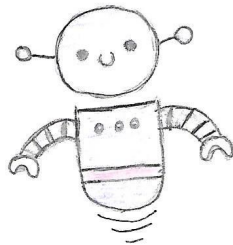


"If 'No. 1' didn't work,
the alphabet has 26 more letters."
- Kate Arco

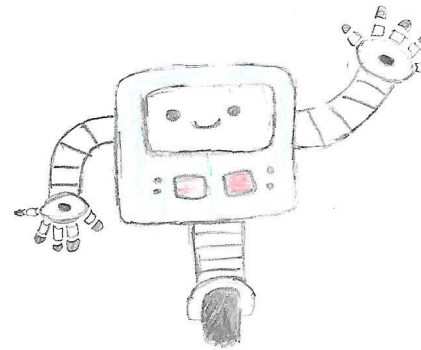
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BE WHO YOU WANT TO BE: OUR STORY

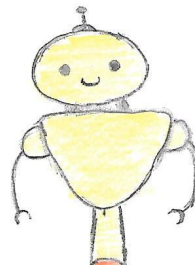
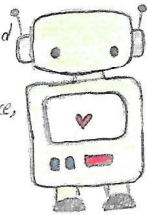
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"Be Yourself"
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"You are a ghost driving a meat covered
skeleton,
Made from stardust,
Riding a rock floating through space,
FEAR NOTHING"
- unknown



"If you want the rain,
you have to deal with
the rain."
- John Green

As girls and children growing up, we have faced a time in our lives when we didn't know who we were or where we fit in. We don't think we are good enough. We didn't know where we belonged. Sometimes we tried different things to see if we "fit in" anywhere. Some worth mentioning are: Band/playing instruments, Softball/sports, and video games. We loved these things and still do, but sometimes, it was as if we longed for something else. We didn't know what it was or where but, we all knew it was there. "But, what is it?" The same question forever repeating inside our thought-provoking minds.



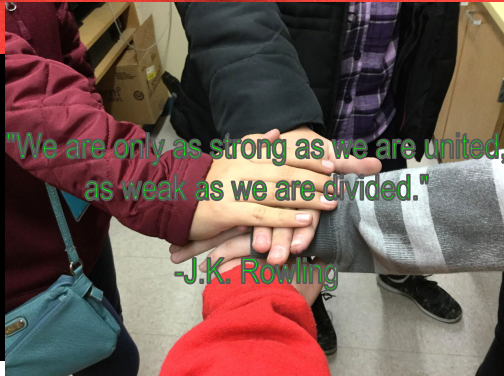
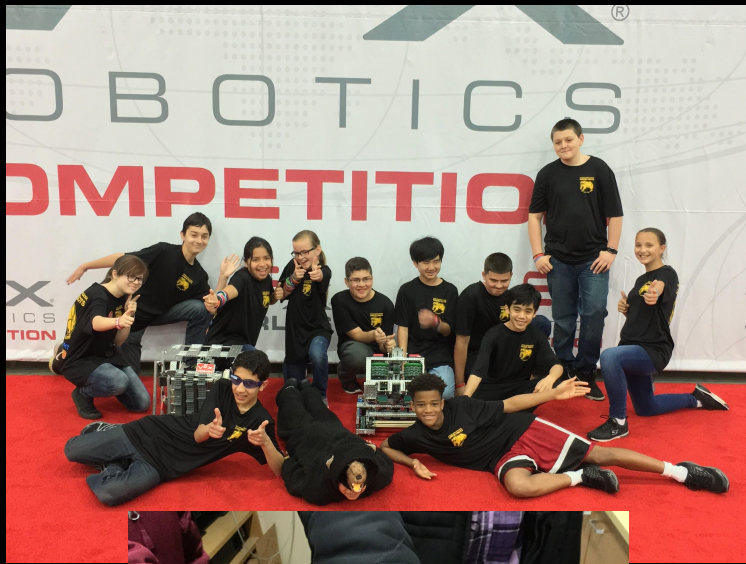
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It wasn't until 7th grade when we all went to middle school and had to choose electives, did we pause and ask the same questions. We had all joined robotics out of pure interest and curiosity. We had known since the start we were looked down upon due to the fact we didn't "fit in" and that being robotics would probably make us become a "nerd", as some teased. But, it looked fun and interesting. New and fascinating. With the idea of, "Maybe I'll fit in here." That is until the first day of school...

"The more you try to 'fit in', the more you stand out."
-unknown

"Why fit in when you're born to stand out."
-Dr. Suess



"We are only as strong as we are united,
as weak as we are divided."

-J.K. Rowling

I think fitting in is highly overrated. I'd rather just fit out... Fitting out means being who you are, even when people insist that you have to change. Fitting out means taking up space, not apologizing for yourself, and not agreeing with those who seek to label you with stereotypes.

-Golda PORETSKY

As if the very first day in a new school wasn't enough, there was only us 4 girls of the whole class. We really stood out now. Here we thought that we'd really be looked down upon. But, soon we were proved wrong. As we started, we gained trust and acceptance here. Meeting the different people of the world soon made us realize, here you are not only accepted, you can be who you want to be. Here you don't "fit in"; you're so unique that fitting in shouldn't be an option. It's something we learned to embrace.

Learning from STEM and VEX Robotics, we have decided to expand our future to Engineering & Computer Science career fields. Some dream jobs are working for NASA or Apple themselves. STEM and VEX Robotics has got us far, but, now we extend our knowledge to our newest and youngest girl team at our school. We must teach and mentor them how to build, program, design, but the most important is how to enjoy being yourself. Just as we learned. If they fail, they must learn; it's alright to fail. Like Thomas A. Edison once said, "I have not failed, I just found 10,000 ways that don't work." Just remember, be who you want to be. You will get there!



**"NEVER THINK YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING
BECAUSE YOU'RE A WOMAN;
EVERYTHING IS OPEN TO YOU AS A GIRL.
THE FUTURE IS YOURS."**

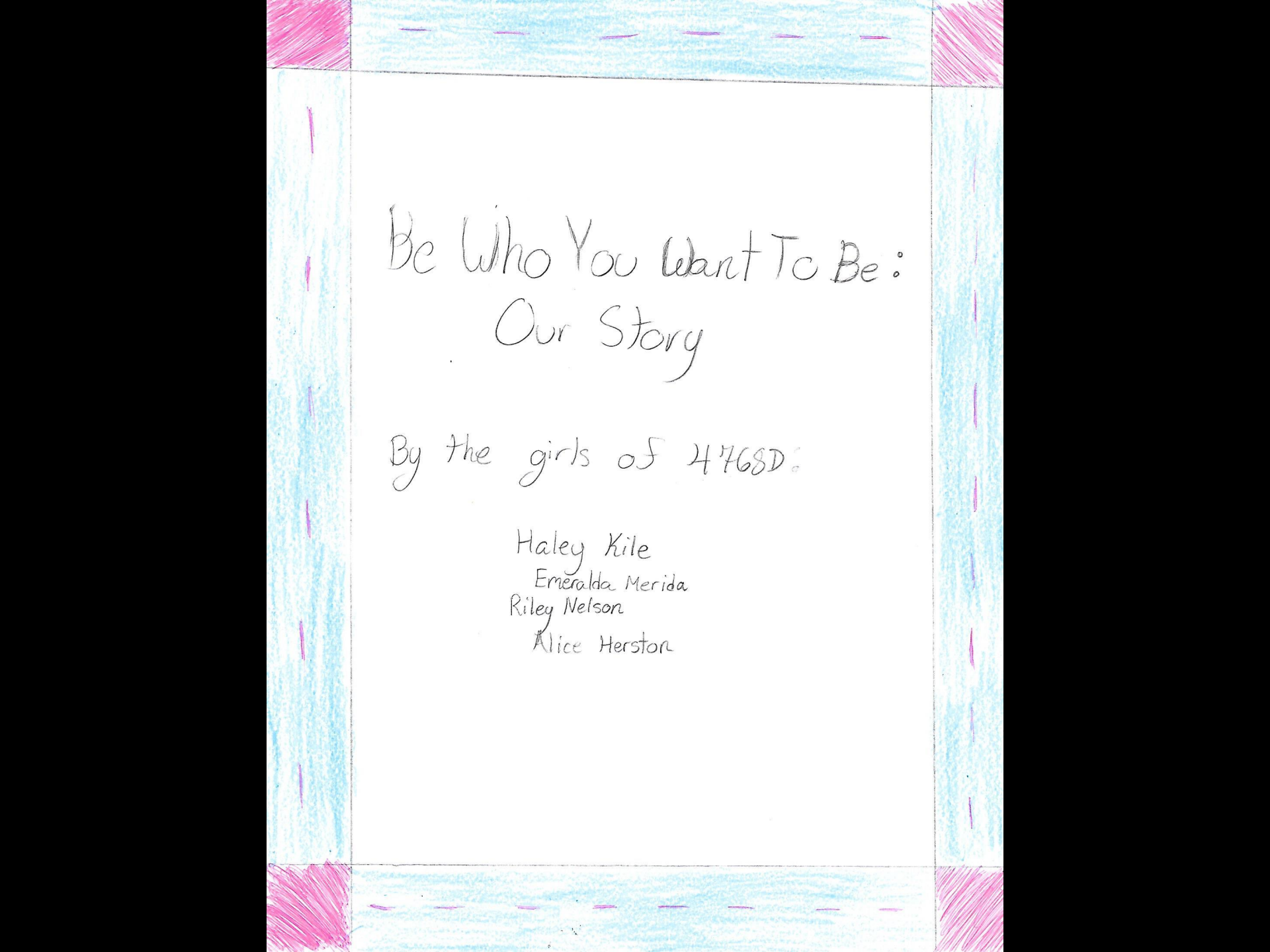
**CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR
#INSPIREWOMEN**



“We hope to inspire you too! Stand up for girls. Let us be known for accomplishing great things that were once named impossible. The impossible is never impossible, as long as you (and anyone else) try, think outside the box, and accept your uniqueness. We can do what most claim, 'impossible'. Let's break the rules and walls of gender labels and stereotypes together! We are girls. The most powerful and unpredictable. Let's break this wall!

We are girls! Make your mark! ”

- Team 4768D of VEX Robotics

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Our Story

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