

# The 'Can' in Cancer

Finding the courage to fight back

One in eight deaths world-wide is due to this terrible, selfish disease, and it doesn't show any signs of stopping. The most heart-breaking part is that when you have cancer, you're fighting against yourself—it is a civil war between your body and yourself. And though the battle sometimes seems impossible, it is one that two of our students are fighting every day.

When you have cancer, hospitals, weird machines, big needles and even bigger words become a part of your daily life while you're in treatment. "I'm not as scared of medical equipment now, I guess. I just tried to live my life as normally as possible, and that helped me a lot," Fiona Carolan said (8). Fiona is a survivor of nodular Hodgkin lymphoma and fellow combatant Rudy Davila (7) is undergoing chemotherapy for his brain tumor, but these kids are more than just diagnoses and statistics. They're warriors.

Even though Rudy and Fiona are stuck in a bit of a rough patch, they always stay positive by enjoying the little things that everyone else seems to take for granted. "The chemo is the medicine that makes me feel yucky. I throw up, I can't move without feeling very weak, but I stay positive by just smiling more. That's one of the things that I say in my head, 'just smile more', because the negative [parts of my life] will pass. There's always a way to see things positively." Rudy says.

Coming out of cancer means you're the ultimate fighter. Wear those I.V. marks as battle scars, and walk like you're a hero, because you are. You've fought yourself and come out on top, and that's something to be infinitely proud of. So let's make a deal. Everyone here will work really hard in our classes and our generation will be the one that eliminates this disease once and for all. Let's reduce cancer to just a zodiac sign, together.

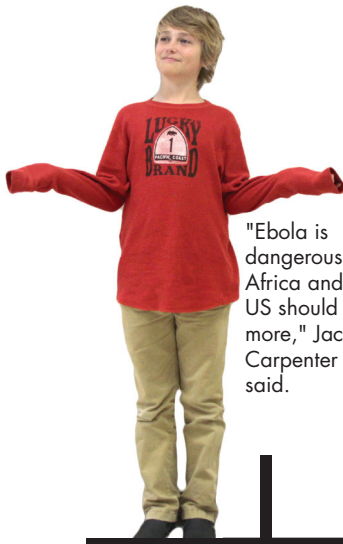
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## EBOLA IN THE U.S...

### A Whole Lotta Hype, or Zombie Apocalypse?



"Ebola is dangerous in Africa and the US should help more," Jackson Carpenter (6) said.

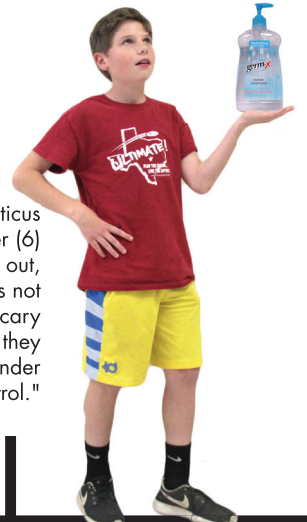


According to Precious Ndubueze (7), "Ebola was a big issue in America because it came to Texas."

"I think the people overreacted," Jacob Graves (6) explains.



As Atticus Kohler (6) points out, "Ebola's not really that scary because they had it all under control."



U.S. Ebola patients are isolated for treatment—the dangerous disease is effectively contained.

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Ebola epidemic can not be contained and spreads through multiple regions in Africa.

American aid workers who contracted Ebola in Africa are flown to the United States for treatment.

Paranoia about Ebola grows as the first case to be contracted in the United States is reported in Dallas, TX.

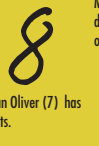


Erich Manzke (8) has wanted to go to LASA for 5 years.

Anastasia Louca (6) has 0 siblings.



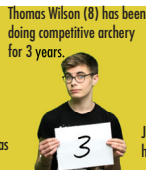
Ethan Oliver (7) has 8 cats.



Ms. Dianne Carter drinks at least 2 cups of coffee each day.



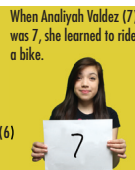
Luc Alexander (7) has 2 siblings.



Thomas Wilson (8) has been doing competitive archery for 3 years.



Jackson Terronez (6) has 1 dog.



When Analiyah Valdez (7) was 7, she learned to ride a bike.



Lehsean Young (8) has 2 brothers.



Avik Ahuja (7) has been to 5 schools.



Sofia Syed (6) has been to Ecuador 3 times.



Nelson Barnes (8) has 5 fingers.



Natalie Deszo's (8) Grandpa has 9 sisters.





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### A Continuing Tragedy

The horrific bombing of the Twin Towers that occurred on September 11, 2001 still impacts us today. Students in 8th grade English learn about the tragedy through film and a book based on the event. 1. At Ms. Hart's Readers' Gallery of Art, Isabela Garcia Alarcon (6) and Helena Lara (6) look at a piece made by Ashley Ge (8) based on *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, a book about 9/11 by Jonathan Foer. 2. In 8th grade English classes, students watched a documentary called *9/11: The Falling Man*, which follows the influence of a controversial photo taken during the event. Taking notes, Chloe West (8) observes footage of the second plane hitting one of the towers.

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## Je Suis Charlie

By now, almost everyone's heard of Charlie Hebdo, the French magazine that was attacked by Islamic extremists after publishing controversial political cartoons of Muslim religious figures as punch lines. Eleven people were killed and ten were injured in the attack, and Emma Galbraith has a connection to some of the people who were massacred. "Some of my dad's friend's friends were murdered in the attack," the seventh grader says.

Although not everyone has such a direct connection to the tragedy, millions of people have gathered around France and launched the "Je suis Charlie" movement, which means "I am Charlie" in French. The terrible situation has gone viral, and Emma has a reason why. "It's terrorism! It has the word terror in it! As soon as everyone hears about terrorism, especially terrorism that hurt or even killed people, a lot of people, especially with 9/11 and all of these wars that are going on in all of these countries, it spreads. Fear spreads. Fear likes to spread, and that's just what happens in these situations," she says.

Age-old rights like free speech and freedom of religion are starting to surface again in situations like this across the globe, and hopefully more don't turn bloody. It's no secret that history usually repeats itself, so the real question here is if we'll be able to get past

this as a human race. We're all people, and with any luck, that will be enough of a uniting factor to stop these tragic terrorist acts.

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"I think that Ebola will wipe out most of the states in the U.S. and most of Africa," Stephanie Forde (6) predicts.

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What next? Will Ebola be eliminated from the Earth, or continue to cause death and disease?

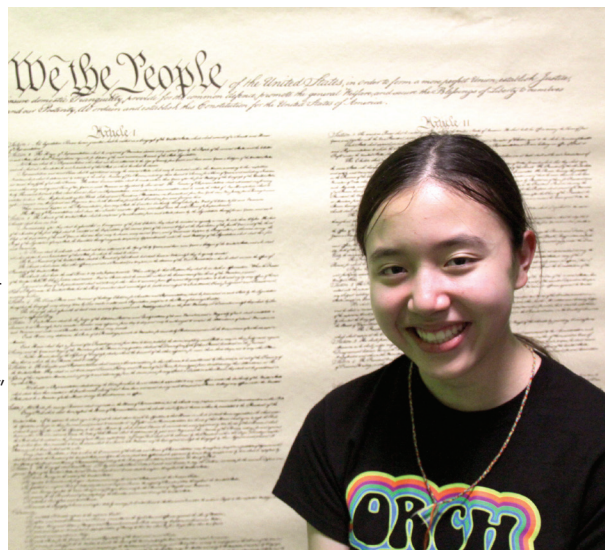


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Jonathan Barcenos Rivera's (6) favorite number is 4.

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Dylan Hinkle (8) has 0 cats.

Joseph Limon (7) learned how to ride a bike when he was 8.

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Dylan Knight (7) has played instruments for a total of 1 year.

Adrian Young (6) has 2 dogs.

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Marcela Barron (8) has 8 classes.

There are 4 others in James Cooper's (6) family.

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Kennedy Austin (8) has a little brother that is 8.

Max Gaynor (8) has 1 twin brother.



Andrew Gonzales Alaya (7) always gets #1 in sports.

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Jack Kenney (8) has 1 jacket.



Nithin Chidambara (6) learned to play soccer when he was 7.

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