## Seattle Times Puts Spotlight on Winner of CEC Creative Writing Contest

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The Seattle Times put a spotlight on Erin Stark, the fifth-grader who won the Community Education Center's 2013 Creative Writing Contest. From the article:

"'There's just a lot more people than just a basic everyday American,' said Erin, of Bellevue.

"The stories she's heard inspired a poem titled, 'What Would You Miss About Immigrants If They Didn't Come to America?,' which she entered in a writing contest sponsored by the American Immigration Council. The contest invites fifth-graders to submit a writing entry based on the theme, 'Why I am Glad America is a Nation of Immigrants.'

"Erin's poem won first place out of more than 5,000 entries. Her reward is an all-expenses-paid trip to San Francisco, where she will read her winning entry at the council's annual benefit dinner on June 28."

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