***Season haikus***

By Alex Adams

**Summer fall**

It is summer now The leaves start to change

It is boiling hot outside Leaves start to fall out of trees

Now the sun has set It is cool out now

**winter spring**

Snowflakes start to drop Flowers start to bloom

It is very cold outside Snow is starting to melt now

Ice hangs from tree limbs It is is warm out now

Wear a Helmet!

Did you know that according to *Consumer Reports* 88% of young cyclists and skaters are killed or have suffered serious injuries just from not wearing a helmet?

Now let me tell you, it’s not just *your* parents who always tell you to wear a helmet (even though you don't want to and you think you have just gotten so good at cycling or skating that there is just NO chance that you could possibly fall or get hurt). My parents tell me the same thing and with good reason because there is a chance you could get hurt. Even if you’re really good at riding your bike you never know when a crazy driver could just come up behind you, not see you, and hit you. Hopefully, wearing a helmet will increase your chances of surviving that incident and a little helmet hair is not worth your life; I promise.

So, please wear a helmet even if you think that it doesn't look cool.

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Coral Reef

Coral

Colorful, vibrant

Living, helping, swaying

Fish, crabs, water, firecoral

Breathing, shelter, growing

Important, fragile

reef

Gwen Sherwood.

**Haikus**

**By Harper Elliott**

Springtime

Jump, jump in the pond!

The little frog was swimming

Lily pads- he sits

Texas Sights

He starts to slither-

The coral snake is curled up

The mouse has no chance

In the Zoo

As the lion sleeps,

The moon has now departed

He gets awakened

It's Now Night

Under the moon

As the cat sits on my lap,

The black little cat

Pig Pen

The big pig in slop

He rolls in mud way too much

The pink large pig played

Help Save the Animals!!!! By Hazel Petersen

Hello boys and girls. This is a paper about saving animals, because people should be more helpful and caring. With that being said, saving animals does not just help them, it helps us. For example, going to zoos and aquariums is not always a good thing. We don't need these places for entertainment. We already have festivals, video games, movies, friends, and even family time to add value to our lives. So, it’s really not necessary. These animals could be free.

Here are other ways that we could help our wildlife:

Recycling- when we recycle less waste clutters our animal friend’s environments

Eating less meat-It's not only good for earth but good for your body.This will help keep animals from being endangered or going extinct as well.Vaquitas,wild cats,elephants,white rhinos, and the white stork are all endangered. So let’s do our part,

Clean Up the earth- Our trash can contaminate the natural spaces of our fellow animals

These little things can do a LOT more than you think. I'm not trying to be rude, I'm just trying to help our planet and our community and the animals that are in the community. Do what you know is right. Don't be that one person on their device like all the others, be the cool one helping animals!

I know every chance I have, I'll try to help.

**Just Some Wise Words:**

**“Think not about the answer, but the question itself.”**

**-Unknown**

**“Patience is the key to open all doors to your future.”**

**-Unknown**

**Dog Pounds Need to Wait Longer Before Euthanization**

**Dog pounds need to wait longer before euthanization. Dog pounds usually wait only 5 - 7 days before euthanization which I highly disagree is a reasonable time. Animals are not just objects to hang out with, they are living things with a heart beat and large amounts of feelings as well as compassion. Plus, you could also send them to a shelter and put them up for adoption.**

Hang Up and Drive!

By Maddie Phelan

After reading about driver safety, I absolutely think the U.S.A. should prevent the use of cell phones during driving. 26% of all car accidents happen after texting and driving. A study from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has concluded that driving while texting is 6 times more dangerous than driving drunk.

I understand that texting or using your cell phone is convenient, but it can almost always wait. Distracted driving claimed 3,522 innocent lives in 2021 and injured another 362,415 people. Each day, nearly 11 teenagers die due to distracted driving. Imagine causing 3 innocent people to die because your sister texted some silly GIF to you.

After reading this, I hope you are now informed on the dangers of distracted driving and will consider not answering a text while on the road.

Strant vs Rant a Kaiju Story

One day this guy named Jon was watching the news. Then his phone got an alert, an alert that a giant monster had emerged on Central Avenue, downtown St.Pete. This monster was over 300 ft tall and it was destroying buildings and it was headed towards St.Pete Beach. However, Jon didn't believe this, so he drove to St.Pete Beach. Then, he got another alert that another monster had emerged out of St.Pete Beach’s ocean.

When he reached the beach, he was super surprised! He could not believe his eyes. There they were- two huge monsters and the monsters were getting ready to fight.

He nearly passed out from the shock, but he brought his camera to prove it and to post it to the news. He was a reporter who works for CNN but he also knew that he should get out of the way. He didn’t want to get in the way of those two incredible beasts.

He made names for them Strant and Rant. They went in for the battle of the ages! Jon nearly got stepped on as he was capturing proof of their existence. Suddenly, Rant seemed to be tossed over five football fields.

Strant saw Jon and started chasing his car. Jon’s car was going as fast as possible but Strant caught up and picked up the car. Jon almost fell out because his car door broke in the upheaval. Jon was getting great footage of Strant’s face and sent it to CNN. Then suddenly, Rant came out of nowhere and tackled Strant. Strant dropped Jon's car. He fell out of it but one of the houses had a hole in the roof and he somehow landed on a water bed. But he hurt his back. “It could have been worse.”, he thought in his head so he got back up with his camera and got on a bike to chase Strant and Rant.

Meanwhile, the monsters had already made it to Terra Verde. A quick-thinking scientist managed to get some cells from them and did a rapid experiment on the cells. He told the military what he found so they got two big towels, a bunch of helicopters, and nets and threw the towels over the heads and around the bodies of the two huge monsters. They flew them to two giant labs and Jon got all that in his camera footage. The news went viral and Jon became famous and did lots of research but never came across anything quite as exciting as Strant and Rant.

River Turtles

In Australia they have these turtles named Bellinger River turtles. According to a documentary called *Secrets of the Zoo: Down Under,* 90 percent of their population got wiped out because of a virus, but luckily 16 of them got taken out of the river for research. Now, Australian zookeepers have a breeding program and release about 16 of the Bellinger River turtles each year, so these reptiles can get their population back up.

**Facts that Can Save Your Life**

**By Patrick Pielli**

1. If your home smells fishy, call/tell your parents to call an electrician.Your wires might be overheating and an electrician can track down the problem for you.
2. Green potatoes are toxic to people so if you see a green potato, DON'T EAT IT. Why? Because green potatoes become green after exposure to the sun and more sun equals “solaine” and that increases a toxin in potatoes.
3. Laughter Is Good For Your Health. Why? Because it increases blood flow and relaxation.
4. If you're caught in a rip current, don't swim towards the shore as it will exhaust you and give a high risk of drowning. Instead swim the opposite direction of the shore