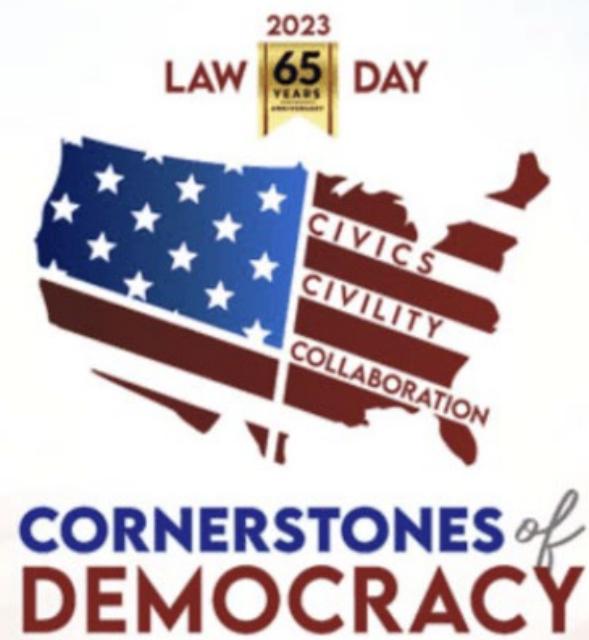


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# COLORING CONTEST

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



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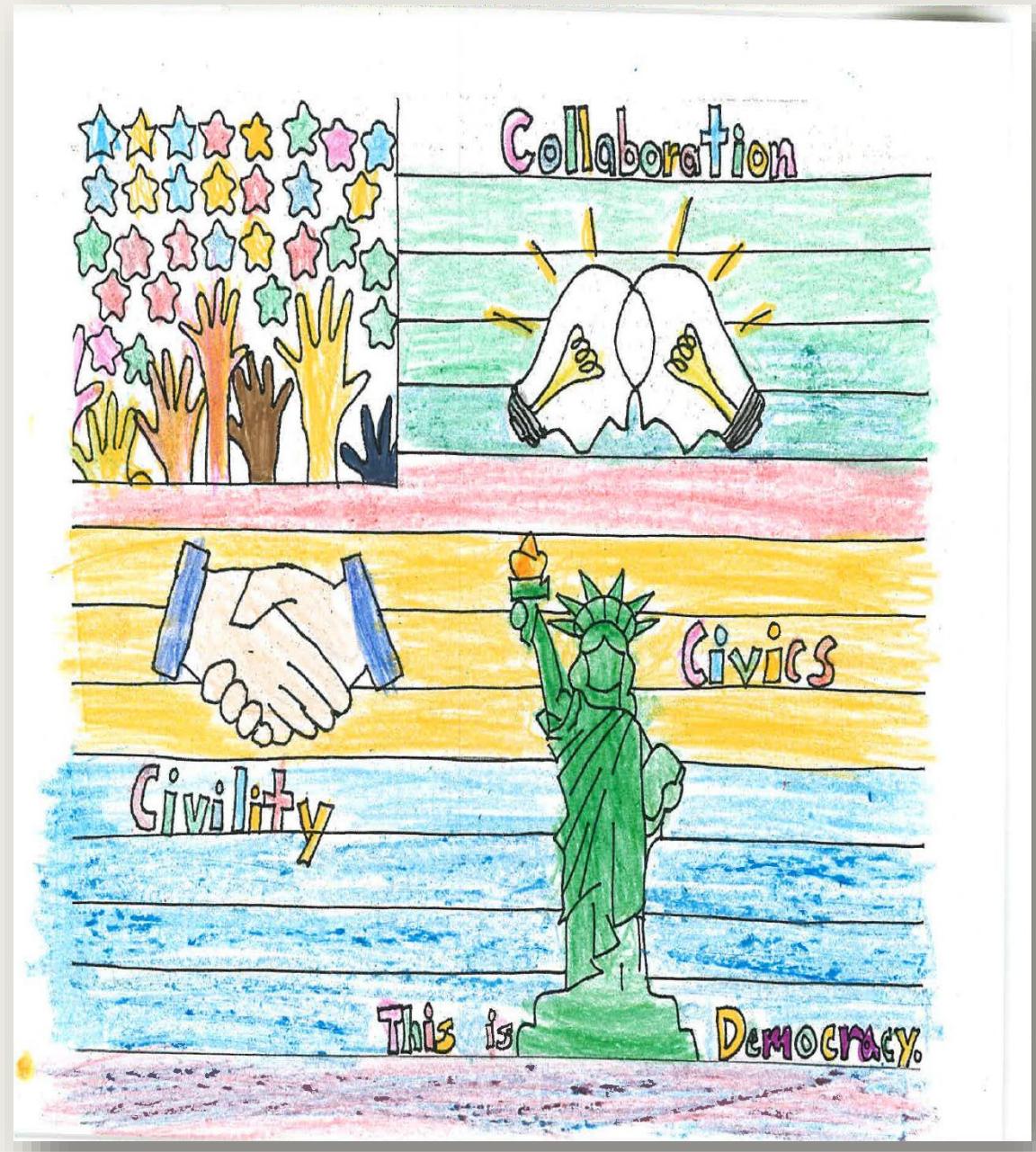
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**3<sup>RD</sup> PL – Ethan Layseca**

Our Lady of Humility School

Ms. Ferrigan



## 2023 LAW DAY WINNERS

### 2ND GRADE

*Coloring Contest*

**2<sup>ND</sup> PL – Mia Cardenas**

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Ms. Ferrigan



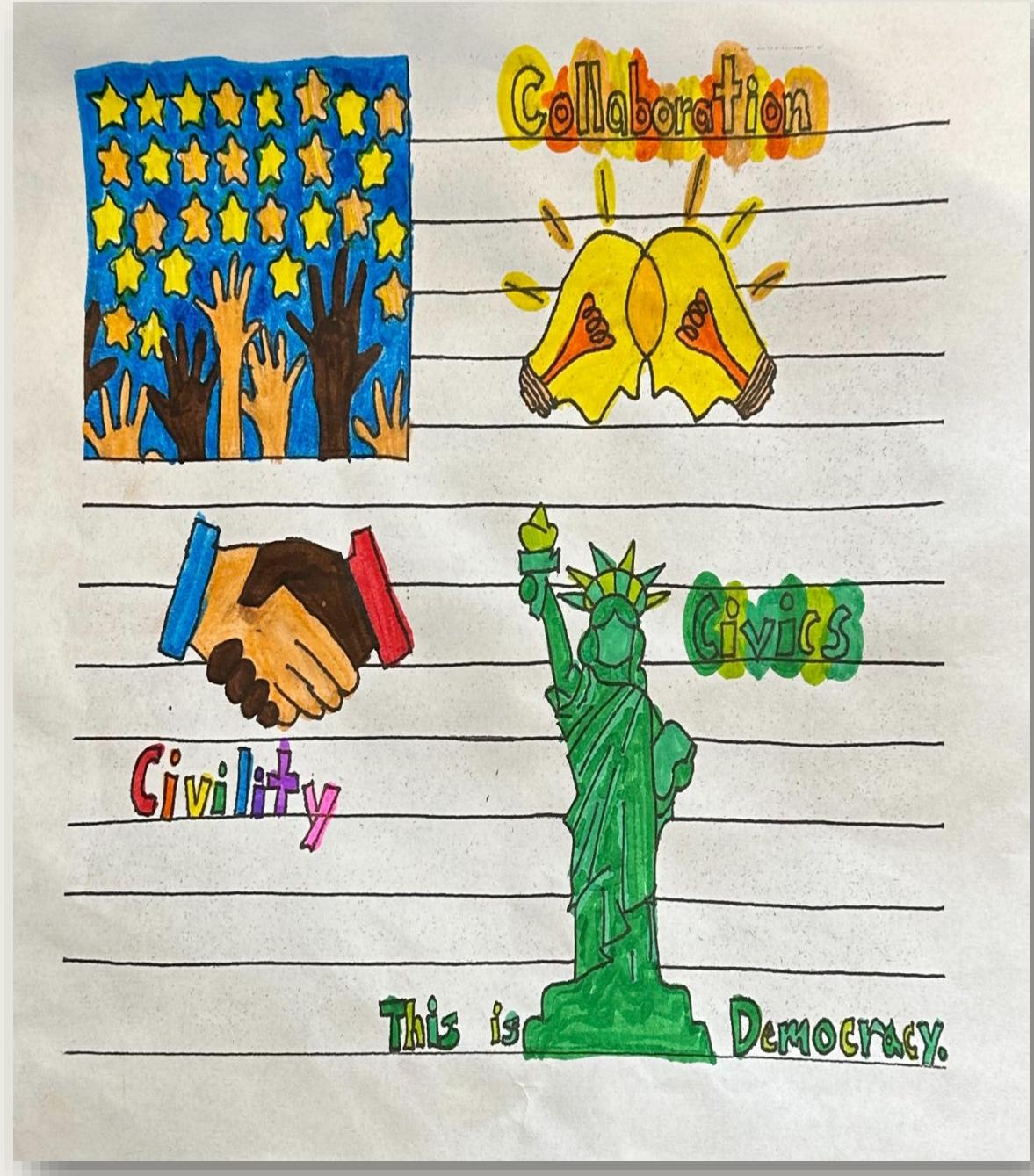
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### 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE

#### *Coloring Contest*

**1<sup>ST</sup> PL – Maxton Martinez**

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Ms. Ferrigan



# POSTER CONTEST

## 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



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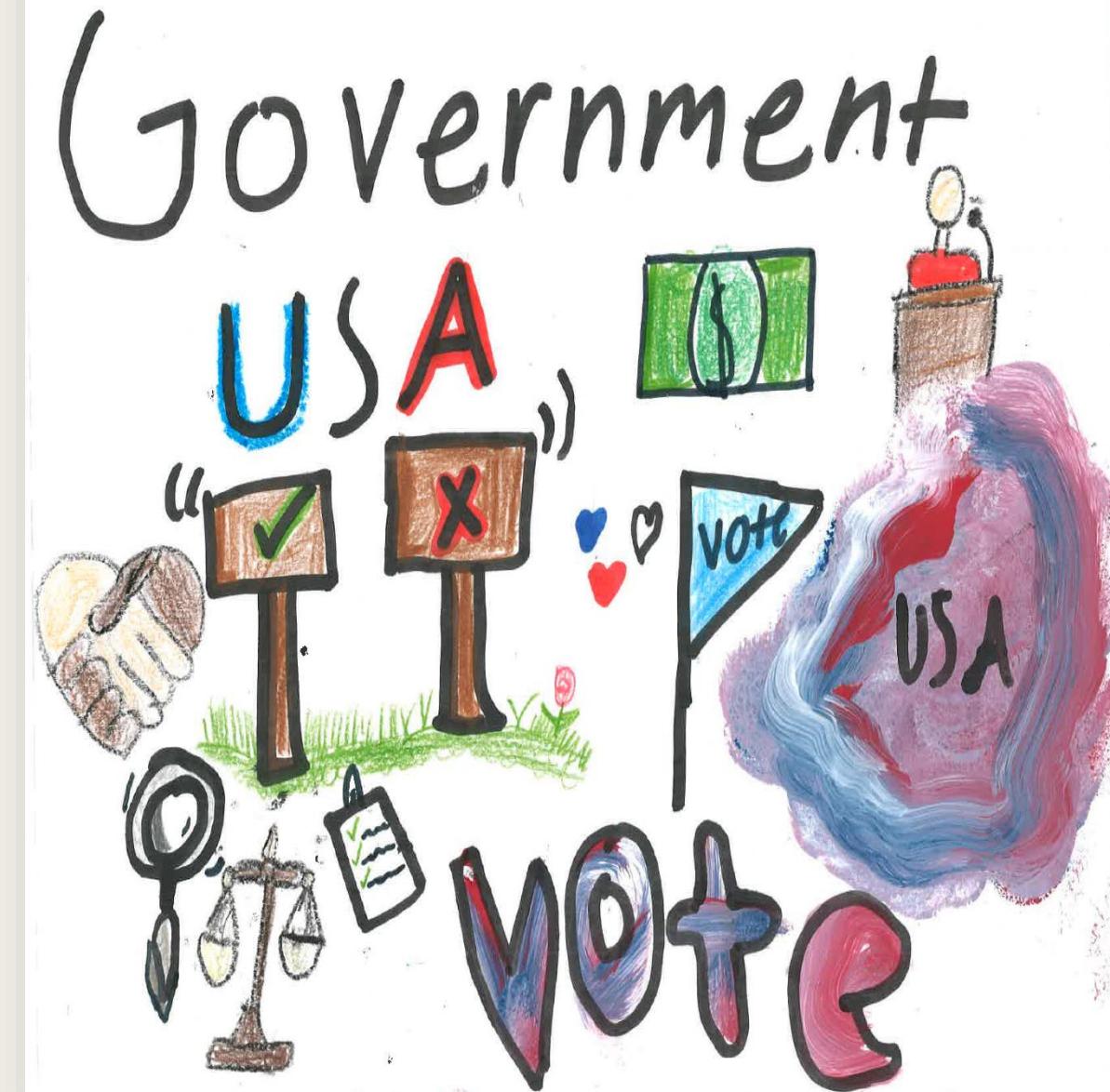
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3<sup>RD</sup> PL – Estrella Barrera Andrade

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5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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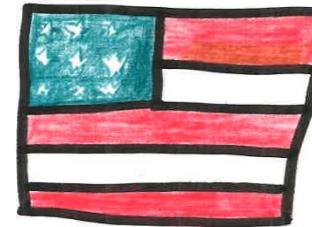
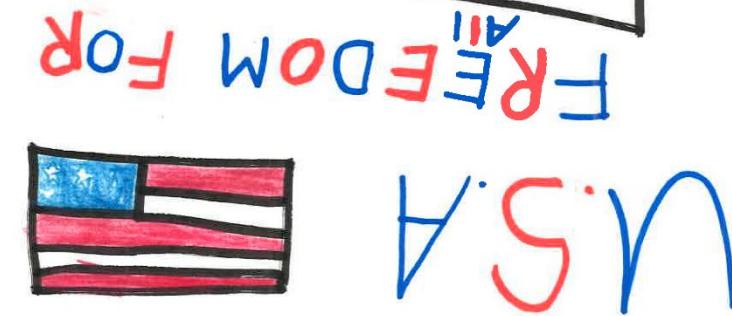
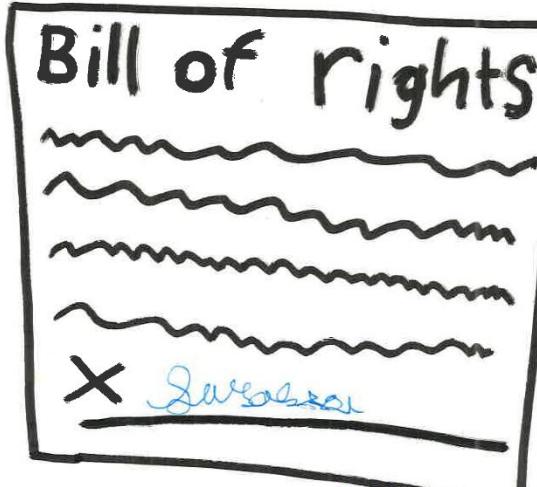
2<sup>ND</sup> PL – Sarai Martinez

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Mrs. Lynch Bolk



Women rights!



No more racism  
In the USA!

## 2023 LAW DAY WINNERS

### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE *Poster Contest*

**1<sup>ST</sup> PL – Lily Fong**

Prairie Trail School

Mrs. Lynch Bolk



# ESSAY CONTEST

## 7th Grade



*Presented by Associate Judge Christopher B. Morozin*

“CIVICS, CIVILITY AND COLLABORATION”



## 2023 LAW DAY WINNERS

### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

#### *Essay Contest*

**3<sup>RD</sup> PL – Edith Morales**

Our Lady of Humility School,  
Ms. Michelle Spangle



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#### You Should Never Drunk Drive

"Every day, about 32 people in the U.S die from drunk-driving crashes, that's one person every 45 minutes." - NHTSA

Drunk driving follows along with all of the cornerstones of democracy, with civics you can follow the law of not drinking while driving. With civility, you are respecting others and yourself by keeping everyone safe, and lastly collaboration. We can all work together to keep everyone safe and follow the law of not drunk driving! We can all work together to end drunk driving. Drunk driving is a serious offense, it affects many people, and there are consequences. Drunk driving is something nobody should do. What is drunk driving, and why is it bad? Drunk driving, others call it a DUI (driving under the influence), or a DWI (driving while intoxicated). Drunk driving is very bad because you and other people can get hurt. How many people have drunk driving affected? According to addictioncenter.com, "According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), approximately 11,654 Americans were killed in alcohol-impaired driving crashes in 2020; deaths like these were 30% of all total motor vehicle traffic fatalities in the United States. It is also estimated that 1.5 million people are arrested each year for driving under the influence of alcohol. Impaired driving continues to be a serious traffic safety and public health issue for the entire country." What happens when you get caught with a DUI/DWI? What are the consequences? When you get caught with a DUI in Illinois, you can either get fined up to \$2,500, or can get jail time up to a year. It is up to the judge to decide. According to addictioncenter.com, "If someone drives drunk and survives a crash that injures or kills other people, they must live with the consequences. That emotional burden can be worse than any bodily harm. But the physical perils of drunk driving are immense too. Impaired driving can cause accidents that lead to paralysis, disfigurement, brain damage, and even death. Impaired driving is also a crime. Drunk drivers often pay significant fines, lose their license, and

nts for conviction of a drunken driving-related revocation, Imprisonment, Vehicle Ignition interlock device (IID) restrictions, use treatment programs, and Monitored drive for your safety, and for others! Now you effects of drunk driving. And everyone can together, we can save 32 people each day. This is you drive drunk and why you should never do it.

## 2023 LAW DAY WINNERS

### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

#### *Essay Contest*

**2<sup>ND</sup> PL – Nathan Gelvezon Rodrigo**

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#### The Cornerstones of Democracy Improving the Government

The democratic government can improve in many different ways, with our help. You might think that the democratic government is already perfect but there are ways that we as citizens can help make a better democratic government. We can start making a better democratic government by knowing that the cornerstones of democracy are civics, civility and collaboration. The cornerstones of democracy are ways we can help the democratic government improve inside and out.

Civics, civility and collaboration help shape the law and world we live in today. Civics is an important thing to know so we know the rights and duties of citizenships. The youth.gov states, "Civic engagement has the potential to empower young adults, increase their self-determination, and give them the skills and self-confidence they need. For example voting is civics, and this is important so we can vote for leaders to represent us and our ideas, and so the leaders can support the citizens' interest in what we would like to see. Next, civility is an important thing to know about in the cornerstones of democracy. Civility can help in democracy so we don't harm, injure, or offend another citizen in actions or words. "Civility is the essential glue that holds society together and it involves such important issues as friendship, responsibility, dignity, and justice." According to sandiego.edu. Last of all, collaboration is also another important thing to know about in the cornerstones of democracy. According to researchgate.net, "Collaboration could be perceived as a form of democracy where mobilized citizens combine their resources to achieve common interests." Knowing about collaboration in

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## 2023 LAW DAY WINNERS

### SEVENTH GRADE

#### *Essay Contest*

**1<sup>ST</sup> PL – Maya Hulyalkar**

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Mrs. Linnenburger



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Today, the United States of America is a global superpower and a strong democracy. Unfortunately that hasn't always been the case, especially when the nation was young. The democratic process was in danger of collapsing! Part of this was due to a lack of collaboration and civility—take Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, two prolific Founding Fathers who also despised each other. Part of it was due to a lack of understanding of people's rights, since only privileged landowners could vote.

But we've learned from our mistakes. Our government reflects that—we collaborate with each other to create laws that, with a proper understanding of civics, benefit the people. So, how did we get from a frail democracy to a powerful nation?

The early United States was on shaky ground. Shay's Rebellion was the final straw—we realized that we couldn't be dysfunctional groups anymore. Representatives from every state came to the Second Continental Congress to amend the Articles, and here we see a pillar of democracy: collaboration. Collaboration helps us create things together that we never could have done alone. It helps us consider new perspectives. Without it, we simply become indifferent towards each other, bickering and fighting like children. As a team, the Founding Fathers' collective power was much more than the sum of the individuals because they worked towards a common goal. They were a strong team that fed off each other's strengths.

They created the Constitution, which gave more power to the people. The Constitution clearly outlined the rights and duties of American citizens. This is civics, and understanding it is an integral part of understanding democracy. Democracy comes from the Greek words *demos*, people, and *kratos*, power. Thus, democracy can literally be translated as "power of the people." Civics helps us understand what we can and must do as citizens. When power is in the people's hands, they must understand their civil rights—otherwise, they will run themselves into the ground like countries such as Ethiopia and Rwanda.

Civility emerged as a significant aspect of democracy as we started to prosper economically. Trade can only happen if people are polite with each other—it is a rare agreement that happens when one side tries to bully their way into getting what they want. It is mutually beneficial for both parties. Even in international affairs, civility plays an important role in building strong allies. Civility helps us show that we are polite and sophisticated. We are a society that creates wealth and not a wilderness where predatory nature persists.

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# ESSAY CONTEST

## 8th Grade



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## 2023 LAW DAY WINNERS

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE *Essay Contest*

**3<sup>RD</sup> PL – Austin Becker**

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#### Voting

Why should you vote? Voting is good especially when it involves helping your community. Voting is a good thing that helps give you a voice in your community and your country. Voting helps to show your opinion on what you want in your state, community, town, city, country, etc.

You should vote to help your town, village, city, country. Voting is essential for you to help share your voice. First, People vote to help share what you think will help your community. That's why you should vote for the person you want. Then, To help the community in the way that you think it needs to be helped in. You also vote to help make sure the person you're voting for isn't good. Finally, You should trust the person you're voting for. In conclusion , voting helps to share what you feel is necessary to everyone.

The respect for the politicians also matters a lot. If a politician isn't nice he or she might not win the election. First, Respect has to be earned from the politician, not just given to them. If they are widely known then that could be good or bad. Also, Being known by more people is better than being known by less people unless you're hated by all of them. Most politicians aren't always nice because they are in it to win. Then, To win it's not always about being nice. Politicians aren't always nice but they are given respect when they truly fight to win the elections.

Some politicians work together with other people to get elected. Politicians would work together with other people who have different insight in what the people want. First, This could help the politician know what to say and change what needs to change. Some people team up to

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### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE *Essay Contest*

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#### Voting

Why is voting so important? Voting is a part of a citizen's job so you have to take it seriously because it's far more important than you may think right now. People being involved with government and law is very important because it helps decide our future as a country. We as citizens have a very important role in our democracy so we have to do a good job with it.

Voting is a very significant job and a right we can't take for granted meaning we can't accept it as if it were free but that it's a privilege. To start, it's important because it's a part of the democratic process meaning that you are voting for whoever gets the job they're running for. That means that you are helping in deciding what's best for the country and what you think is right. Second, you are not only a part of the democratic process, but you are voting for the future of your nation. This can be very important based on what you want for the country, so make sure you choose wisely. Finally, everyone should be paying attention and stay informed about what's going on because you don't want to waste your voting by randomly selecting a candidate, you would want to know what you want and see what candidate is providing it. Randomly choosing someone while voting could be very bad because you don't know what can really happen, for example what if that person won and there was another candidate that would have clearly been better for the job. There are some of the many reasons that make voting so important not only for you but for the country as a whole.

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#### Law Day

Voting is a method by which a group, such as a meeting or an electorate, can convene together for the purpose of making a collective decision or expressing an opinion usually following discussions, debates for election campaigns. Voting is a civic duty that can be used to benefit everyone and help your country become a better place. Voting is important because it can help your community and it can help your country become a better place.

Why is voting important? Voting can help you participate in the democratic process. Voting is important to democracy because it is a key part in our government because voting helps the country make decisions and choose leaders for the country. Voting is also important because it can help you improve your community and your country. If you vote you can help pick a representative that has the same ideas that you have and then if they get into office they will help make the country or your community a better place. You are encouraged to vote because voting is a way of helping out other people because you can make changes in your country. If you vote you can improve your community and make it a better place, you can also use voting to help make your country a more stable place. If you have problems in your community that need to be fixed you can vote for changes so that those problems don't continue. In conclusion, that's why you should vote.

Voting is an important right and you should use that right to help change things for the better. Voting is important because it can help benefit you and other people and

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# ILLUSTRATION CONTEST

## 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade



*Presented by Associate Judge Jacquelyn D. Melius*

“CIVICS, CIVILITY AND COLLABORATION”



## 2023 LAW DAY WINNERS

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

*Illustration Contest*

**3<sup>RD</sup> PL – Samantha Garcia**

Neal Math and Science

Ms. Rubina Datta



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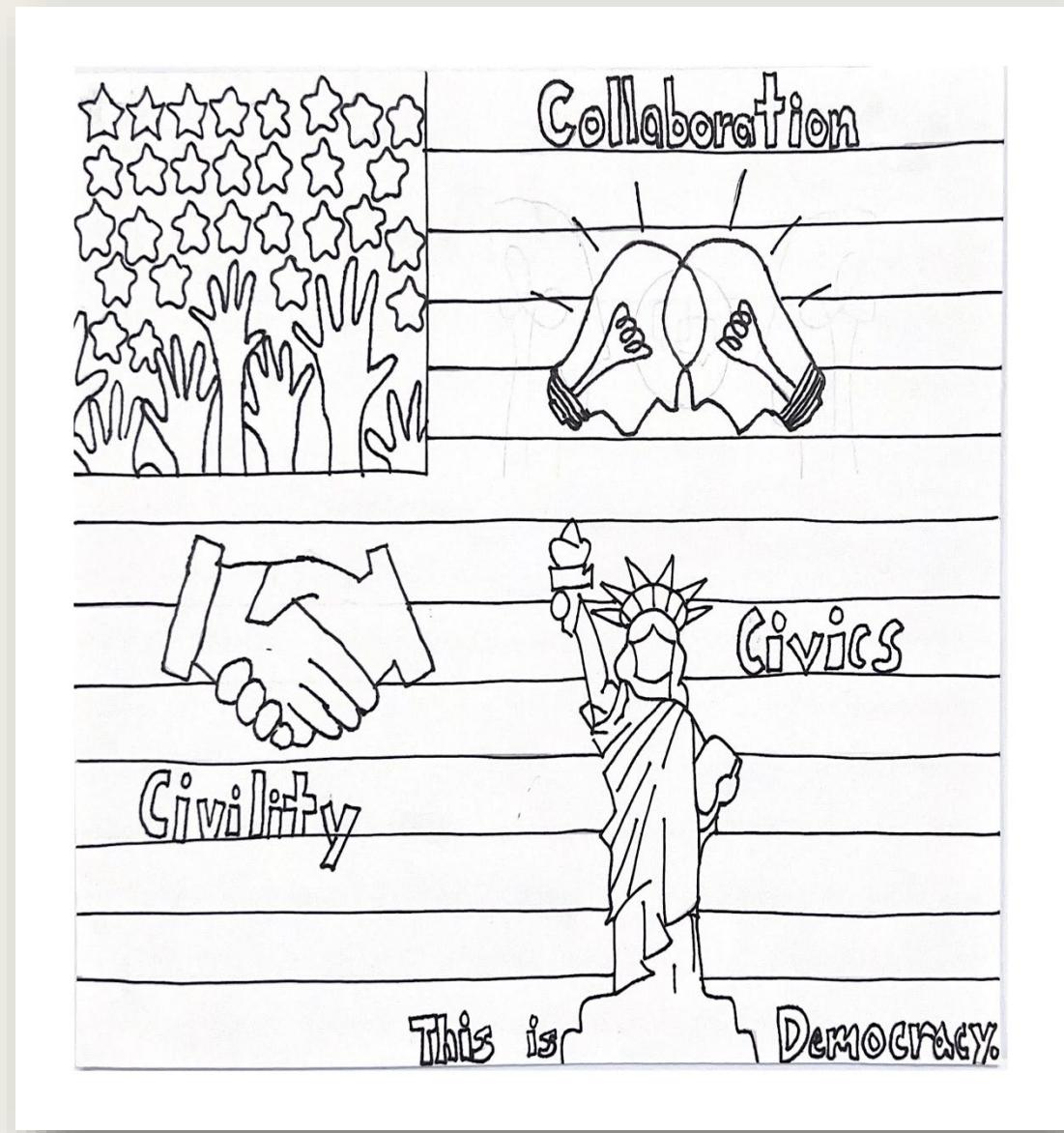
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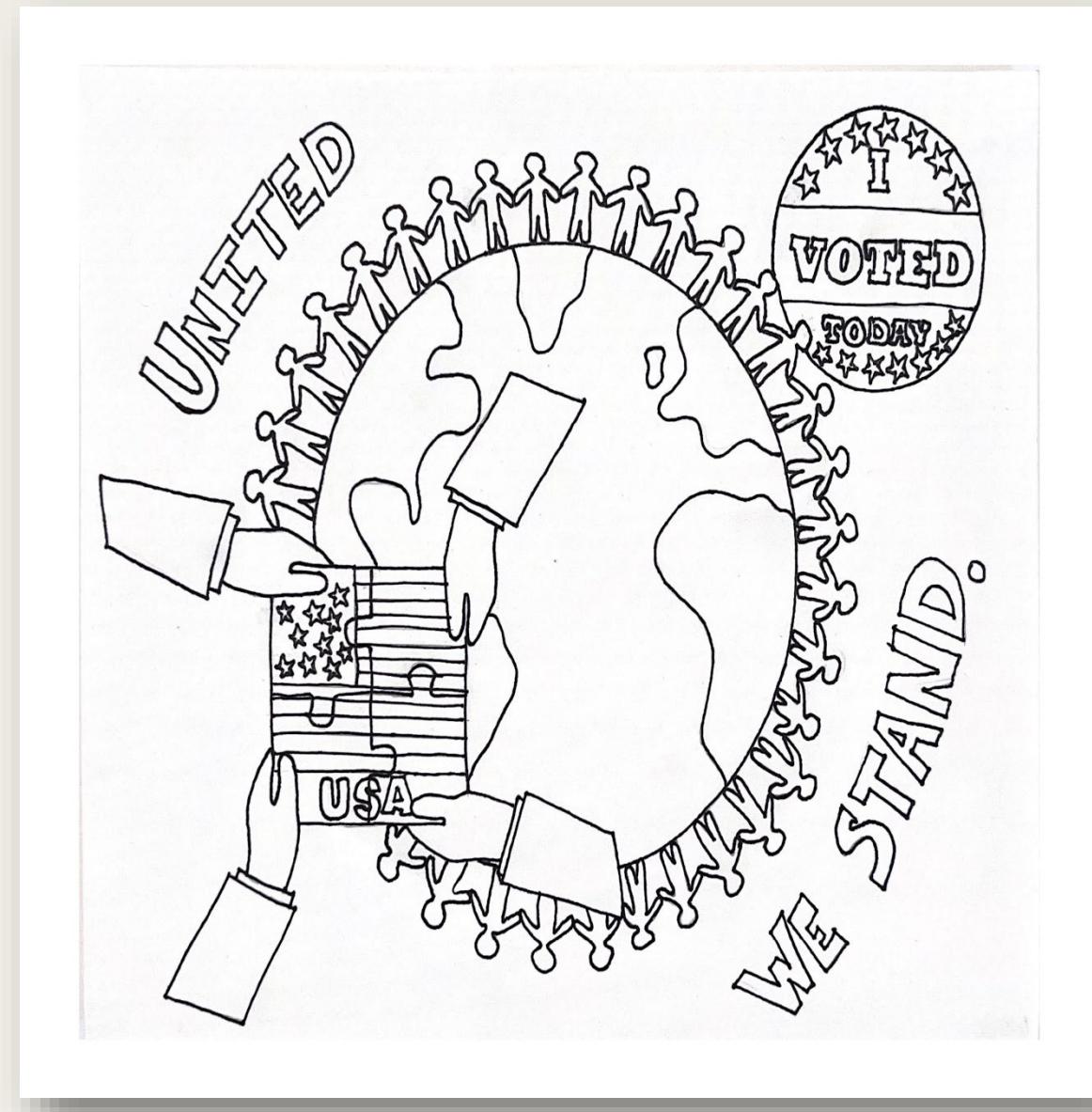
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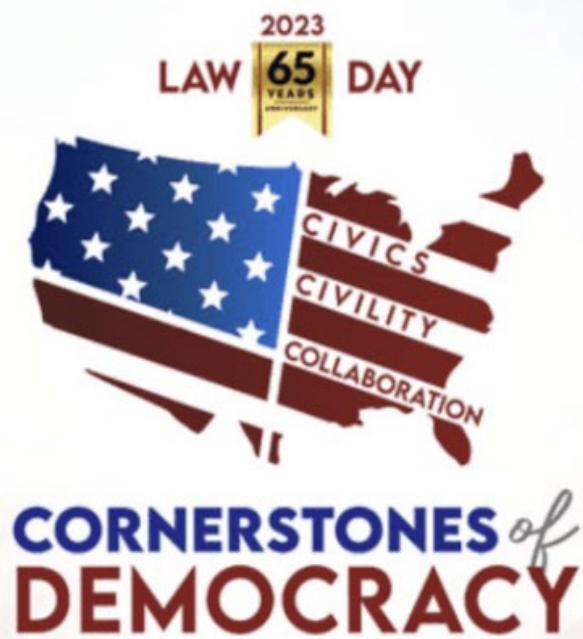
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