My Favorite Place
By Emma Fox, twelfth grade, Battle Creek Central High School

My favorite place is at the top of these stairs, at the top of the school, looking back down. Funny, my favorite place, symbolized by this photo, is actually more of a time. I’ve had my hand in my own makings. I am a senior. Hear me roar. A message sent through the ranks, down the ladder: life is more than high school, but you can’t see the entire mountain until you’re standing on the very top.

EXPRESSIONS OF POSSIBILITY AND HOPE AS SEEN

1958
Charles Westover changes his name to Del Shannon, joins a country-rock band that plays regularly at the Hi-Lu Bar in Battle Creek, Michigan.

1959
A four-year grant to the American Association of Junior Colleges (AAJC) begins the Kellogg Foundation’s long and productive relationship with the community college movement.

1960
John Fitzgerald Kennedy is elected president.

My Brother
By Zakiya Hadley, eighth grade, Springfield Middle School

The reason I chose my brother is because he means a lot to me. He inspires me when he tries hard to reach his goals non-stop. Ever since my brother was a child at the age of 5, he always wanted to sing. He started in a church and still sings there today. He takes his goal far beyond himself. As for today, he can become a famous gospel singer. He also writes his own songs.

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What Community Means to Us
8’ x 4’ mural by seventh graders at W.K. Kellogg Middle School:

Top row, left to right: Daron Allen, Alyssa Petrim, Kayla Coplin, Raoul Cruz Jr., Trevor Barnes, Phillip Bonilla

Middle row: Carly Wicksen, Bonnie Robinson, Stefan McCoy, Monique Bostick, Cedric Bradley

Bottom row: Boston Rose, Ian Gendron, Cameron Lampman, Fausto Villegas

Not pictured: Alex Gibson, Drevonne Hale, Samantha Lower, Jessica Vise, Kevin Wilder, Caleb Whisman

We chose to include kids of the community and important buildings and monuments of Battle Creek. We think it might be important to other people because it helps them see what community means to us. Our mural represents friendship in our community and the history of who we are. Our mural is about people and buildings that we care about. This mural has all the things that are important to us. This project really pulled people together in our class, it shows what we care about in our community. We feel good about the mural because it looks like a comfortable neighborhood. That is what we think about Battle Creek.

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