

# 2012MCC Creative Writing Contest

## Nonfiction Category

SecondPlace “Monsters Vs. Aliens,” by Dawn Leden

Our senses assaulted by sights, sounds and smells. The lights go out and the room is black, black like the theatre right before the boom of cartoons dance across the giant screen. It was April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and our two year old son Matthew was going into that dark unknown of his first movie, and not just any movie a 3D movie adventure where he would be caught up in the chaos of Monsters versus Aliens!

demanding for the movie to begin. Parents peppered with questions. Mommy, when will the movie start? Will it be super loud? Will it scare me? Even with the barrage of questions we were all so elated our children were excited we could not find frustration with the amount of activity and questioning. Those