



# Photography Competition Submissions

**Directions:** Use this guide to review all of the photographs submitted for our competition. Please look closely at each photograph, and be sure to read the captions that go with each as these give vivid descriptions and personal connections that each photographer had with their subject. Then, when you're ready, click on the [Google voting form](#) link to select your ten favorite submissions.

## Nicole Tang, Grade 8



This is a photo of northern lights caught at lake Massapoag on Thursday night. I find this meaningful because of its stunning features and the luck of us being able to see this just outside our homes. I hope this photo shows people the true majesty and beauty of nature!

## Thalia Gajewski, Grade 7



This is a picture taken from inside Antelope Canyon in Arizona. This was taken during April vacation in 2024. My family and I were getting a tour of the canyon and it was so cool to walk through, but I ended up with so much sand in my sneakers. I saw a heart in this picture of looking up out of the canyon. I hope that if anyone gets to experience this, they enjoy it just as much as I did.



## Winner - Second Place - Ekaa Bellary - Grade 8



This is a photo I took of Lake Moraine in Banff National Park - Alberta, Canada. This photo is meaningful to me because I find it very beautiful from the dark blue glacier water to the snow capped mountains behind it. I hope you see how calm lakes within natural landscapes can be.



## Izzy Stein, Grade 7



A tree in Massachusetts, the beauty of a rainy day in a tree.

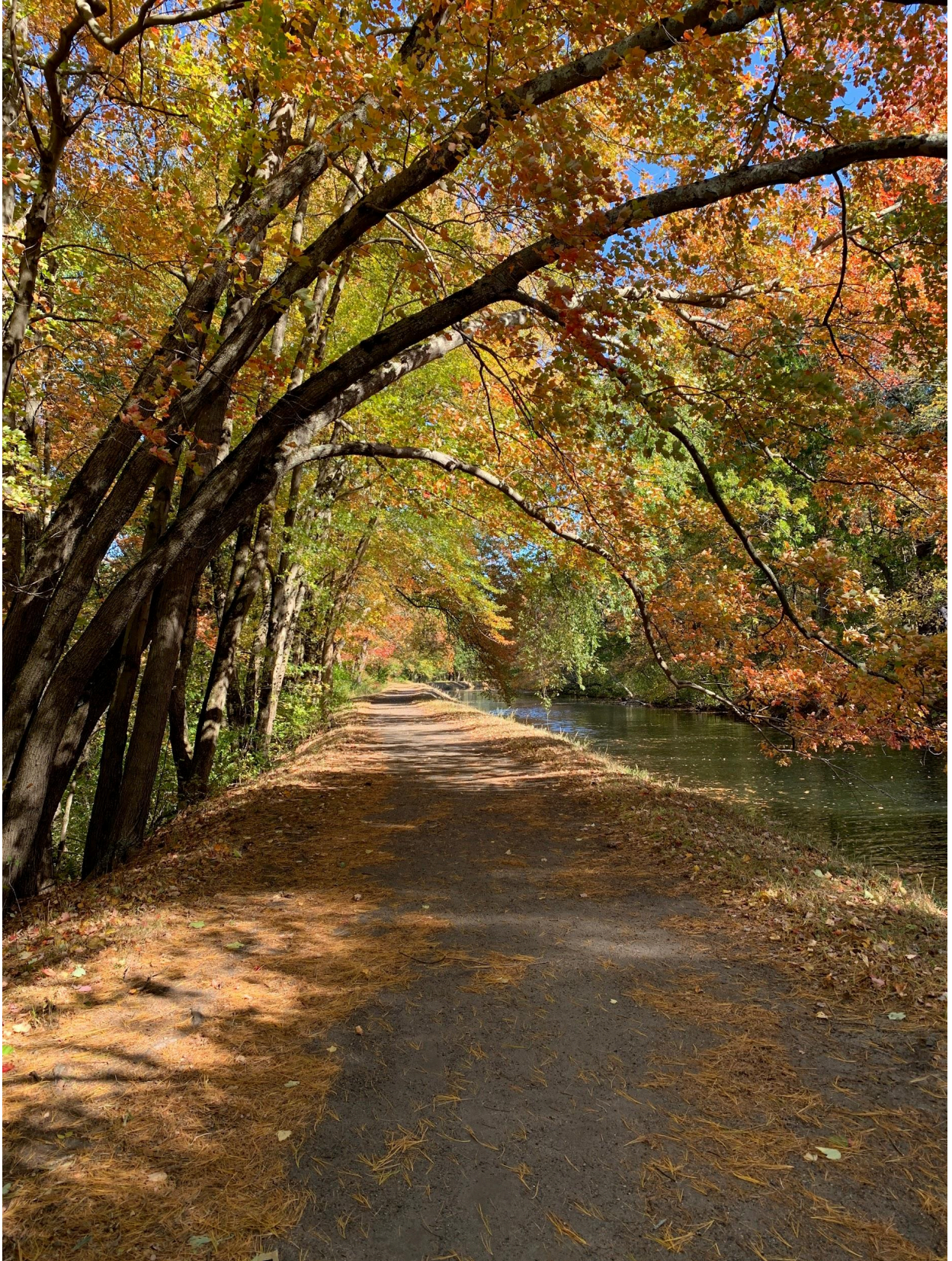




Sunset view on top of Rockefeller Center in New York City.



## Rose Li, Grade 6



The photo was taken at a trail called Mine Falls Park which features a river on one side and a forest on the other. The way the trees bend towards the water gives a feeling that you're walking under an archway, and the color combo feels peaceful.



## Dominic Bernier, Grade 8



I decided on this photo because it was a very cool picture I had taken on vacation of a sunset on the beach, and I just thought it would be a cool picture to share with others. The photo was taken on Palm Beach in Aruba on April 16th of 2023 at 7:33 pm



## Medha Josyula, Grade 7



This photo was taken in Grand Teton National Park. These mountains were supposed to have glaciers a long time ago, but due to climate change, they all melted. This is meaningful to me because it shows the way climate change affects the world around me in a rapid manner. By viewing this photo, I hope people can see how climate change affects the world in a real life scenario.



## Winner - First Place - Grace Chang Grade 6



This is a picture that I took on top of a mountain in Laifeng, Hubei China. It was taken on a camping trip during sunrise with my mom and her friends. In Chinese it's called Yunhai, meaning ocean of clouds.



## Teddy James, Grade 6



The photo is a picture from my trip to Tahoe in California. It is meaningful to me because I used to live in California. I hope that people will see California's beauty when they look at the photo.



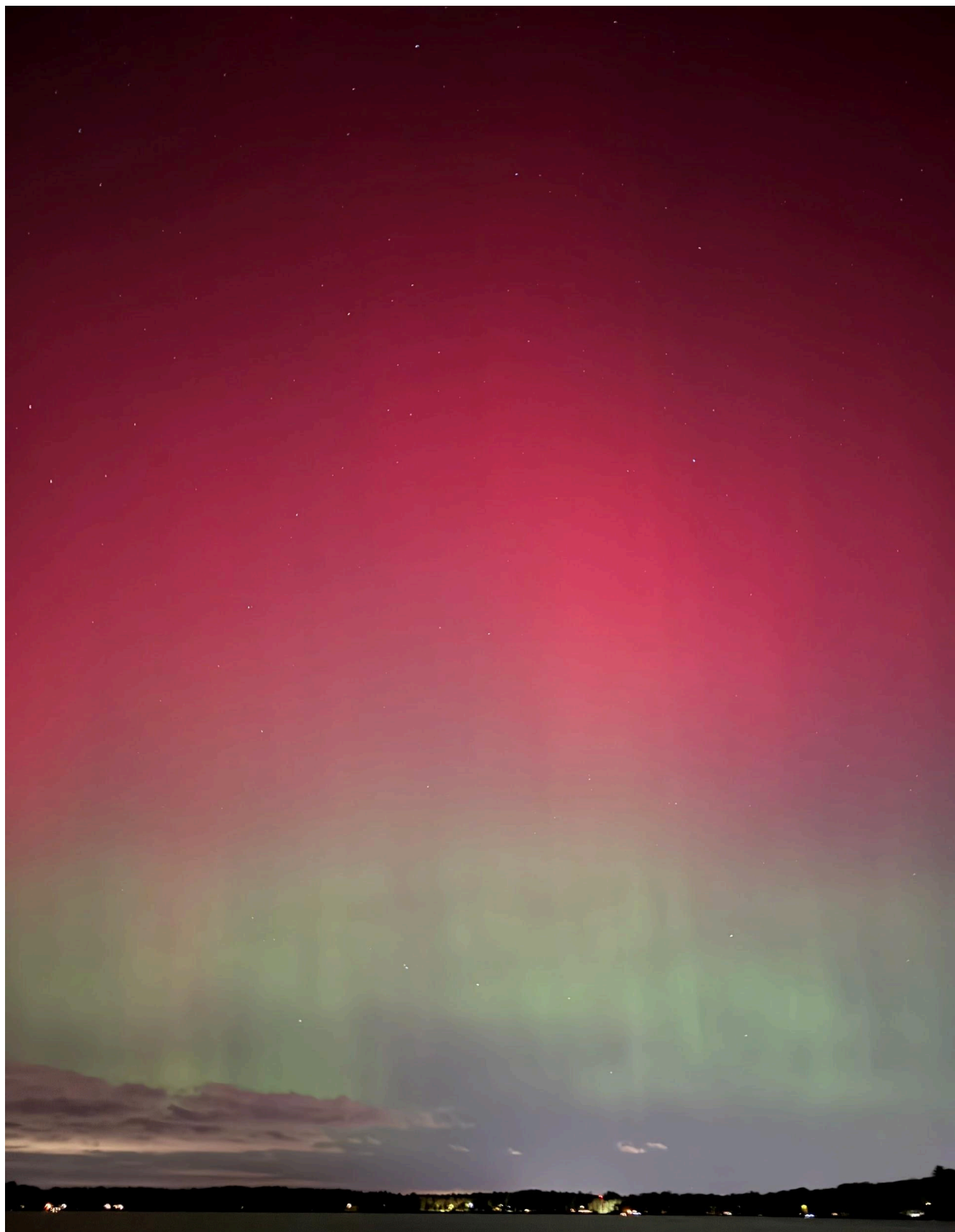
## Victoria Zheng, Grade 7



This is a photo from my vacation in Acadia National Park in Maine. It's from way up on a mountain that we went up. It's a good memory for me because when we first decided to hike the mountain I was uncertain that I could get up but I did!



## Argus Wong, Grade 7



This is a photo of the Northern Lights. I hope that when people see this photo and see how beautiful the Earth can be, they will start taking care of the Earth and stop littering and start using renewable energy like solar energy.



## Jade He, Grade 7



This photo is a picture of a child chasing the birds on the beach. This picture is meaningful to me because this was on one of my favorite vacations and this vacation was spent with my family.

## Idil Meral, Grade 7



I took this picture when I was visiting Turkey in August. This is The Tomb of Amynthas located on a cliff overlooking the town of Fethiye (ancient Telmessos).



## Lucas Young, Grade 6



Sunrise on Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park in Maine. First place to see the sun rise in the United States each day. Had to wake up at 4:30 to catch a shuttle. Took it during the long weekend in October.

## Cooper Giammaria, Grade 6



This is a picture of Lake Massapoag which is one of my favorite places in Sharon. This picture shows the reflection of the fall leaves changing color on the trees.



## Nathan Gulati, Grade 7



This photo was taken at Niagara Falls in Canada where you can see the river from an amazing view. This photo can show how beautiful and calming nature can be and how much more there is in the world.



## Charles Luce, Grade 6



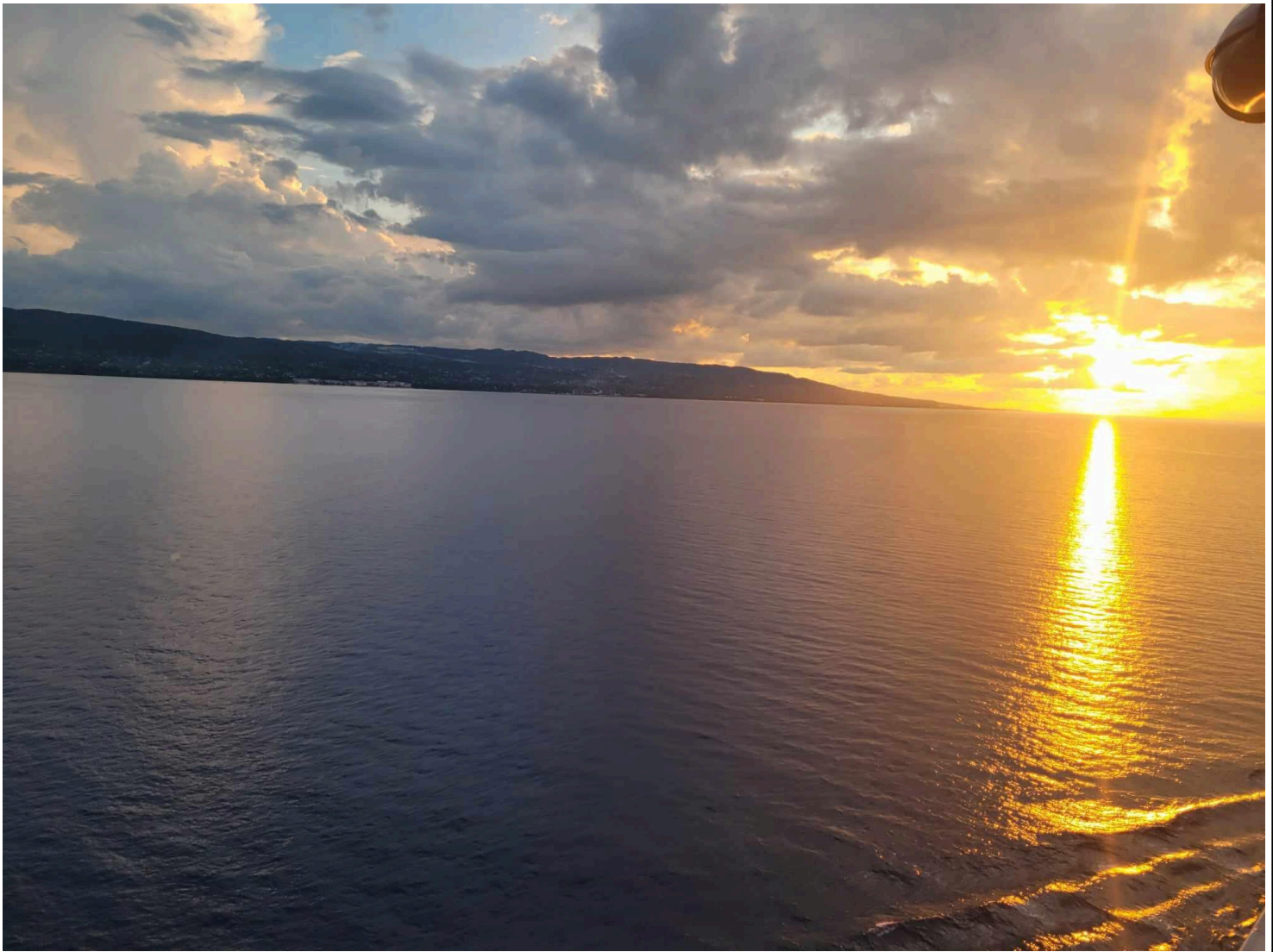


## Rishon Patel, Grade 6



This was in Perth, Australia. It was my first ever time to see a red sun, and I don't know how it happened, but I do know that I would love to see one again!!!

## Amna Khan, Grade 6



This is a photo that was taken on a cruise ship and the view is of Falmouth, Jamaica.



## Medha Challa, Grade 7



This is a photo of the lower falls in Yellowstone National Park. It is meaningful to me because it was the first time my family and I (my mom, my dad, my brother and I) went to Yellowstone together.



## Saanvi Malani, Grade 8



This photo was taken while we were driving in Key West (the southernmost point in the US, which is located in Florida). This photo is meaningful to me because I really like how the palm trees were blowing in the wind, and I believe this was a beautiful capture. I hope people can see the beauty in everything around them like I saw the beauty of the palm trees blowing in the wind.



## **Anya Nathan, Grade 6**



This was a picture I took in Vancouver, Canada. It is a panoramic view of a suspension bridge in Whistler. It's meaningful because it was the first time I saw my little cousin.

## **Zoeya Hossain, Grade 8**



This image was taken in Yosemite Valley. Out of all the views, I would have to say this was the most breathtaking to experience. This photo is meaningful to me because I went to Yosemite with my family, and I hope that people will be able to feel the same way I felt when I took this photo surrounded by my loved ones.



## Anika Yarlagadda, Grade 7



This is a photo at the Monestir de Montserrat, Spain. It was taken on April 21, 2022. It shows foggy beautiful mountains, and in the distance you can spot a city. I love this photo because it is calm and peaceful, and I loved the sensation of being above the clouds and fog.

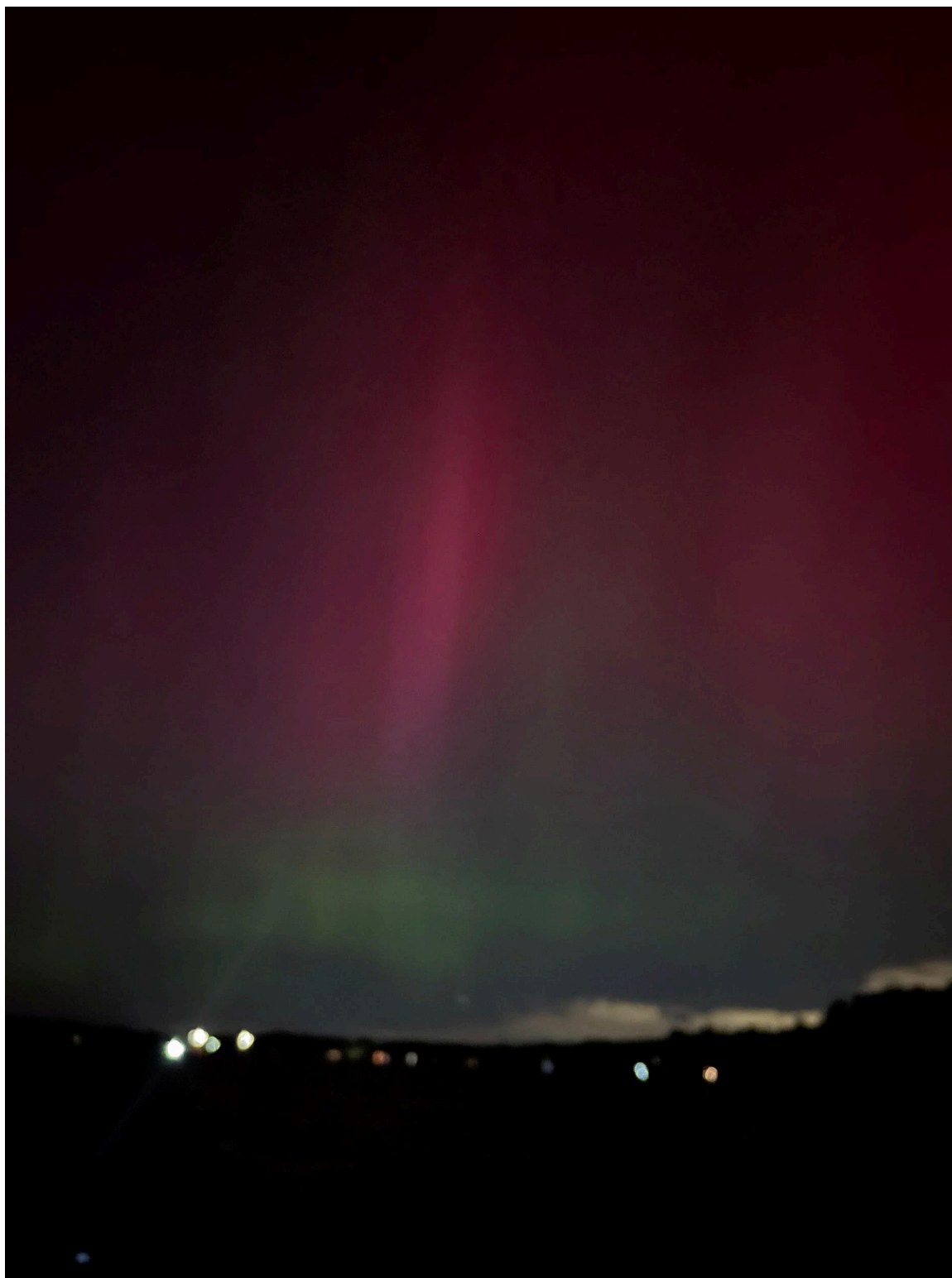


## Ryan Lin, Grade 8



This picture was taken at Lake Massapoag in a fall afternoon. I just happened to be there when the sailboats were coming back, making it a perfect opportunity for a photo that included both the scenic fall landscape and boats in the foreground.

## Dillan Shin, Grade 6



The photo is the very rare sight of northern lights in Sharon, MA. I was surrounded by this extraordinary phenomenon and I felt I was a part of the universe.



## Vincent Yu, Grade 7



This photo is taken from Grand Teton National park in Wyoming (very close to Yellowstone National park). This photo was taken right after school ended. It shows mountains with snow at its peak, and it was kind of a spring weather there. This picture is a calm picture of nature. It means peace to me because the picture looks calm. People can just see how natural this picture is and the snow at the peaks of the mountains.

## Jonathan Winata, Grade 6



This photo was taken in the Netherlands, during summer break. I was on a small walk with my family in the town that we were staying in.



## Natalie Hollenbeck, Grade 7



This is a photo of a part of Nantucket. I took the picture on a boat. This photo is meaningful to me because I took it when on a family vacation which was a very special memory.



## Isaiah Wisdom, Grade 7



This is a picture of trees when I went apple picking. It's meaningful to me because when I went apple picking with my family, it felt like I was getting more connected with them. And I hope that people can see that sometimes you just need to go back to the basics, and the basics is fall leaves.



## Zoe Morris, Grade 6



This is a view of my sleep away camp, Camp Micah, in Bridgton Maine, from my first year at camp. It means a lot to me because I have so many memories there. For example, that year was the rainiest summer in the past few years.

## Rishi Kotu, Grade 8



The photo is of the sunset at Memorial Beach in Sharon. The photo is meaningful to me because it shows the beauty of just our small community. I hope people see that beauty can be seen anywhere, as long as you go looking.



## Caitlin Bozzuto, Grade 8



This is a photo of me kayaking on Lake Rescue VT. It just opened back up to the public after filling up with chemicals during a flood. I travel to this lake every year, and I'm so happy it's open again.



## Nicholas Noren, Grade 8



This is a drone photo including the Sharon landscape and the new Sharon high school. This is meaningful to me and others because that is where we will eventually go to school.



## Nora Belenkiy, Grade 7



This photo was taken in Sunny Isles, Florida, during a sunset. The sunsets are often pretty in Sunny Isles, but this was so awe-inspiring, I went straight to the balcony to get a photo.



## **Skye Lester, Grade 8**



The ancient Incan ruins of Patallacta are near the start of the Inca Trail in Cusco, Peru. It's impressive that buildings and terraces from more than five hundred years ago are still standing. This photo is meaningful to me because it brings back memories of my four-day trek on the Inca Trail with my dad.



## Winner - Third Place - Hanson Cheung - Grade 8



This shot was taken in July of 2024 on the top deck of the Marina Bay Sands hotel in downtown Singapore, 656 ft above ground level. I hope viewers can see how urban development doesn't hinder the beauty of nature like a sunset, but rather shows how far us humans have come in just about 300,000 years.



## Ashiana Barker, Grade 8



This is a photo that was taken at Horseshoe Bend. Its beauty has been standing in Page, Arizona for millions of years for people and for wildlife.



## Nomiki Steeves, Grade 8



This is a hiking trail in Walden Park in Concord, Massachusetts. This photo was taken on October 15th 2024. This photo is a beautiful representation of nature and the orange colors blending of the orange fall leaves and the sunset glowing through the trees represents the start of fall, a cozy season full of fun holidays and food, fun activities, and having fun with friends and family.



## Shreya Sangeeth, Grade 8



This picture was taken on the morning of Halloween. This picture is meaningful to me because it was taken on the morning of the first time I celebrated Halloween. I hope people can see how beautiful Massapoag is during the mornings, especially the sunrise .