be** **Free!**
Be **Tabacco**



Logan Egerton

School: Lake George Central School

Grade: 4

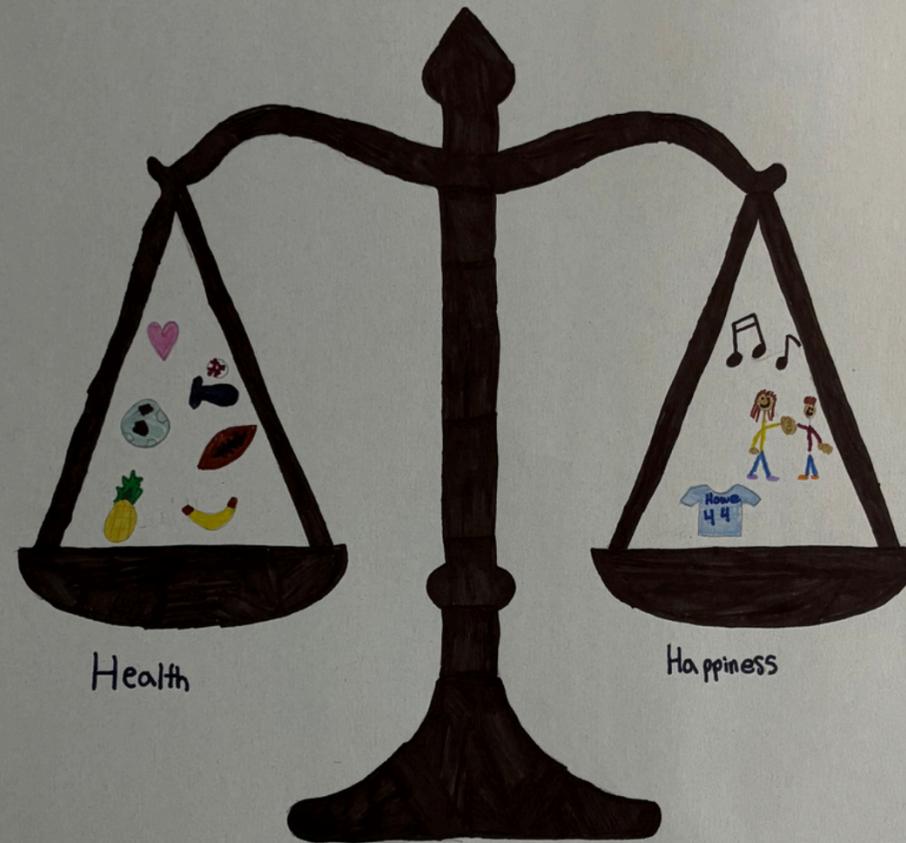


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School: Lake George Central School

Grade: 5

Enjoy Being
Tobacco Free,

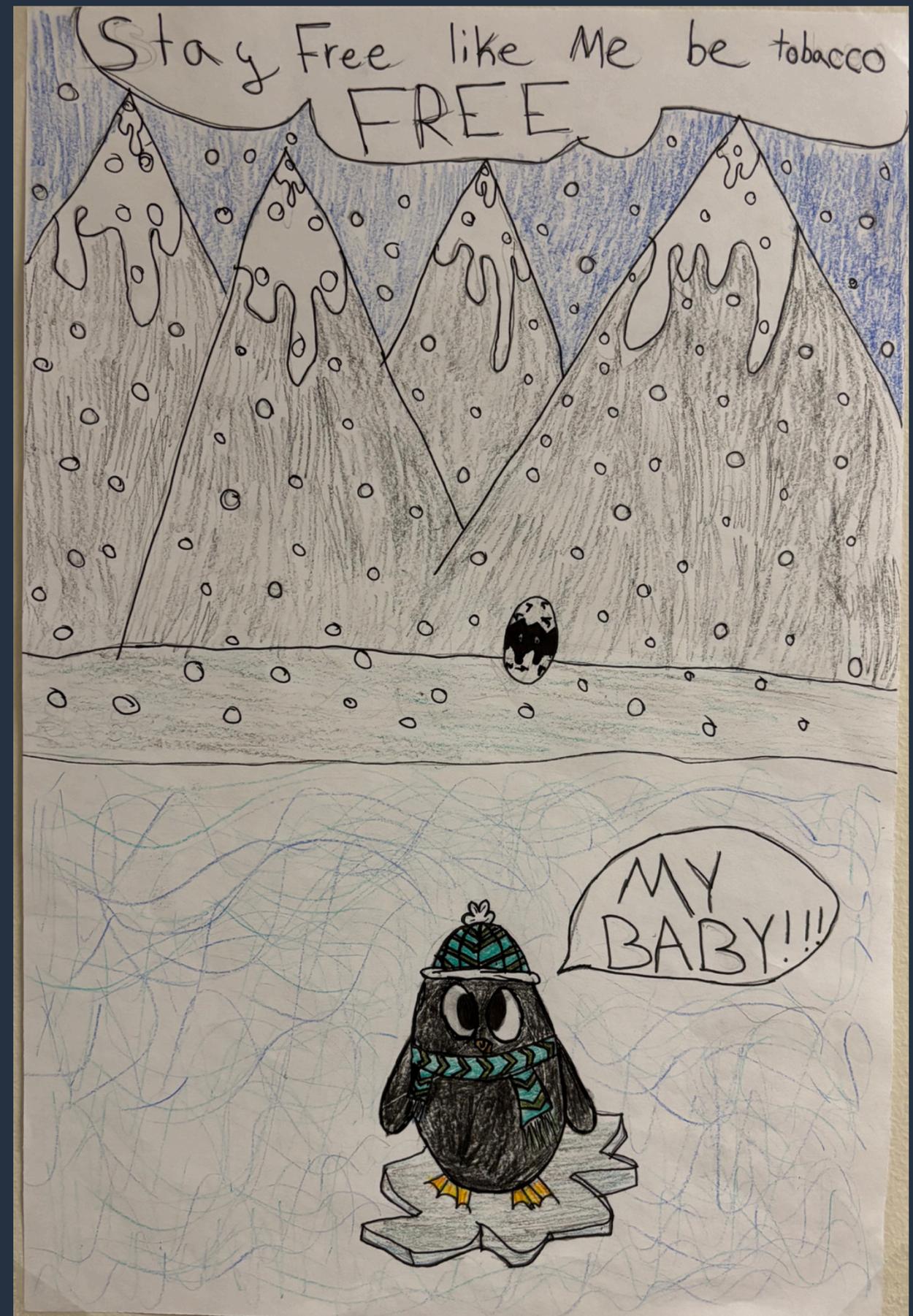


And Have A
Balanced Life
Like Me!

Nevaeh Norton

School: North Warren Central School

Grade: 5



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