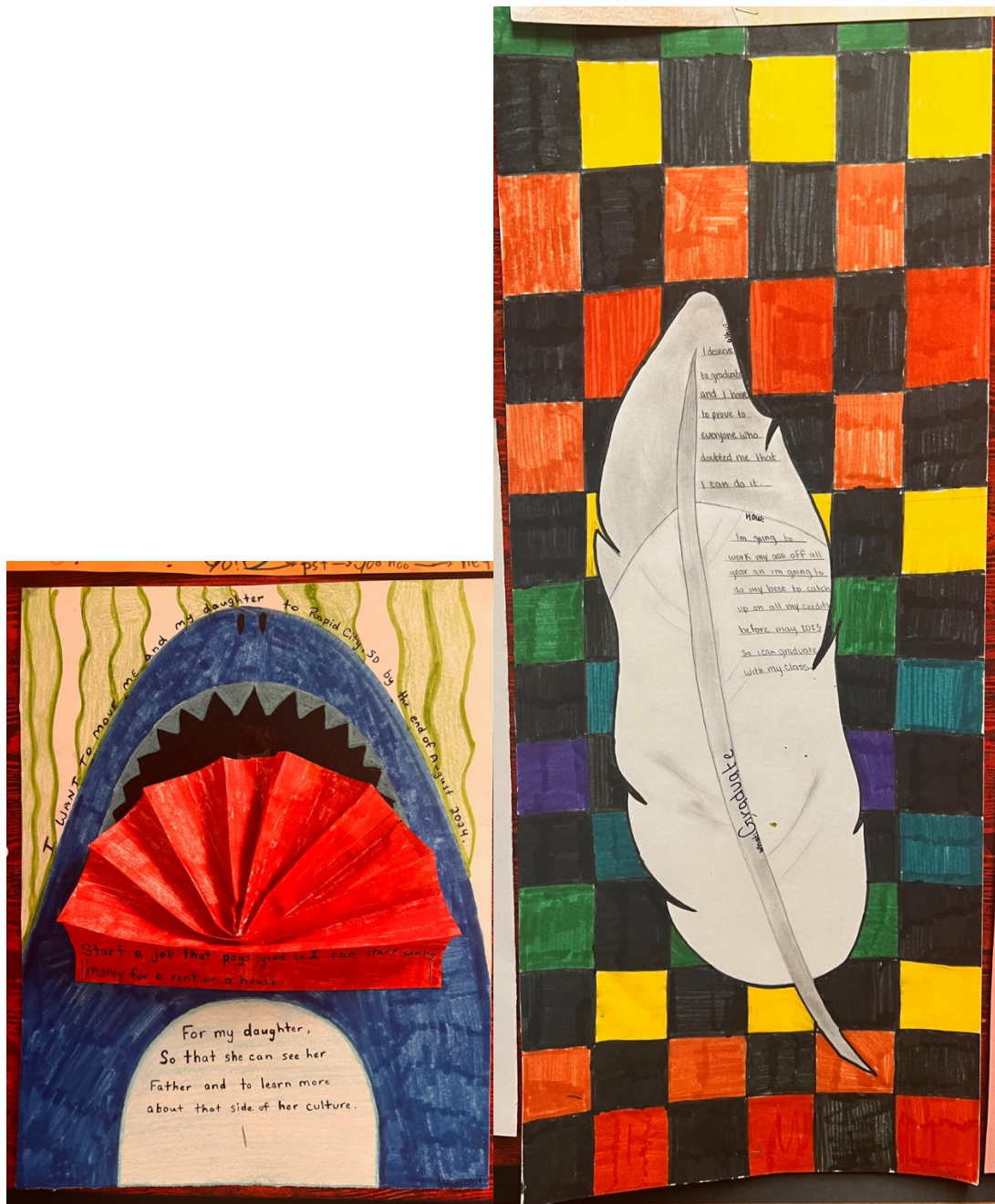


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The Identity Wheel has been the “opener” or first big project at the Academy for over a decade now. The Identity Wheel is a self expression project that challenges students to explore and discuss the different foundational elements that have helped to shape and influence who the students have become to this point in their lives. This project includes Blackfeet cultural themes and symbols that the students use to present the influential areas in their identity including Family, Role Models, Staff of Life and Beliefs. In each of these areas students incorporate symbols and words that represent and acknowledge the people, events, places, memories ... that they feel have helped “create” the person they are and hope to become. This project provides students with an opportunity to share who they are with the staff and their fellow students as we begin a new school year together. In the project students are developing ELA skills with artistic expression as they design, write about and then discuss and present their wheels to the staff and peers.



During the first week of school Buffalo Hide students made SMART goals for the following school year. SMART stands for specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time bound. SMART is an effective tool that allows students to build productive goals to determine if what they want to achieve is realistic, measurable goals and determine a deadline. This activity both teaches students how to set goals and gives them a goal to work towards for the following school year. Students demonstrated their understanding of the material through written activities and a final poster to display their goals to the world.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!

Jadys Skunkcap (they/them) is a Junior at BHA. This is their first year with us. Jadys is amazingly creative and cool, and super friendly. They've been impressing us with their art so far this year because it's extremely unique and expressive (see the attached pics). Jadys initially begins most creations and drawings with simple shapes, and they gradually turn into complex characters with tremendous detail and meaning. Jadys has been enjoying their time at BuffaloHide thus far, and appreciates how welcoming the school feels. When asked what their philosophy on life would be, Jadys replied, "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger." We're very proud to have Jadys at our school, and can't wait to see how they continue to evolve and grow. Do yourself a favor and get to know Jadys if you don't already, because they're an awesome person - and we could all use more friends in our lives that are "chill."



