



5th Annual

Visual Arts Competition



Between state, county, and city governments, most of the decisions that affect your daily lives happen close to home. This year's competition highlights the power of our voices, our votes, and our actions to create change in our own communities.



A Civics Education Program



Clip Art from Freepik.com

11 Artist Entries exploring how local decisions impact our daily lives.

2026

Map of Pullman

“I chose to make a map of Pullman because we all live in Pullman. I chose to use mix media because Pullman is not flat and plain.”

~ Kiernan Colvin, age 10, 4th grade



Local Up Close

“I wanted to show different kinds of people and make the local section the largest part of the paper and have the other levels of government look farther away. I also wanted to add more color to the local people in front and picture children to make the local section seem more fun and inclusive. In the front, there is music playing and a person has a protest sign. State government is farther away and has less people, lastly the federal government is far away with no people and little color. that was supposed to show that local can be fun and easy to participate in and federal is far away and kind of boring. My goal was to show the difference between the levels of government and make the local people seem happier and more fun.”

~Helena Jones, age 10, 4th grade



 Visual Arts Competition Committee's Choice Award

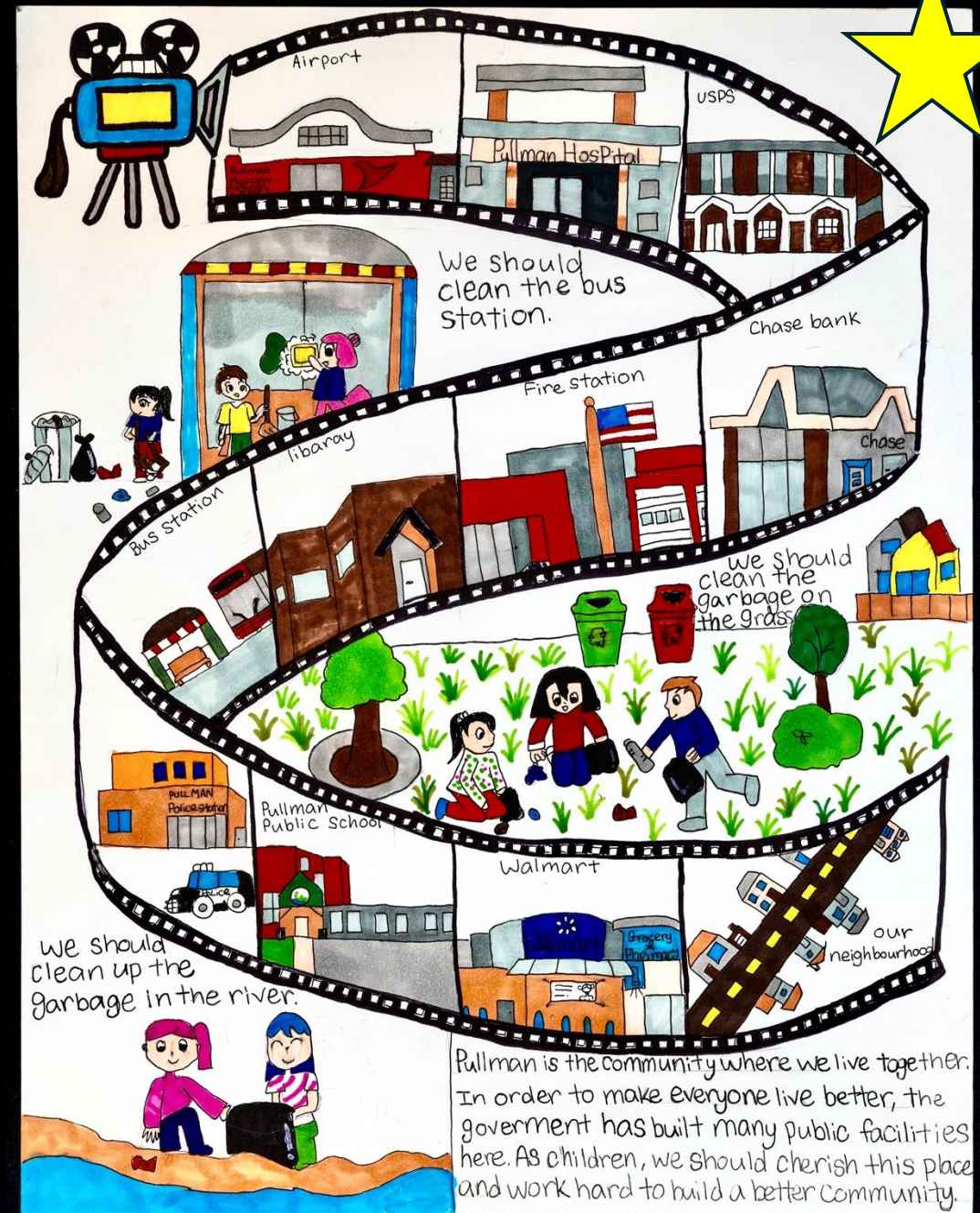
Live in Pullman

“The artwork show the rich life in Pullman
How we can serve the community to make
it a better place.”

~ Sharon Zhu, age 10, 5th grade



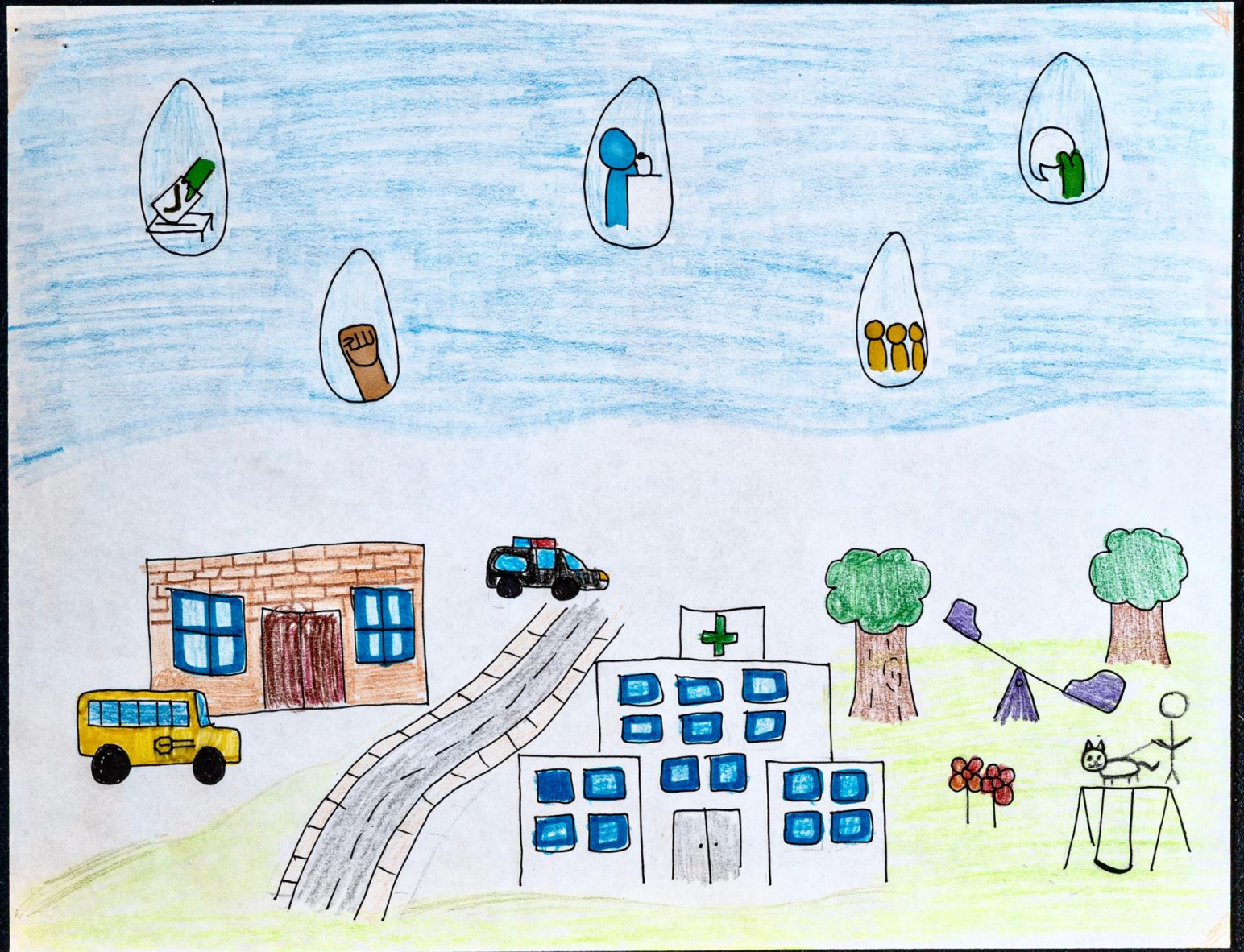
Judges' Choice Award



Actions Build Communities

“Raindrops from puddles like our actions (voting, voices, discussions) form a community.”

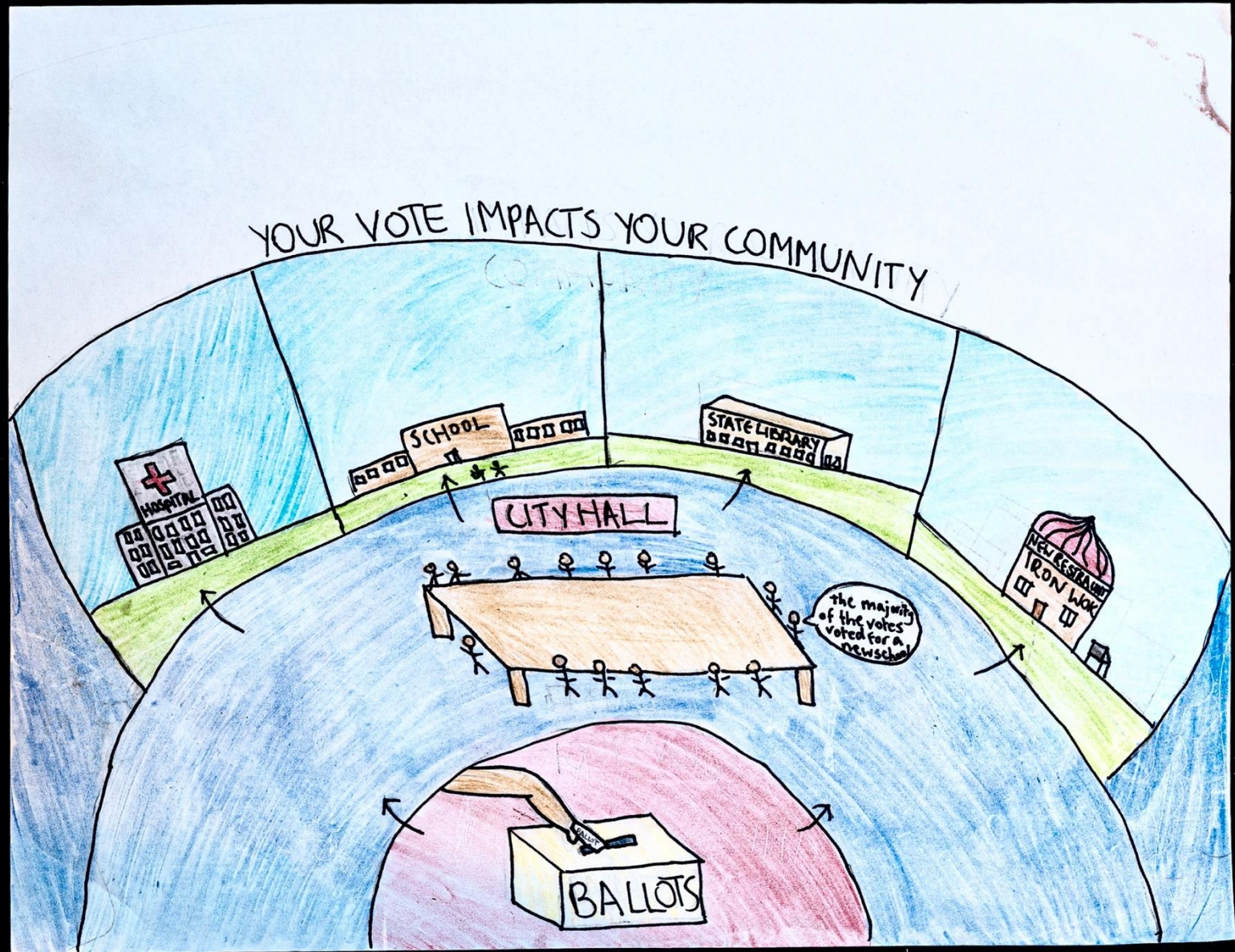
~ Lekya, age 11, 5th grade



Your Vote Impacts Your Community

“The simple act of voting has a ripple effect in our communities. It helps us gather resources and elect leaders, and build community together.”

~ Aditi, age 11, 5th grade



Where the Town Breathes

“This drawing captures the places where daily life naturally unfolds - every building becomes part of a larger story, showing how the town comes alive through its people.”



~ Nandita, age 11, 6th grade

Mayor

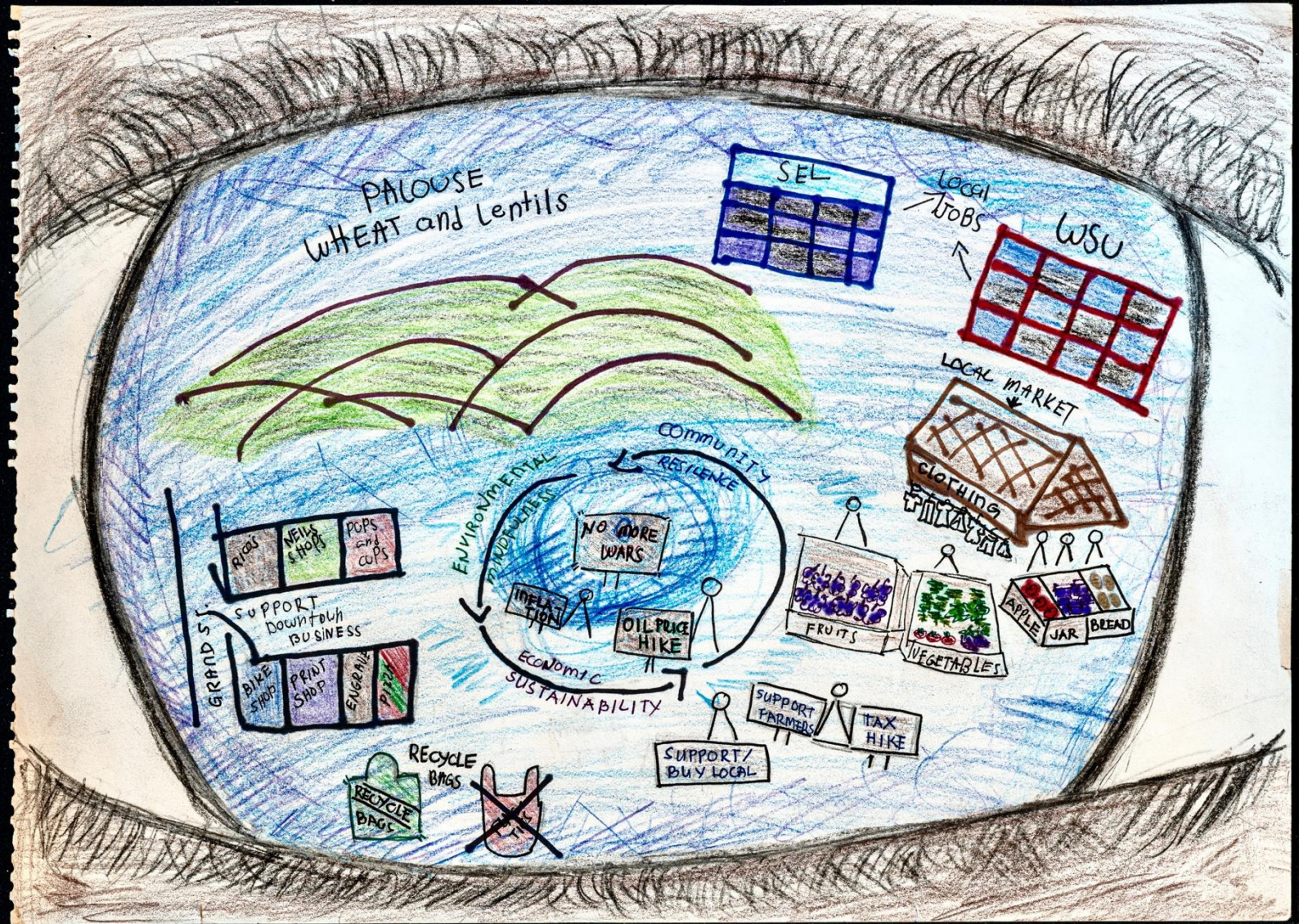
The mayor does so much work to shape our government.

~ Gabriella, age 11, 6th grade



Green, Grounded and Growing in My Eyes

90% is a goal, while it is not 100% doable, it is a shorthand, for community resilience, economic sustainability, and environmental mindfulness.

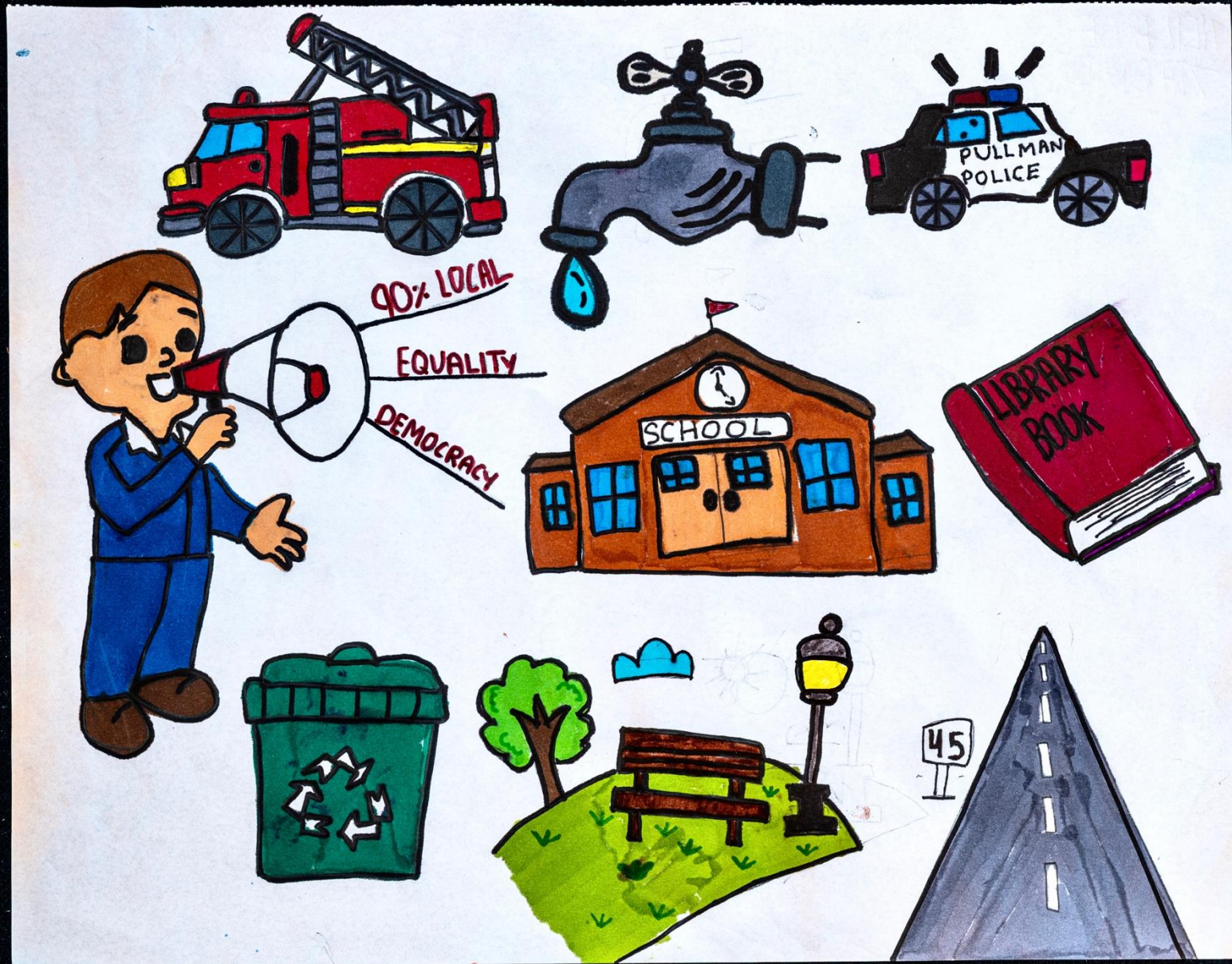


~ Stella Perreten, age 12, 6th grade

Local Voices, Lasting Impact

“Local Voices, Lasting Impact’ showcases the idea on how local participation in the community shapes our day to day lives. The speaker represents individuals using their voice to express their opinions and concerns. The words from the megaphone that ripple outwards suggest how we are heard through the local government. The community elements that surround the artwork are the impact of our civic engagement. Overall, when people speak up for their rights and advocate for change, we create lasting impact in the world.”

~ Neil, age 12, 7th Grade



All Politics is Local

"I was inspired by the downtown Pullman protests, which showed that even small communities--in coordination with those in other communities--could have a big impact. The use of newsprint highlights the importance of local newspapers. The phrase "all politics is local" is credited to former House speaker Tip O'Neill, who says that politicians need to address more than just national concerns."



~ Julianne Ridout, age 15, 10th grade



WA State Attorney General Nick Brown's Choice Award

Pullman

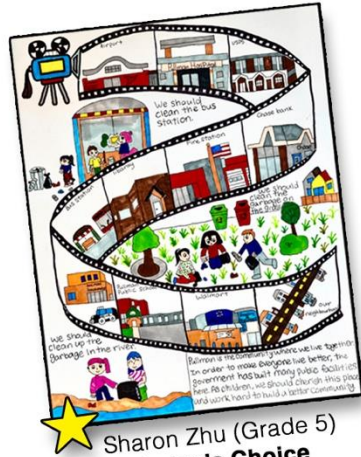
“The front of the the Train is a structure from Mary's park, and the back is the old Pullman train depot, an important part of our town history. Pullman has a lot of great parks, which require planning, thought and construction. Mary's park was made to be accessible for all children.”

~ Amaya Lee, age 15, 10th grade



Congratulations
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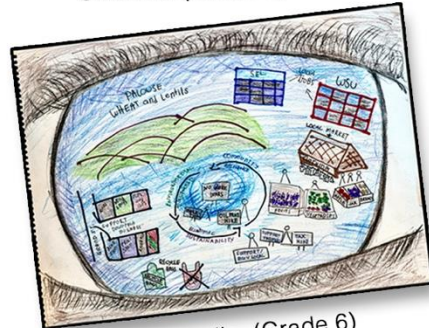
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Locally



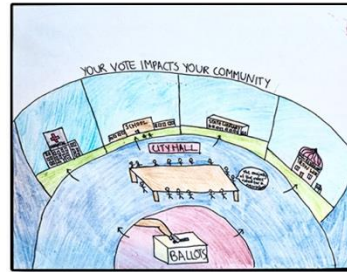
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Judge's Choice



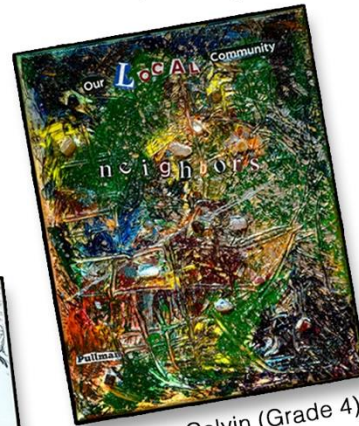
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Stella (Grade 6)



Aditi (Grade 5)



Kiernan Colvin (Grade 4)



Julianne Ridout (Grade 10)
WA Attorney General Brown's Choice



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Committee's Choice



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Neil (Grade 7)

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