

Middle Schools create a supportive environment to reach all adolescent learners. Students at Titusville Middle School celebrate learning achievements AND nurture their "inner authors" through...

# MIDDLE MATTERS

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## DREAM HOUSE

by: AJ Burgett

My mom is wonderful. She helps me, makes me dinner, and loves me. She just turned 49, and I want to give her something. My mom, Carrie Fox, is blonde, caring and the best mom ever. We have a bit of a money problem, but Mom always gets through it. She is the light of my life. She has given me every thing. I want to give to her something special.

My mom deserves a house. I want to give her a beautiful new home. It may seem strange, but I don't want it too big. If it was too big, it would be lonely (and I don't want to get lost). An above average, dark blue, three story home for my mom. A good sized kitchen for her to cook (for me). I

would also make it so she wouldn't have to pay for it at all. The one thing I want to give my mom is her dream home.

Not only will she get the perfect home, she will get it in the perfect way. I want it to be around 3:00. I will ask Mom if she wants to walk our dog, Nimbus. She will say yes, and when we are walking, I will say we should go a different way. Then I will say I want to take her somewhere special. Finally, we round the corner and she sees the dream house and I look at her and say, "Welcome to your new home." Then it will be the perfect home, the perfect way, for the perfect mom.

Merry Christmas, Mom!

## Days of Freedom

by: Jasmine Lovin

My mom goes through so much for my family. I am sure that she would love to be rewarded by us kids. My mom is a very good person and more than anything she deserves a reward, and a *thank you*, and a hug. I love my mom and she loves me, but she rewards me everyday just by being there. With all my siblings she has a lot to do when she gets home, so we help out a little but I just don't think that cleaning a little will do. Sometimes I think she wants to be a teenager again, and I wonder if there was anything I could do to at least make her life fun again. I don't think she has that much fun now as she did then because she doesn't have very many friends over and she cleans for fun!

My mom deserves five days of freedom. I chose five days of freedom because not only does she deserve it, she would enjoy it because we would not be there to beg, ask, yell, scream, want, run around, ask for money, and annoy her. My mom needs five days of freedom from the everyday

life of being a mom. I bet if my mom was a teenager again, she would have a better time having fun. I'm not saying that she doesn't like us, but I just think that she deserves to be young again. Sometimes it's like she does not want to be a teenager again, but I know that deep inside she misses it. Five days of freedom would be awesome to give such an amazing mother.

Getting her out of work those five days would be simple because I know her boss. Knowing her boss may be the ticket to give her freedom. All I would have to do is ask her if she would excuse my mom for five days. Then I would have to tell my family and ask them for money, but of course I would pay for the hotel and the gas. My family and I would pay for the service, visits, and snacks. I would let my mom know that she is going on a five day vacation when she is back from a long day of work, so being a mom can be rewarding sometimes.

Merry Christmas, Mom!

## Christmas Cruise

by: Kasen Neely

*Amazing people deserve an amazing gift.*

My parents are the best people in the world. They work hard to make sure that I'm happy. They wake up really early to go to work. They make me always healthy as well as happy. They spend time with me when I need them the most. I always get nutritious meals because of them. They get me toys and other stuff to entertain me while they are working. They deserve a gift for everything they do for me.

For a gift, I would give them a trip to the Caribbean Sea for two weeks. We would relax on a cruise ship. We would also spend a couple of nights at a resort. Fishing would be another thing we do because Dad loves fishing the sea. Mom would want to spend at least two days on the beach. Mom absolutely loves the beach. The bright sky and blue colored water has always

been attractive for mom. Sailing on a ship would be a blast for them even. They've never been on a cruise ship. This would be the perfect gift for perfect people.

You could pick any day to give this gift, but the day I would pick is their anniversary. I would find a brochure with a bunch of pictures of the cruise. I would find the best brochure for the job. I would put it in a very colorful card. It would tell them how much I love them and how much they do for me. It would also be a pop up card. It would contain a picture from their wedding. Just for dad I would put on a Steeler's sticker. I would give it to them in the morning while they are still in bed.

*Amazing people deserve an amazing gift. Merry Christmas, Mom and Dad!*

## Christmas Miracle

by: Brooke Anthony

Christmas is a wonderful time to give a gift that is needed; thankfully money's no object.

My sister Gage is in her third year of college and has a lot of stress with all the school work she has. I believe it would be perfect if she had a young furry friend to come home to. She absolutely loves animals! I want to give her a dog. I have a friend that has a few dogs that need a permanent home. I figured that a young beagle with tons of happiness and joy would be the perfect gift.

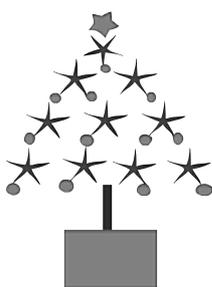
I picked a dog because she wants a pet and can't afford one, and she never had her own pet. It would relieve a lot of stress. Plus what would be better than getting a cute beagle puppy for Christmas? Gage has been getting great grades and deserves a friend to come

home to. She's beginning her life and is only 20.

Since money is no object, I would buy her everything the puppy will need throughout its life. This puppy is mostly brown and white with a little bit of black. It has so much joy in it that it will bring just as much joy to my sister.

That is the gift I would give my lovable sister if I could give her anything in the world and money was no object.

Merry Christmas, Gage!



## Trip to Orlando

by: Paisley Crawford

*Christmas is about giving not receiving.*

My dad is the best and deserves a vacation. I would love take my dad on vacation because he does a lot for my family. He has cared for my grandpa for about two years now.

Grandpa loves cookies. My brother Zaide lives with my dad, too. My dad does a great job caring for Zaide and my cookie monster. Could you imagine how hard it is to raise two wild ones? It is HARD!

I would take my dad on a week vacation to Orlando, Florida as the destination. We would go to Sea World and swim with dolphins. Of course, we'd see many other animals, too! This would be our first day. On day two, we would relax by the beach and watch stars glisten in the night. I would reserve us dinner at a pizza place. Day three we would go to Harley-Davidsons and buy him a new custom bike. The fourth day we would search for beautiful, unique shells. The next day we would go to Disney and take self-

ies with Mickey Mouse and eat out again, but at a Mexican restaurant for tacos. The last day before we head home we will go to a zoo and ride a camel. On the last day we will be headed back to Titusville, PA in first class seats.

It is Christmas morning and I wait for dad to awaken. When he wakes up, I hand him 5 plane tickets to Orlando, Florida. He would probably recoil in surprise. Attached would be a letter that says, "Merry Christmas, Dad! I got these tickets for 5 special people: you, Darius, Zaide, me, and finally Grandpa Ray. I can't wait to do very fun activities in Orlando, Florida. I can't wait for this family vacation. We will talk more on the plane. P.S. It is on your birthday. I love you Dad!"

He will probably cry and happily accept his gift. My dad deserves a vacation for all his hard work.

Christmas is about giving not receiving.

Merry Christmas, Dad!

## Special Friends

by: Kat Henderson

*Giving Furr-ever Friends!*

Yoojin Ha is one of my mother's co-worker. Her son is an only child and needs a friend. Yoojin's son's name is Brian. I met him at Thanksgiving in 2016. He loved my cats, Walter and Elena, so much. His mother wants a cat, too. My mom even found a cat at Clarion Paws where we got our cats. Yoojin saw it and loved it. Yoojin told my mother that Brian liked it, too.

We found out that Helen the cat was adopted, so trading Helen for another cat is the first step in my plan. I would most likely trade Helen for a cat named Abbie who is a young, playful kitten. Once I got Helen, I would buy supplies like cat food, cat treats, a litter box, and pay for their

trips to the vet. I will let them get the litter. I would also care for Helen a little bit at first. With my mom we would teach her to go outside and come and back in. I think it would be nice. It would cost a lot, but would also mean a lot.

Giving this special gift is the best part. I would tell Yoojin Ha first. Together we would put Helen in Brian's room. After he gets home from school, he will probably get a snack. So we will have a cheese sandwich waiting on the counter. He will go upstairs and see Helen. They will be friends furr-ever. They can live a happy life together.

*Merry Christmas, special friends!*

## Artist's Corner

Artwork below was submitted by Titusville Middle School student, Korra Sider. This Snowy Shadows canvas illustrates a winter scene.



Happy Holidays From Middle Matters Staff.

