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the Class of 2013



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Introduction

Literacy is important at Prince Street School and if you visit the school you'll immediately see evidence of this: you'll find books *everywhere* – not only in the library, but on the shelves in classrooms, and in students' desks and backpacks. The school keeps careful track of every student's reading and writing abilities, and offers supports when it's needed. Prince Street recognizes that literacy is the bedrock upon which much learning is based.

By way of recognizing and celebrating this, and to highlight the writing of this year's graduating class, Prince Street Home and School, with financial support from the PEI Home and School Federation and the cooperation of Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island, has produced this book of student writing from this year's grade 6 graduates, students of John MacFarlane and Jo-Anne Parsons.

Every graduate will receive a copy of this book, and it will be placed in the school library, the public library, and Robertson Library, where it will join earlier works by Prince Street Students produced in the 1970s.

Enjoy.

Maggie Arsenault

I am Maggie

I am cute and sensitive,
I wonder what I will look like in ten years,
I hear myself saying tee-he,
I see all of my friends,
I want to be six feet tall,
I am cute and sensitive,
I pretend to fly,
I feel sad when I have a bad hair day,
I touch my face,
I worry about my mom,
I cry at funerals,
I am cute and sensitive,
I understand math,
I say I don't like math,
I dream to be a model,
I try to be smart.

Brandon Axworthy

I am Brandon!

I am fun and funny,
I wonder if I will be smart,
I hear my dog when he barks,
I see my brother,
I want an ATV from my mom,
I am fun and funny.
I pretend to be rich,
I feel awesome,
I touch my dog's fur,
I worry if my dirt bike is going to break down,
I cry when my dirt bike breaks down,
I am fun and funny.
I understand my dog,
I say I'm a famous dirt biker,
I dream of getting a new dirt bike,
I try to be good in school.

Laxmi Basnet

I'm Laxmi

I'm a grade six student,
I wonder about my mom and dad,
I hear my mom telling me to clean up my room,
I see my friends,
I want money,
I'm a grade six student,
I pretend to be the teacher,
I feel bad for Ms. Gilligan,
I touch a real snake,
I worry something is going to happen,
I cry when other people die,
I understand I can't have a dog,
I say that Prithi and Trae are true people,
I dream about Dill Mill Gayye,
I try my best on the math test.

Sydney Birt

I am Sydney

I am an artist and nice,
I wonder when I will grow up,
I hear Veronica's voice,
I see Veronica's face,
I want to be flawless,
I am an artist and nice.
I pretend I am a Pretty Little Liar,
I feel happy,
I touch my book,
I worry about the world,
I cry when my pets die,
I am an artist and nice.
I understand my life,
I say things I don't mean,
I dream about the end of war,
I try to be the best in the class.

Matthew Brown

I Am

I am healthy and lively
I wonder why people smoke
I hear coughing from smokers
I want this to stop
I am healthy and lively

I pretend there are no smokers
I feel the smoky air
I touch smoke buds on the ground
I cry for the ones we have lost
I am healthy and lively

I understand this may never stop
I say put down the lighter
I try to stop this nonsense
I hope this will stop
I am health and lively

Dahlia Buchanan

Red Eyed Tree Frog

Active, hidden, funny and mellow

Eater of flies, moths, grasshoppers and
other small frogs

Snakes hunt them

They use bright colours as defense

They live in forests

They were first named the beautiful tree nymph

Agalychnis

Callidryas

Keagan Carty

I am Keagan

I am awesome and kool,
I wonder what I am going to be when I grow up,
I hear music blaring out of my stereo,
I see my friends when I go to school,
I want the new video game Black Ops,
I am awesome and kool.

I pretend I am a billionaire,
I feel like playing video games,
I touch my controller when I am playing
video games,
I worry about my brother,
I cry when my family dies,
I am awesome and kool.

I understand I can't have everything,
I say PS3 is better than Xbox,
I dream good things,
I try to make everything perfect.

Cymbria Conohan

I am Cymbria!

I am fun and outgoing,
I wonder if my hair looks fine,
I hear myself talking,
I see this sheet of paper,
I want to be a genius,
I am fun and outgoing.
I pretend to fly,
I feel happy,
I touch my hair,
I worry about my test,
I cry at funerals,
I am fun and outgoing.
I understand style,
I say anything can happen,
I dream to be a genius,
I try to be one too!

Depen Darjee

I am Depen

I am kind and intelligent,
I wonder if I will ever be a billionaire,
I hear great things about me,
I see my friends and family,
I want all the money in the world,
I am kind and intelligent.
I pretend to know what the teacher is saying,
I feel like I need to be better at b-ball,
I touch Vivek's cat,
I worry about passing Grade 6,
I will cry if I don't pass Grade 6,
I am kind and intelligent.
I understand I will not get everything I want,
I say I am better than you,
I dream about being the best in the world,
I try at math.

Dil Maya Darjee

Christmas

We celebrate Christmas every year. When we were in Nepal, we used to celebrate Christmas on December 25th and have a picnic with our church members in Damak. We got to sing and dance and play around with friends while some of our parents made dinner for all the members of the church. They made chicken, rice, dal and it was delicious and tasty.

When we finished eating dinner we packed things and went to the church. After the church we got our stuff and headed for home in the night and when got home we went to bed.

On December 31, we go to the church at night and the church youth leaders announce the name of who won the game that we played at picnic, like holding the balloons with one arms, ball passing, and stuff like that. In ball passing my aunt won the game and she got a prize and the others members won the game and got a prize too.

After we're done handing the prizes we light the candles to say good-bye to the old year and welcome the New Year and hold it with our right hand and we pray. When we finished praying we went to our home. It was fun going to the picnic with family, friends and this year we were thinking to celebrate Christmas with our families at my aunt's house or our

house. I think it would be fun this year if we celebrate Christmas together because we get to wear our traditional clothes and we get to celebrate Jesus birthday.

Matthew Doyle

Christmas

Last Christmas was the best one yet. James and I went downstairs and we opened the presents.

I got ball hockey gear and a hockey net too. My family came over to our house for Christmas dinner.

We had a delicious turkey dinner. My favourite part was the fudge that my grandma made we had for dessert.

It was my best Christmas so far!

Jazzy Dunn

I Am Jazzy

I am a singer and a dancer,
I wonder what I will do in the future,
I see my favourite book in my hands,
I want to be a professional dancer,
I am a singer and a dancer.

I pretend to be animals for my little sister Mylie,
I feel proud to be who I am,
I touch my pencil at school,
I worry I'll stop dancing one day,
I cry at sad movies,
I am a singer and a dancer.

I understand I will probably never stop dancing,
I say a prayer to God when I need help,
I dream of being popular,
I try to be a good friend.

Izaak Ford

Porcupine

Prickly, small, can be playful, can be vicious.

Eater of plants, fruit, leaves, and tender layers
of tissue beneath a tree.

Gives birth to porcupettes.

But can only give birth to one porcupette at a time.

Is the prey of wolves, coyotes, foxes, hawks, and
many more animals hunt them.

They defend themselves with their razor sharp quills.

Most of them dwell in North/South America.

Erethizontidae.

Ingrid Forrester-Wendt

I am Ingrid

I am curious and happy,
I wonder where I will go,
I hear the leaves crunch under my boots,
I see them change colour,
I want to live a good life and be loved,
I am curious and happy.
I pretend I can fly,
I feel enchanted by the world,
I touch the earth with love,
I worry about my family,
I cry when people hurt my feelings,
I am curious and happy.
I understand life,
I say stop Plan B,
I dream of being famous,
I try to be different.
I am strider
I am fast and strong,
I wonder why they left me,
I hear sit, stay,
I see them walk away but I obey,
I want to be here forever,
I am fast and strong.
I pretend to be the fastest
I feel loved and happy

I touch the earth with my paws

I worry about Leigh

I cry when I am lonely

I am fast and strong

I understand life,

I say love and be loved

I dream of dog treats

I try to be good

Azure Gillman

I Am

I am sweet and kind
I wonder if my cat Milly is safe and ok
I hear the voices of the animals
I see animals that need my help
I am sweet and kind
I pretend that I have my cat with me
I feel that the animals of the world
support us to help them

I touch the circle of life as I walk through the park
I worry that all the animals will suffer
from wounds or infections or illness
I cry when I see an animal that is dying
I am sweet and kind
I understand that we won't be there for all animals
that need help

I say that we should help wounded animals we see
I dream that animals and people will someday
help each other
I try to help around animal places like the zoo
and a farm
I hope someday I will have a pet monkey
I am sweet and kind

Prithi Gurung

I am Prithi

I'm a grade six student,
I wonder about my family,
I hear a Barbie doll singing,
I see a real ghost,
I want to get good marks on my math test.
I'm a grade six student,
I pretend to be sad with my friends,
I feel sad when some people cry,
I touch a real monkey,
I worry when my brother gets sick,
I cry when other people yell at me,
I'm a grade six student.
I understand that my mom says true things about me,
I say to mom and dad what I believe in,
I dream what I want to be,
I try to be something that I really love.

Cole Jarvis

I Am

I am determined and strong
I wonder how many parts of the world are still racist
I hear the sound of very hurtful words
I see punching kicking to the African-Americans
I want racism to stop throughout the whole world
I am determined and strong

I pretend they made a ruling to stop racism
worldwide
I feel the hurt and pain for them
I touch the warm hearts of the African-Americans
I worry racism will go on for ever
I cry when innocent people get killed because they're
a different colour
I am determined and strong

I understand that racism has been going around the
world for years
I say why hurt them, we're all the same
I dream someday the whole world will understand
we're all different but we're all the same
I try to be nice to everybody
I hope someday will stop
I am determined and strong

Dasan Knockwood

If I Had a Magic Broom

I would use it to fly to my destination, with all the wind in my face and seeing all the wildlife in the forest below, smelling the fresh air. Flying on my broom is like flying on HAPPINESS!

Maybe I could get it to clean my room? If it did, my room would smell like vanilla and look like a prince, who had the best cleaners in the city clean his room, to make it look spotless.

I would train it to cook, clean, play sports and most importantly teach it to play PS3 with me. My magic broom would be a part of my family. Only if my family would do all those things for me!

D'anyil Josh Landry

Christmas Day

I woke up Christmas Day to the bickering of adults over who shall get the most coffee and the favourable things that happened that day made sure I'd remember to this day.

I tore open my first gift like a squirrel opening a nut, then I handed the gift I made for dad to him. He opened it very slowly and by then, we were already smiling like two eight year olds that just found out that the world was made out of chocolate. I remember getting a 3DS, Juicy Fruit gum, an MP3 player and much more! But my favourite gift of all wasn't wrapped, wasn't bowed and wasn't hidden... it was being with my family!

The wonderful flavor of eggnog was being tasted, even though no one was drinking it. The UPROAR of the presents being torn open was just a miracle! and then it hit me like a brick! I had realized the true meaning of Christmas. But that, my friend, is for you to find out.

Maity Lay

I am

I am responsible and caring

I wonder why people take drugs

I hear people die because of drugs

I see people lose their life because of drugs

I want people to stop using drugs in the whole world

I am responsible and caring

I pretend that our world is filled with drug abuse

I feel bad about children who grow up with parents
who smoke and take drugs

I touch and feel bad for people who want to get drugs
out of their life and they couldn't

I worry that someday I might be the one
who's gonna use drugs

I cry whenever someone lost their family member
because of drugs

I am responsible and caring

I understand once you take a drug it takes control of
you and make you wanna take more

I say we need to stop taking drugs

I dream that someday people would stop using drugs
and have a normal life

I try to make people stop taking drugs

I hope that people would stop making drugs

I am responsible and caring

Sophie MacInnis

If I Had a Magic Broom

A witch's magical broom you say? Well of course! It would fly me to school and sweep the floors but it could also give my dogs a bath (now that would be magic!).

It could cut down an enormous Christmas tree! (But of course still small enough to fit in the living room) And possibly it could cook a delicious meal for me and my family... pizza! But when I ask the magic broom to do all of that stuff I don't want to sound too demanding or else the broom might turn evil and betray me!

Rosie MacQuarrie

Tiger

Stealthy, slick, domestic, large

Eater of deer, antelope, turtles

Who gives birth to a litter of 1-6 cubs

Who fears humans and no food

Who defends with retractable claws, sharp teeth,
strong jaw

Resides in India, South East Asia

Dweller of tropic forests and swamps

Panthera

Tigris

Jenivieve MacWilliams

My Awesome Christmas!

I'm only a morning person on December 25th... because it's CHRISTMAS DAY!!! I'm going to tell you about a memory of Christmas... well actually it happened last year... read on to find out more about my awesome Christmas!

I woke up at exactly 4:01 am... I was so cold, I jumped down from bed and put on my pink fuzzy slippers, grabbed my house coat and ran into my mom's room. So obviously I had to wake her up, normally she's already awake... but it was kind of early. She was really angry, but I wouldn't leave until she got up. My sister and brother were still asleep, so my mom told me to go wake them up, she said to them and I quote, "If I have to go through this, so do you." They were really, REALLY angry at me... but they still love me, I mean who doesn't love me? But anyway, for breakfast we had toast.... KIDDING! We had bacon, pancakes and tater tots. I can still taste the hot syrup dripping from the top of the stack of pancakes, and the bacon... ooh the BACON! The bacon was so yummy! Just dipping it in the ketchup... okay, back on track.

Now on to the gifts. This is something I always have wanted... A LAPTOP!!! I was screaming for like two hours! I actually wanted to go on it instead of open the rest of my gifts! But eventually, I opened them.

After that my sister and I went outside for a LOOONG time. We built three gigantic snowmen. I almost forgot about the hat, scarf, buttons for eyes, and a carrot for the nose! I ran inside, tore up the closet, after like five minutes I finally found it. I raced outside and placed the hat on top of the snowman's head.

By the time we got back inside it was like twelve something... as soon as I walked in I could smell the fireplace, it was so warm! I almost melted... (but in a good way). My mom was starting to make supper, my sister and I started helping. We were having boiled dinner. My favourite! My sister and I started to help, I was doing the carrots and my sister was doing the potatoes. My mom was cutting up the onions. We finally finished getting the food ready to go into this HUGE pot. Now the hard part. Waiting for supper... so this is what we did, I picked out a movie, my mom baked some cookies, and my sister made hot cocoa.

After the movie we started going through some more gifts that weren't opened yet. We found a gingerbread house, two actually. The exact same time when we finished making the gingerbread houses, supper was finished. I got to set the table. When we were finished eating, we got dessert, it was strawberry shortcake, my mom makes the best. I can still picture and kind of taste the strawberry sauce dripping from the sides all over the French vanilla ice cream. That was definitely the best Christmas ever.

Vivek Mandal

I am Vivek

I am weak and fast,
I wonder if I will be basketball player,
I hear great thing about Bugatti,
I see lots of crow flying,
I want a real iPad,
I am weak and fast.
I pretend to be Kobe Bryant,
I feel like I need to work hard on math,
I touch a snake at the zoo,
I worry that I might die,
I am weak and fast.
I understand what my parents says,
I say nice stuff to people,
I dream lots of ghost stories,
I try spelling words,
I am weak and fast.

Veronica McDonald

I am Veronica

I am artistic and fair,
I wonder what I will be when I grow up,
I hear my favourite music,
I see my reflection in my mirror,
I want to be perfect,
I am artistic and fair.
I pretend to like math,
I feel happy when I am with my friends,
I touch my pencil,
I worry about the world,
I cry when I miss my friends,
I am artistic and fair.
I understand that I can't have everything I want,
I say things I don't mean,
I dream about peace,
I try to do my best in everything.

Mason Miles

Orangutan

Intelligent, cautious, wise, wary

Omnivore eater of plants and meat

Gives birth to one every eight years

Who fears humans

Who defends itself with a howling call

Who lives in Borneo and

Who dwells in trees with a nest

Pongo

Pygmaeus

Trae Misener

I am Trae

I am funny and energetic,
I wonder if I could be any weirder than I already am,
I hear my mom telling me to clean up my room,
I see my friends when I hang out with them,
I want to be a billionaire,
I am funny and energetic.
I pretend to be an NBA player,
I feel happy when I sleep in,
I touch Christian's hair,
I worry about losing my family,
I cry when I lose my family member,
I am funny and energetic.
I understand I can't have everything I want,
I say I can accomplish anything,
I dream about candy,
I try my best in activities.

Christian Morrison

I am Christian

I am energetic and cool,
I wonder what I will do as an adult,
I hear constant talking,
I see movement everywhere I go,
I want to have a nice family and dog,
I am energetic and cool.
I pretend to listen but I zone out sometimes,
I feel upset when people get hurt,
I touch my hat,
I worry about friends and family,
I cry when people talk about my mom,
I am energetic and cool.
I understand the pain of people in foster care,
I say what I think,
I dream about the last people I talk to,
I try to do what I want plus other things.

Estefania Penagos Ortiz

If I Had A Magic Broom

If I had a magic broom I would make the broom clean my bed room so it looks neat, clean, and sparkly and that it smells fresh.

I would make them leave it like a hotel bedroom. I would want my magic broom to do my homework for me so that I don't have to do my homework! If I have a magic broom it would take me to a One Direction concert.

My magic broom would take pictures of me and One Direction in the concert.

MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM that magic broom makes the best food like: Chinese food, hot dogs and pizza with cheese, hot pepperoni, bacon, onion, tomato sauce, mmmmmm mmmmmmmmmmm.

My magic broom is the BEST broom in the world!

Colby Rose

I am Colby

I am funny and smart,
I wonder if the world will end,
I hear great things about me,
I see my brother Aiden,
I want an ATV,
I am funny and smart.

I pretend to be rich,
I feel awesome,
I touch my dog's head,
I worry if my dog will die,
I will cry when my dog dies,
I am funny and smart.

I understand that my parents are divorced,
I'm going to play Xbox360,
I dream that I would be rich,
I try to be nice to my brother.

Oliver Rukavina

If I Had a Magic Traveling Broom

Season #1: I would hear the wind in the fall on the broom.

Season #2: I would see the beach in the summer on the broom.

Season #3: I would taste the hot chocolate in the winter on the broom.

I would touch the broom in all seasons and not like harsh weather.

I would be on the broom to go to the warm places in fall, winter, spring, and then in the summer.

I would not like the cold of the fall and the winter on the broom.

I would not like the rain of the spring and summer.

Top 10 things that the broom would have:

#1 the broom would have a see through glass roof and doors.

#2 the broom would have a hot chocolate dispenser.

#3 the broom would have room for me in all stages of life.

#4 the broom would have sushi dispensers, comic dispensers, school work dispensers.

#5 the broom would have supplies for me.

#6 the broom would have a exit, a entrance, and an emergency exit.

#7 the broom would have a GPS on the broom.

#8 the broom would beep if we go to the places I do not want to go and the places I did not put in the GPS.

#9 the broom would book me a hotel.

10 the broom would book me a table.

Daniel Turnbull

I am Daniel

I am friendly and shy,
I wonder about life,
I hear a piano,
I see my friends,
I want to be better at piano,
I am friendly and shy.
I pretend to not know how to play piano,
I feel good when I play piano,
I touch the keys on a piano,
I worry about messing up in front of people,
I cry when someone I know dies,
I am friendly and shy.
I understand why we go to school,
I say never give up,
I dream of playing piano,
I try to make a difference.

Josiah Wigmore

Panda

Chunky, lumbering, adorable, and big appetite

The eater of bamboo, rodents, and birds

Who gives birth to a litter of 1-2 babies

Who fears people, leopards, and wild dogs

Who defends with strong teeth and paws

An animal from China that dwells in the bamboo
forests

Ailuropoda

Melanoleuca



Prince Street Home and School is a member of the PEI Home and School Federation, the umbrella organization of local “home and school” and “parent council” organizations in 55 schools across Prince Edward Island.

The Federation is the voice of parents and guardians in the education system, and exists to promote the total well-being of children and the highest standards of education for each child in the province.

The Federation works in partnership with other organizations who foster this ideal and assists in the development of policies related particularly to quality education for each child.

The Federation works primarily by offering support to, and coordination between, its local members and believes that the participation of parents and guardians in the education of our children is vital.

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