SNEAK PEEK

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It's 1970, 3 years after the 1967 summer of unrest in Newark, NJ. For the first time in history, an African American mayor has been elected. But Lizzie's neighborhood has changed forever. In Book 3 of the Lizzie B. Hayes series, Lizzie is ready for 7th grade at a new school and is on a mission to make things right.

September 8, 1970 - First Day of the New School Year.

I wonder if I will make friends on the first day. What will it be like at Jefferson Junior High School? Getting a spot on the Jefferson's basketball team is the first order of business! But I have to prove that girls can play just as good, if not better than boys. Three years ago, I learned to play ball at the Green Street Recreation Center and ran up and down the court with the best of them.

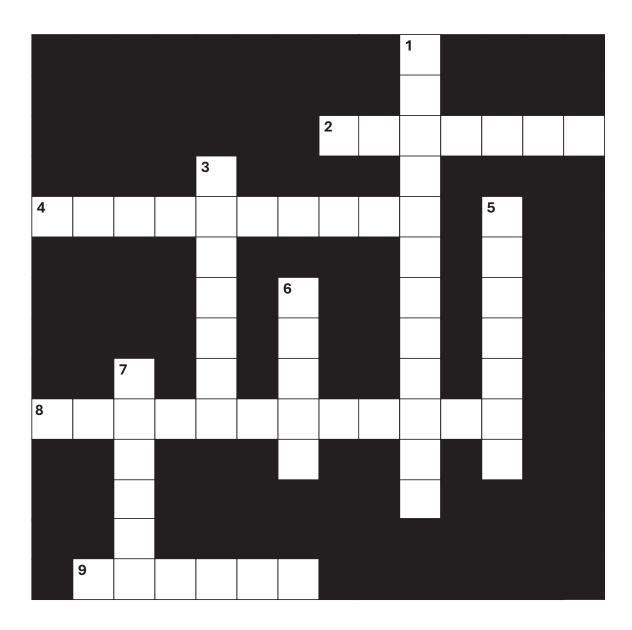
On my way to catch the bus to school, I wave at Cousin Mookie and his pals. Grandmommy would be fired up if she knew he was at the rec center instead of going directly to school. Ever since the rec center closed, they meet every morning to laugh and talk trash about the fun they used to have back in the day. Now, a huge chain and padlock block the front and back doors of the old center.

Why is the rec center still closed? How can Lizzie bring the rec center back to life? What is Lizzie's 7th grade mission?

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Basketball Neighborhood
Friends Padlock
Lizzie Season
Mayor Secret

Middleschool Seventh



Across

- 2 A portable lock with a key or combination
- **4** A sport where players shoot hoops to score points
- **8** A community of people living near each other
- 9 A period of the year characterized by specific weather, activities, or events

Down

- 1 The school level between elementary and high school
- 3 The position that comes after sixth
- 5 People who share trust, support, and good times together
- 6 The leader of a city or town
- 7 The main character in 'Lizzie B. Hayes on a Mission'