

~A Writing Contest~

The Escape By Willem Klein Wassink

Boys and girls of JRMS, I, Willem Klein Wassink, present to you the Tiger Telegraph's writing contest! This is how it works. I write the first chapter in a story or other writing piece and put it in the newspaper. Then you write what you think the second chapter should be and email it to me at nyklein-wassinks@hotmail.com. After that, I bring the submissions in to school, ask The Tiger Telegraph Staff to read them without showing them the name (to make sure the person is not persuaded to vote for someone just because they are friends) and based on the votes, choose the winner, whose piece will be published in the next printing of the Tiger Telegraph. If you wish to remain anonymous, you don't have to send in your name. The requirements for the piece are that it must be school appropriate, should be at least 16 sentences (this is the bare minimum), should be in size 10 times new roman font, and should be typed.

The Escape: Chapter One

I scanned the grey concrete hallways of complex 461 as I was brutally marched through them by a pair of government agents in black suits. One tall and lean, one short and round. What was it? The 6th prison the feds had tried to keep me in? Pathetic. The American government couldn't keep me contained. I felt like laughing. The rectangular fluorescent lights hanging from the ceiling made the hall look like it had a tint of yellow and the lack of doors and windows made the halls look dismal and dreary. However, this was not surprising since the whole complex was a mile underground and designed to look dreary. At the end of the concrete hall, there was a thick metal door with multiple iron bars keeping it in place and a number code lock next to it. The man on my right covered my eyes while the man on my left punched in the 10-digit code. After the man covering my eyes removed his hand, I looked at the code lock. I could break through it. The iron bars slid back and the door revealed my cell, a big, steel block on a circular metal column with a retractable bridge leading to it. The chamber around it looked as though it was electrified. The drop off the bridge was so far I could barely see the bottom. Well, jumping was out of the question. If I jumped, I'd end up being a pancake with a criminal record. The agents put two electronic anklets and wristbands on me. They looked like one of those paper bracelets you would get when you went to a fair, only these ones were covered in glowing circuitry. "Don't even think about escaping," said the shorter and rounder of the two agents. "Those wristbands and anklets are electromagnets that can and will magnetize you to the floor if they leave this cell." "Cool story, bro. Tell it again," I said sarcastically. The agents left and punched in another 10 digit code on the other side of the door to my cell. After it closed, I heard the metal bridge retract to the other side of the chamber towards the door. I turned and scanned the room as soon as the door closed on the other side. There was a cot on the far end of the room and a toilet, sink, and shower next to me. I went over to the cot and pulled loose a nail from it. Then, I set to work at freeing myself from the wristbands and anklets with only one thought in my mind: I was going to get out of this prison—tonight.

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The Holiday Go-To List: The Holidays are Crazy Enough as it is! Save Some Time This Year

By Sabrina Lalor and Carly Monson

You may still be wondering what to buy for the holidays. Here are some ideas of presents for your friends, siblings, or to ask your mom and dad to consider.

Electronics	Books	Clothes and Shoes	Other
Just Dance 3 (Wii), Lego Harry Potter (Wii), Wipeout 2 (Wii), iPod Touch, Nook Color, Remote Control Robot, 3DS, iPad 2 Laptop Kindle Fire Xbox Madden 12 NBA 2k12 NFS Shift	<i>The Hunger Games</i> (Suzanne Collins) <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever,</i> <i>The Percy Jackson Series</i> (Rick Riordan) <i>The Heroes of Olympus</i> (Rick Riordan) <i>The Kane Chronicles</i> (Rick Riordan) <i>Matched</i> (Ally Condie) <i>Crossed</i> (Ally Condie)	Ugg Boots, Girls' Cut-Off Shirts, North Face Jackets, Boys Graphic Tees, Boys' Hoodies, Girls' So Low Pants (Yoga Pants) Victoria's Secret PINK Yoga Pants Forever 21 gift cards Game Stop gift cards	<i>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2</i> , Slap Watch, A Pet, Bean Bag, Saucer Chair, Makeup Set from Sephora Apples to Apples, Exploderz gun Musical instrument Trampoline Indoor electronic Basketball game Rummicub

What Kalimu Wants for the Holidays

By Eva Mullineaux

In a small town in Ethiopia, Africa, Kalimu lives in a poverty-stricken area with his parents, 3 brothers, and 4 sisters. His parents barely scrape by and the kids rarely eat our normal 3 meals per day.

I conducted some research to find out what other kids like Kalimu want for the holidays and it shocked me to find out that 80% of the world's population lives on \$10 a day...or less. I also found that each day, 22,000 children from infants to our age die each day due to illnesses and starvation that are indirectly linked to poverty. When I read this, my heart contracted at the thought of how many kids in Redding are privileged enough to own iPods, cell phones, and that our parents make enough money to give us a good education and food three times a day.

All kids and families want in underdeveloped parts of the world, are things like ducks, geese, rabbits, cows, and other beneficial livestock. On the World Vision website, www.worldvision.org, for a donation of a mere \$55, you can send 5 ducks and 2 chickens to a family in a third-world country. Here is a list of other things you can donate to families:

- A sheep for \$105
- A donkey for \$225
- A fish pond for \$200
- An alpaca for \$360
- 3 rabbits for \$48
- Share of a bull for \$25
- Goat for \$75
- Education for girls for \$35
- A bicycle for a girl for \$85
- Help to prevent HIV/AIDS from mothers to children for \$30
- Maternal Health in Afghanistan for \$25
- Bed nets for a family for \$18
- Child Survival kits for \$60
- Year of school for an Orphan for \$70
- Share of a deep well for \$100
- Clothing for children for \$75
- So students of JRMS, don't ask for the new Xbox Kinect or the iPad 2 for Christmas: ask for the gift of hope to a needy child.

*The Tiger Telegraph staff wishes you
Happy Holidays!*

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