

Intensive Learning Center

2nd Grade

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Jimenez, Taylor
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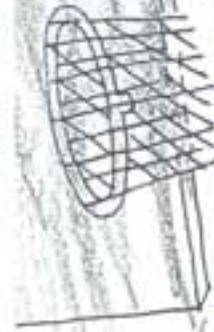
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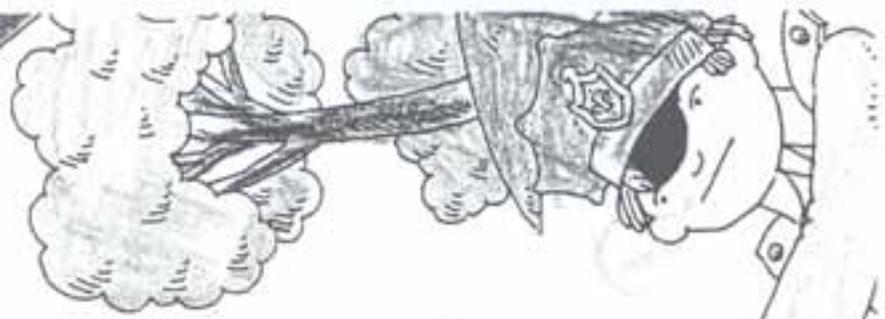
My Lake Community Hero

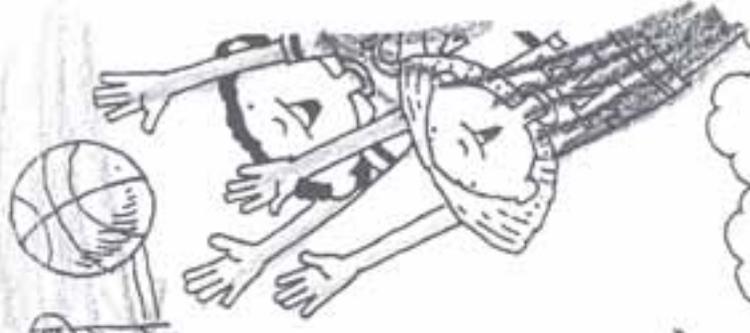
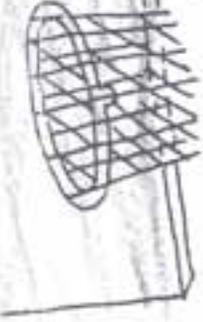
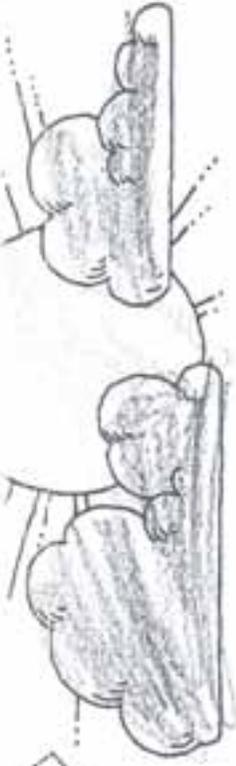
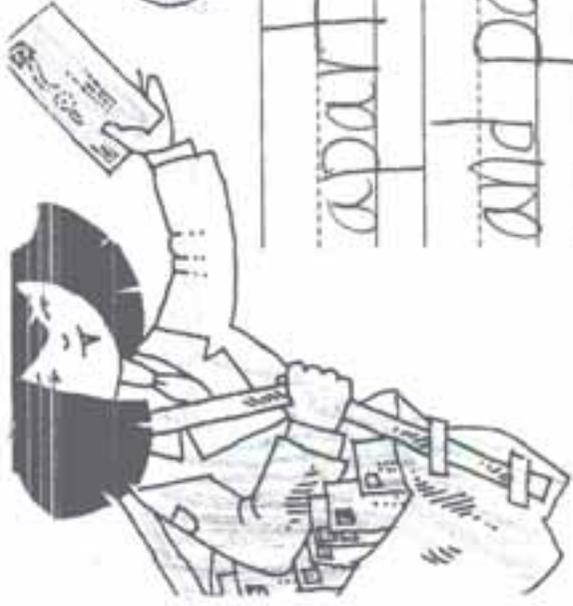
By Michelle

October 23, 2003

My Lakewood community hero
is my apartment manager. Do you
know what my apartment man-

ager does? She cleans all the





apartments, the swimming pool
and parking lot. I admire her
because she is kind to everyone.
She is my hero because she
keeps my home and community
so clean. I chose my apartment

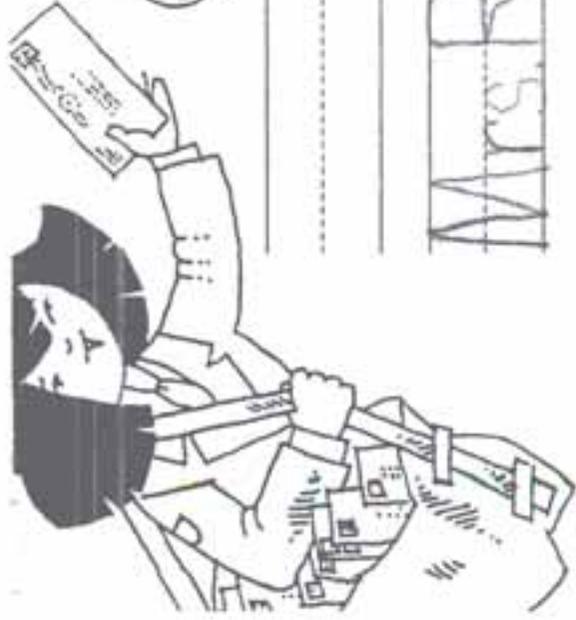


manager as my Lakewood community

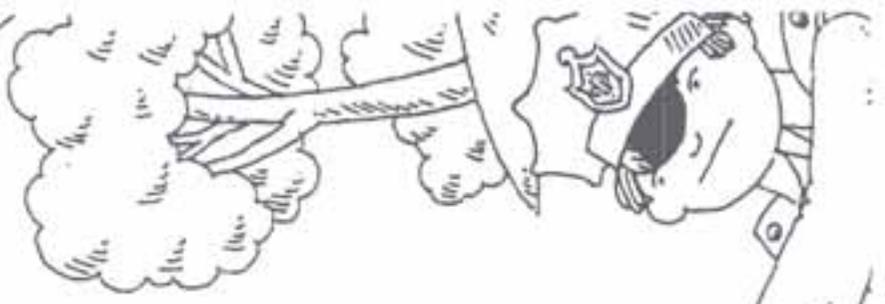


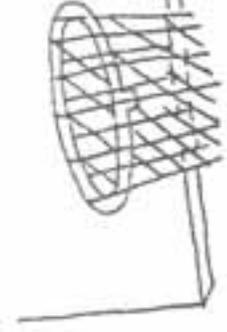
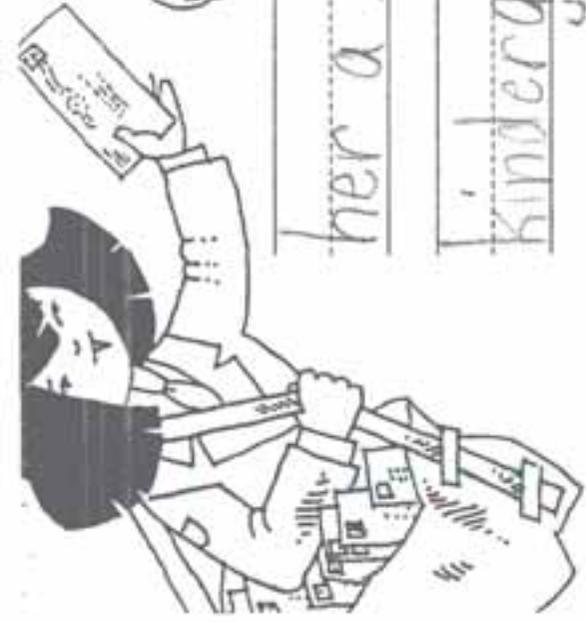
hero because she is a good manager. I
think she is the best manager ever!

Michelle Caprezas

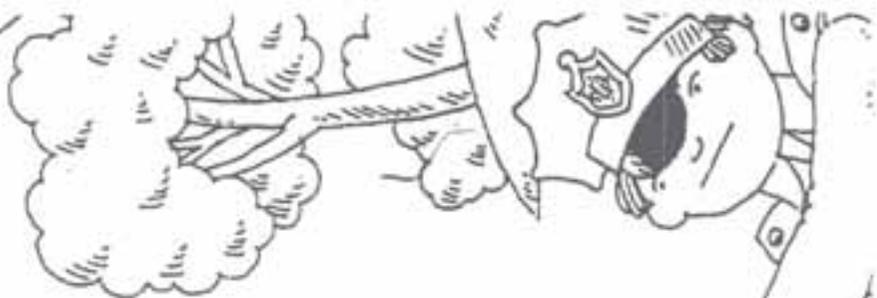


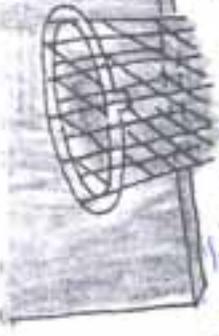
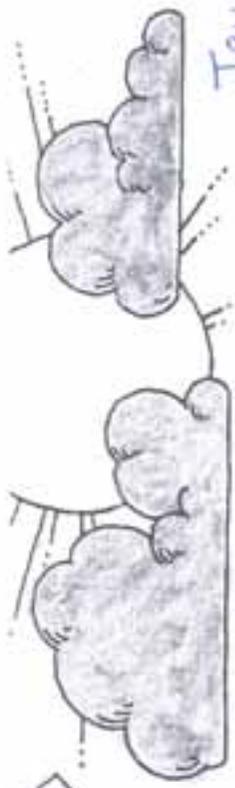
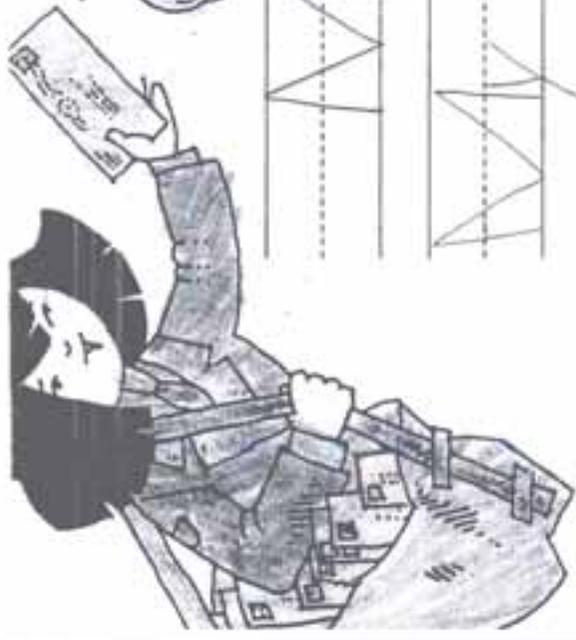
My Lake wood here is
Mrs. Robinson and she is the
best teacher in the whole universe.
She is special because she is
nice all the time. Every lunch
when her class comes out, I run
over where she is, and I give





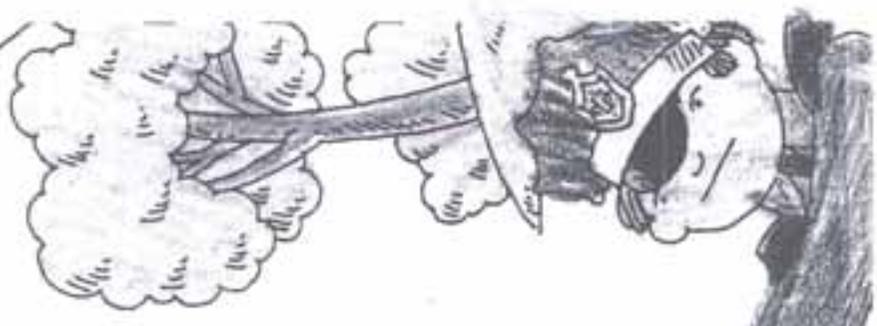
her a hug. I was in her class in
kindergarten, and now I'm in
second grade, and I still admire
her. In conclusion, Mrs. Robinson
is a gift to the city of Lakewood
and a very special person I
admire.





Taylor Jimenez

My Lakewood hero
works at the L.L.C
and she has green
eyes she is a teacher
she is my teacher.
she is tall and has



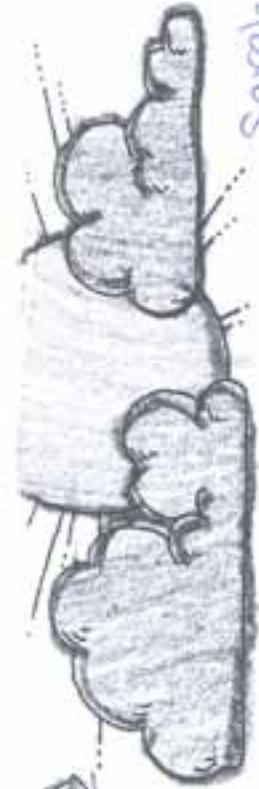
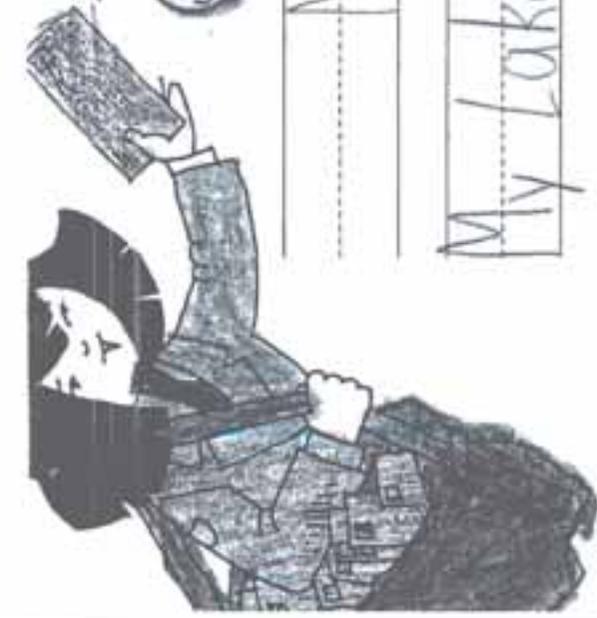
blond hair. She always dresses
nice. She is friendly everyday. She
smiles a lot, too. My teacher always
makes me feel better. She is
a second grade teacher. My
teacher explains everything. My
teacher is thoughtful. My
teacher talks to Dr. Gresik a lot.
She also respects people. When
I talk to her she always

listens everyday she teaches me
a new thing. My teacher supports
people. My teacher is always nice
to everyone. My teacher is honest
all the time. My teacher is
fair and hugs me before I
go home after school. My teacher
always uses good manners
and good words. I'm so
glad that I got put in

her class. My Lakewood hero is

Mrs. Garrity.

Taylor Jimenez



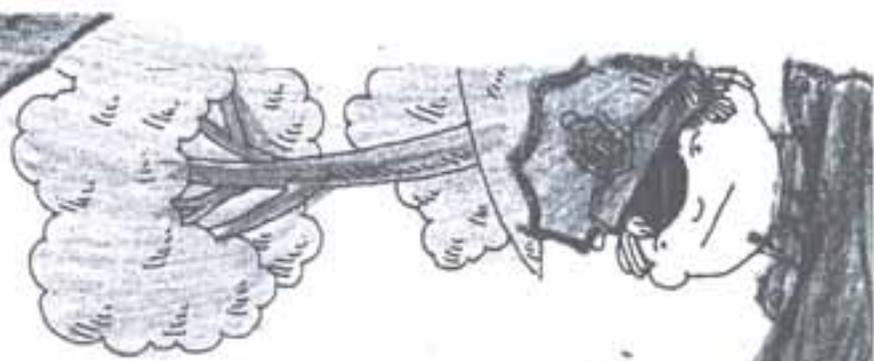
Sarah Sanger

My Lakewood hero

My Lakewood hero is someone who
is very nice to me. My hero is
my old neighbor in Lakewood.

She is short, has gray hair and
brown eyes, and dresses nice.

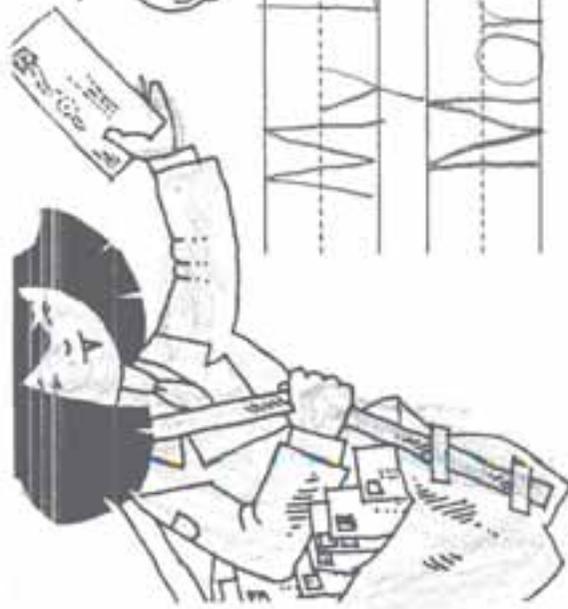
My hero is none other than Maxine.



She lives on Graywood Street and she stays home. She is about 65 years old. Her husband collects cans. His name is Dee. She is very thoughtful and she gives me hugs every time I leave her house. Every time I come to her house she always asks "me how am I doing. Her husband works long hours collecting cans. She gets along with people very well. She cares about everyone very much. I feel good when she watches me play outside by

myself. Everyone should be just like Marine in every neighborhood.

sarah sanger



My Lakewood Community Hero

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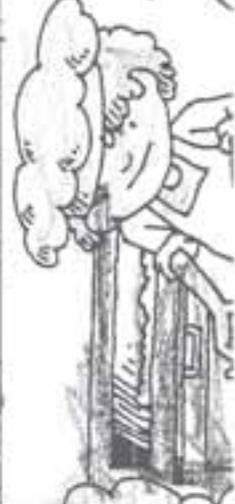
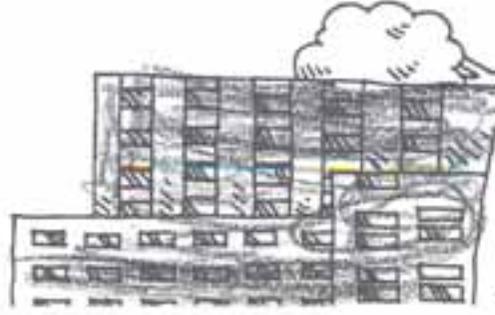
My Lakewood community

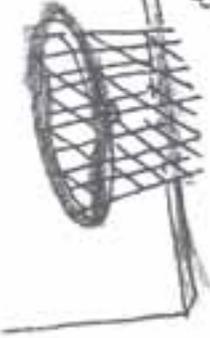
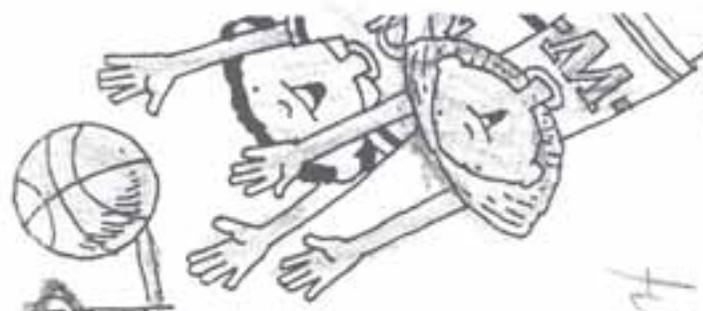
hero is my dentist. He is the

member of the ^{community} that knows

how to make people's

mouths feel better.





My dentist fixed my tooth that

I injured it. My mouth was hot

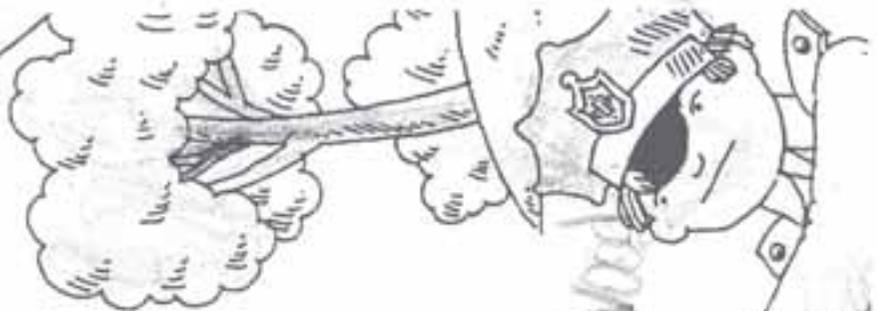
so bad that I cried. My gums hurt

too. My dentist made my mouth

feel good again. I admire my

Lakewood dentist because he+

is wonderful. He is my Lakewood



community here because it is hard

at the very least I chose my dentist

as my Lakewood community here

because it is good. I think it is

very helpful.

MR. HUANG

I Love Lakewood

The city of Lakewood started in Long Beach and then started its own city in 1954. The houses that started in Lakewood were Lakewood Village. I live really close to this. Most of the parks and streets in Lakewood were named after the men that built the city. So who was Mr. Pepperwood because that is the name of my street? More and more people came to Lakewood and started businesses, restaurants, and shops. They loved all of the big parks that were being built.

I have loved living in Lakewood because of all of these things. I love the Lakewood Mall where I can buy cool fashions. My family loves to walk to Candlewood and have dinner at our favorite restaurants. Mayfair Park is the best. It has so much room to play sports and have picnics. My Brownie Troop has a barbeque there every year. Then, in the summer, I love to swim in the Mayfair Pool with my friends. Mayfair Park is not the only park I love. All of the parks in Lakewood are fun because they are different. Del Valle Park has a big rocket, and San Martin Park has a Cinderella carriage. After a day at the park, I love to lie down on the grass at the park and feel the cool breeze.

I have lived in Lakewood for three years, and I have loved the families in our neighborhood. We are all friends and on holidays, we have parties. When the ice cream truck comes around, we have ice cream together.

I love living in Lakewood. How about you?

By Kayla Brooks
Grade 3

A Person I Admire In Lakewood

The person I admire is Mr. Kuncewicki. I admire Mr. K. because he is funny. He is also nice. Mr. K is admirable because he is smart, friendly, nice, funny, and helpful. He is nice because he helps a lot of students.

Mr. K helped my Girl Scout troop. He helped my troop by buying nuts and cookies. He also helps my troop by letting us meet in the library. Dr. Gresik and Mr. K. let my Brownie Troop #143 into the library at school every other Wednesday. Mr. K. is funny because he tells a lot of funny jokes.

Mr. K is respectful to others. His responsibility is great. Also, his fairness is excellent. Mr. K is very compassionate and honest. He models good citizenship for our school. I like Mr. K. very much. He is a great Vice Principal and person.

By: Emily Lewis #9

I Love Lakewood

Did you know the city of Lakewood used to be a village in 1930? At that time, there were only a few people living in this city. Now in 2003, there are more than 81,000 people being born and raised in Lakewood. I am lucky to have many different Nationalities.

Living in Lakewood has exciting things to do. Anyone can choose from many activities and can even join a club or sports team. This is why I am busy everyday even though I am in Third grade. I play the piano swim, play tennis, and basketball. I also joined Cub Scouts. I enjoy all these activities in Lakewood.

Lakewood also has many places to go with my family. Right across the street from my school is the beautiful Mayfair Park. I go there with my mom, brother , and my friends. I like to play basketball with my brother at the park. I have been to only one park in Lakewood, but there are 13 parks in Lakewood shopping malls and restaurants on the weekends.

Lakewood is a wonderful place to live. I feel lucky to live in this city. Lakewood is very safe and clean and I hope to live here forever with my family and friends.

By: Timothy Park Rm. 52

Patricia Ramos

I'm proud of Lakewood because there are some nice people and some of them don't litter. It is also very nice living there because it is peaceful, and people don't argue. I really like to live there. There are laws like don't cross the street when it doesn't say you can, and cars that can't go when the street lights are red. I like to play in the parks because it is cool and there are no stranger to come and get you because probably your mom might watch you so you can be safe. But when it is night time you and your family has to be careful because when it is night and no ones there some burglars might just sneak in your house or apartment and steal stuff. But don't worry here in Lakewood will keep you safe. How about you where do you live? Do you live in places that will keep you safe or do you live in places that don't have good laws like don't do bad stuffs and get drunk. Think about where you live and tell me about it. Room 62



Our Grand Lakewood

Have you ever heard about the city Lakewood? If you haven't, you're out of this world! Lakewood is a very grand and proud city. It is very large and the weather is very good. There are many events to go to and there are a lot of fun places to go. There are many events to attend to. There is an egg Hunt, and a Fiesta with lots of rides. There is one of my favorite event to go too, and that is the Halloween party. There is a lot of games. The parks are gigantic so there would be a lot of land to play and set up things when there is a event. In Lakewood we also have a mall. The mall is gigantic! The mall has play areas to, and has a yummy food court. Lakewood is a suburb community and has a population of 50,000, and is kind of a- watch- out- for- everyone community and has activities for the whole family. Lakewood is very safe and almost every store is close to you. If you live near something you could walk because in Lakewood almost everything is close to you (like I said). If you every live in Lakewood it would make you feel so great. Lakewood is very nice and cozy, and it is suitable at any weather, and the sunsets are very beautiful. Lakewood is the best city and is suitable at everything. Lakewood is always proud and it is generous. Lakewood is great and no other city can beat it's greatness and it's generosity and it's grandness.

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297 words

Shannon Turner

Who I Admire

The people who I admire are my parents, because they are very nice. My mom's name is Kelly and my dad's name is Steve. I like my parents very much. My dad is a fireman and my mom doesn't work but that's ok. My parents are very nice to other people. They are fun to be with and are never really mean. They help me with school and any other activity. I love them very much and that's why I'm glad they're my parents.

I really like Lakewood because it is almost drug free and it is a fun place. It is just the right for me. When I think of Lakewood I think of heaven. I think

I would never want to leave Lakewood. I'm glad I live in Lakewood!

Kimberly Chavez

ILC

4th grade

Lakewood-The Perfect City

I live in Lakewood. I like living on Ashworth St. in Lakewood. I like Lakewood because if you want to go to different places they are close to you.

My favorite place in Lakewood is Mayfair Park. The reason I like Mayfair Park is because of the sports you get to play. Right now I would be playing soccer and volley tennis, but I broke my left pinkie so I can't play. I also like Mayfair because you can just rest.

The school I go to and like that is in Lakewood is I.L.C. I like I.L.C. because I have more friends than I had at Steven Foster. Also I like I.L.C. because you learn more because you are at school longer. I think that kids that like to learn more should go to I.L.C.

The markets in Lakewood are a good place to shop. My mom and dad like to shop at Stater Bros., Vons, and Albertsons. We go to Vons because we go to the pharmacy there. My family and I like to go to Albertsons and Stater Bros. To get the rest of the food we need.

Why I Like Lakewood

Lakewood is a good place to live! Lakewood offers very good places to visit. I like Lakewood because my school, the Intensive Learning Center is in Lakewood. I'll tell you more about Lakewood.

Lakewood has some of my favorite places to go and eat, McDonalds, In and Out, Backers Square, and other places too. It has special qualities that set it apart from other cities. It's clean. Nobody's out on the street begging. Restaurants serve good food. Streets don't have any like garbage bags, etc. This is some of the reasons why I like Lakewood.

What is your favorite place in Lakewood? I'll tell you a couple of mine. School of course! A park that has swings, a jumping thing, a prentend car, and a pool. I like swimming in the summer because it is hot. Someone gave me a free pass to the pool. I also enjoy bowling. I compete with my brother, but he keeps winning. One of my scores was eighty-five. It is still fun to play even if my brother

keeps beating me.

There is a mall in every city, I think. I usually go to the Lakewood Mall because its people are nice. If you have any questions about where the items are located, they will guide you where to go. They give you savings, but that doesn't help me.

It helps my mom though because she is the one who buys our clothing.

Lakewood is an amazing place. It is home to several people. If I was a realtor I would suggest that you should buy a house in Lakewood. Lakewood is a magnificent place right now, but I know that Lakewood can even be better.

Dawn Rice

An Admirable Mother

There are a great deal of admirable people in Lakewood, but the person that I admire, love, and always go to for personal help is my mother. My mother has always been with me since the day I was born to my first few steps to my first day of school. Now she is still with me to help solve my problems and teach me about life. My mother is smart kind and is a tremendously good teacher, that is why I admire her.

I admire my mother because she was raised in a family of twelve, so she is as smart as a fox when it comes to children. She knows how to handle a sick child, calm a child down when the child is in pain, and sing a child to sleep if the child can't go to sleep. My mother knows that children won't listen to everything she says so she knows how to discipline them in a way that they will listen to her next time and they'll also learn a valuable lesson for life.

I also admire my mother because she is an extremely kind person that always has a smile on her face. She loves when her smile spreads like a disease on her loved ones faces. She is always telling children that instead of fighting and arguing we should help each other. My mother likes to give clothes to organizations for the poor, but she's always saying that she would like to give the clothes to the needy families themselves.

The third reason I admire my mother is because she is a very good teacher. She taught me how to count to ten, say the alphabet, and much more. I will never forget how

much time it took her to teach me all she did, or how much patience she had with me. Now she reviews what I learn at school but I'll never forget how she taught me.

My mother is smart, kind, and is a tremendously good teacher, that is why I admire her. She is as smart as a fox when it comes to children. She is very kind and always loves to spread her smile. She is also a great teacher for life. If only all the mothers in the world were like mine the world would be heaven. But then all the children would be the same, so I'm fine with my perfect mom.

Adam Kaplowitz
Intensive Learning Center
Ms. Kristina Riedman
5th Grade, Room 73

The Person I Admire Most In Lakewood...

The person I admire most in Lakewood is Ms. Riedman. She is my fifth grade teacher at the Intensive Learning Center and she also runs the pools for the City of Lakewood. She has worked for the City of Lakewood for 13 years, and knows a lot of people from Lakewood. Ms. Riedman talks about Lakewood and things that are happening whenever it applies to what we are learning. By listening to her talk about Lakewood and the people she knows, she makes me think that I would like to live in Lakewood too.

Ms. Riedman has many responsibilities during the summer in the City of Lakewood's Recreation Department. She helps people lose weight when she teaches water aerobics at Mayfair Pool. She teaches kids how to swim and makes sure the pool is a safe place for everyone. It's a good thing that Ms. Riedman works for the city and that she is a teacher at our school because we get to have an end-of-the-year party at Mayfair Pool.

As a teacher, Ms. Riedman is so cool! She knows how to solve just about anything. She is very fair about her choices. She is funny too. She thinks about the class before she thinks about herself. Ms. Riedman teaches us how to use sign language or hand gestures so she knows what we mean when we raise our hand during a lesson. She also gives us pre-tests for spelling every Wednesday, which makes studying easier for me. In order to make learning fun for the class, Ms. Riedman creates neat projects for us to do. She knows that sometimes in Social Studies, just reading about the past is boring. So, we do way more than read in our class. In fact, we get to have "Colonial Day" at Mayfair Park where we will learn what it was like to live during colonial times. All the 5th grade students get to dress up like colonial people and go to different centers. There will be a variety of things for us to do that day. Some of the centers we will go to include candle making, quill and ink writing, johnnycake and butter making. Ms. Riedman does after-school tutoring for kids that need help. She always encourages us to do our best and to try new things. In fact, she encourages us to enter contests like this one whenever she gets a chance. Our class won the PTA Membership Drive this year and she was very proud of us. Ms. Riedman shows us she is proud of us whether we win or lose.

I truly admire Ms. Riedman for being a teacher for 6 years. She has to put up with a lot to be a teacher and she does a great job. No matter what, Ms. Riedman always thinks about her students and what they need. I really admire the fact that Ms. Riedman helps so many people in so many ways.

Paolo Ramos 5th grade

Room #71 I.L.C

Mrs. Hart

What I Like About Lakewood

Lakewood is a small city in the Los Angeles County. This city is a very clean and drug free city. It is full of family of every color. This city also brings people together by sports and holiday activities such as, baseball, basketball, and holiday fares. The things that the most I am proud of about Lakewood are, the mall, I.L.C, and the Harvest Festival at our school.

The first thing that makes me proud is the mall. This mall is the best mall in the county here is why. It has about 100 stores! Can you believe that? Well anyway, one of my favorite store is Moon Planet. Moon Planet is a store where you can buy Yu-Gi-Oh cards and other collectables such as Gundam Wings, and Japanese monsters. Another one of my favorite store is EB Games. They have two EB Games at the mall. They sell over about over 500 games together including some of the hottest games today such as Backyard Wrestling, Smackdown, Bring the Pain, and Tony Hawk Underground. They also sell some used DVDs for less than 20 dollars. This also includes some of the scariest, funniest, and the most best action movies ever. They also sell accessories like controllers, memory cards, and a cable link. Even the food court is marvelous, Mcdonalds, China

Inn, and more. My favorite fast food restaurant is China Inn. Chowmein and orange chicken are my favorites.

The second thing that makes me proud is I.L.C. This stands for Intensive Learning Center. I know this school is a uniform school but so what. They dismisses us at four because they want us to use that extra hour for learning. This is why this is a smart school. An example of that is when in third grade, Jeffrey Tyo took the gold on the district spelling bee. Another reason that makes me proud is that we have an advance class for 5th and 6th graders. This means that by the end of 6th grade we will be in 8th grade math. This school also has Lunch time sports for the 5th and 6th graders. We have basketball, flag football, hockey, and soccer.

Last but not least the Harvest Festival at my school. It is like an early Halloween party. People get to dress on their Halloween costumes if they want to, and have fun eating on the grass. Little kids can go trick-or-treating in those little booths for activities. Some activities are sandy candy, pumpkin carving, and the parade. The costume parade is made for little kids and their so called 'cute costumes'. But everyone joins the fun because they like wearing their costumes or that they want to win the parade. Oh, I forgot to tell you it was also a contest! I don't really know what the winner gets because I never knew a winner.

Lakewood is the best city in the world and no one can say no to that. I hope you didn't fall asleep on my essay because I wrote this one for Lakewood. Happy 50th Anniversary Lakewood!

Alberto Sparks
Intensive Learning Center
Ms. Kristina Riedman
5th Grade, Room73

Some Things I Like About Lakewood..

The City of Lakewood has a lot to offer. It is a special place to learn, work, and just hang out. There are a lot of things to do in Lakewood to keep you busy. It's also a great city to live for families with young children.

One of the main reasons I like Lakewood so much is that it is one of the safest cities around. The Lakewood Sheriff's, the Volunteers on Patrol and the Neighborhood Watch Programs are the ones to thank for that. They keep our city safe. Whenever there is even a slight problem it seems like the Lakewood Sheriff's are always close by. The sheriff deputies and their support teams are always on the look out patrolling our streets, neighborhoods, schools, parks, malls and even the movie theaters. The safety of Lakewood and its citizens is of great importance and it shows.

Lakewood is also known for its beautiful parks, pools and activity centers. There are so many parks in the City of Lakewood and they all have a lot to offer. My favorite park in Lakewood is Mayfair Park, which is located on the corner of Clark and South. Mayfair is a very clean park where you can play and hang out with your family and friends. It also has a great pool. It's a perfect place to learn how to swim. In fact, during the summer, Lakewood offers swimming lessons to children of all ages and adults too. They also have water aerobics for those adults who want to get into shape.

Another thing that makes the City of Lakewood such a great place to live is the abundance of schools. Education is important to the residents of Lakewood. It's a great place for families with young kids. One of the school districts in Lakewood is Bellflower Unified. It has several schools within the city of Lakewood. In fact, I attend the Bellflower Unified Intensive Learning Center which is located in Lakewood. It's a great school and I have learned a lot there.

One last thing, but definitely not the least thing that I would like to tell you about in Lakewood is what some people refer to as "Restaurant Row." Lakewood has the greatest restaurants to choose from on Candlewood between Clark Ave. and Lakewood Blvd. It's like a resort. There is so much to choose from. It's a great place to celebrate those special occasions, talk with friends and family or to just have fun. One of my favorite restaurants is Red Lobster they have shrimp, lobster, fish, scallops and more. If you're craving seafood it's definitely the place to go.

There are a lot of great things about the City of Lakewood. I've just mentioned a few. It has so much more to offer. Don't just take my word for it! Next time you're in the neighborhood, see for yourself just what a great place the City of Lakewood really is!

Jeffrey Tyo
Rm.71
11-12-03

Lakewood People I Admire

Almost every person or adult in Lakewood does something to help Lakewood or the people of Lakewood. A numerous number of people have jobs in Lakewood that help us everyday. People could be doctors or firefighters in Lakewood who save lives everyday. People could be chefs that feed people in Lakewood everyday. People could be policemen that save the lives of Lakewood people everyday. The people of Lakewood could do all of these jobs, and more, and I admire them all.

I admire many Lakewood people. I admire firemen because they risk their lives to save other people in Lakewood. I especially admire teachers because they educate the children of Lakewood so well. I also admire policemen and women because they protect the city of Lakewood better than any other city. I admire chefs because they cook such good food and feed the people in Lakewood so well. One job that people have is being a principal in Lakewood. I definitely admire them because they run the schools in Lakewood so well.

I admire the people in Lakewood that make our lives better. I admire construction workers because they give so many people in Lakewood such well-built homes. I also admire doctors and nurses in Lakewood because they save so many lives, and they give us medicine to get better when we are sick. Another group of people I admire are security guards because they keep people in Lakewood safe. I especially admire electricians for keeping Lakewood bright and lit up. I admire authors in Lakewood because they give Lakewood something to read.

The people of Lakewood do all of these jobs and more, and I admire them all. Even if some of them don't get paid very much, they still try as hard as they can to help the people in Lakewood. Everyday all of the jobs that people have help Lakewood and even the people in Lakewood in various ways, and most people don't even realize it.

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What I Like About Lakewood

Being apart of the city of Lakewood has been a wonderful experience for me. I attend school at Intensive Learning Center and have been there for six years. I am in the sixth grade and am in Mrs. Hart's fifth/sixth combination class. The residents of Lakewood have always opened their arms to new and exciting events for the homes, parks, and schools. They believe that we, the children, are the future, therefore they do the best they can to make sure we are safe and receiving an excellent education. What I like about Lakewood is they always keep an open mind about ideas, they believe in education, and they always keep the schools and children safe.

The council of Lakewood and the residents always keep an open mind about what the citizens have to say. First of all, they never automatically say "no" if they do not like the idea. They talk it over with each other and look at each perspective before giving their answer. Secondly, they always are willing to set-up meetings and everything like that so the people can be heard instead of having to keep quiet and agree with what the council says. Third of all, the council of Lakewood never just gives an answer because they feel like it. They always look at the positives and negatives of the situation. Last but not least, they always are concerned and care about the problems citizens and even the rest of the council has.

The city of Lakewood strongly believes in education. My first reason to support this is that there are many fine schools in Lakewood with excellent staff members. Some examples are Craig Williams, Stephen Foster, George Wahington, and of course Intensive Learning Center. Also, they are constantly saying they believe in the future; however, they always mean it. Another reason, they visit their schools and their students to make sure they are doing what they are supposed to be doing. I think that proves they care about how the city's students are doing in school. Lakewood has been doing that since it was built.

Lakewood and its city council keeps the school and children safe. My first reason to support my opinion is that at our schools, there are many rules that we all have to follow. If one of us chooses to break these rules, we are going to have to face the consequences. Another reason is that we have the teachers and a principal. These people would not be at our school if they were not important. Third of all, they are always talking about how important safety is, and if they did not mean it then they would not even waste their time and ours ours saying it, so they must really mean it. Last of all, they make sure that the students are learning and the teachers are teaching properly. If the teachers are not teaching, and the students are not learning and that defeats the purpose of school. If they do not go to school for that purpose then they might as well stay at home.

Lakewood always keeps an open mind about ideas, believe in education, and they keep the schools and children safe. They never just say "yes" or "no" because they do not know what else to say. They always know what to say and when to say it. Intensive Learning Center, Craig Williams, Thomas Jefferson, and Stephen Foster are some examples of the many schools in Lakewood that are doing excellent. Each and every

school has many rules thanks to the city to make sure we are safe. I really hope that in the near future each is just like Lakewood.

Lakewood People We Admire

Guess what? It's Lakewoods 50th birthday!! Hello for those of you who do not know me my name is Amanda Danielle Jones. I am eleven years old. I am in the sixth grade. The school I go to is the Intensive Learning Center. I am in Mrs. Loram's sixth grade class. I really admire A LOT!!! of people who help Lakewood out. I admire many people who live and work in Lakewood. I ~~admire~~ admire so many lakewood people I could not decide who I was going to choose. Finally I chose who I was going to write my essay about. That lucky person is The Vice Principal of the Intensive Learning Center, that guy's name is Mr. Kunczewicki. Everyone at the intensive learning Center calls him Mr. K. (and I mean just Mr. K) not Mr. Vice Principal and definitely not Mr. Kunczewicki. Mr. K is the nicest guy on Earth or well at least I think so! First of all, Mr. K is nice. He is nice because he uses his lunchtime playing sports with 5th and 6th graders. Second of all, he is the Vice Vprincipal of the Intensive Learning Center. This means he can take over the school at any given time, like for instance if Dr. Gresik was in a meeting or if she is sick or something like that (because Dr. Gresik is the principal of the Intensive Learning Center). Third of all Mr. K cares, like when you say something to him and he did not hear you he will ask you to repeat yourself and really try to understand what you said to him. Mr. K is a great Lakewood admirable person. Or at least I think so!!!

Once again I'm going to tell you about one of the reasons why I admire Mr. K. Mr. K is NICE. He is nice because he uses his lunchtime to play sports with 5th and 6th graders. The sports he plays, are field hockey, basketball, and soccer. Mr. K uses the "GOLDEN RULE". That means he treats others the way he would like to be treated. That means Mr. K is nice to everyone so everyone is nice to Mr. K. Mr. K is a wonderful admirable Lakewood person.

The second reason why Mr. K is an awesome admirable person is because he is CARING. He is caring because when you walk up to him and ask him something and he did not quite understand what you said or hear what you said he will ask you to repeat what you just said. You will of course say sure Mr. K! Another reason why he is caring, is that on ashy, smokey, or rainy days he will give announcements saying to stay indoors and to have recess in the cafeteria. That means he is saying it is rainy day schedule. I do not even think he wants six hundred twenty five (625) soaking wet, crying kids in the office! (NO WAY !!!!!!!!) Another reason Mr. K cares is that when I talk to him he will always tell me bye Amanda have a nice day!! or bye Amanda have a great day!!! Those are some of the reasons why I respect Mr. K. He is a great Lakewood person!!

The third reason why I, Amanda Jones admires the great Mr.K is because he is

the Vice Principal of the Intensive Learning Center. He can take over the school when Dr. Gresik, the principal is in a meeting or is absent for some strange reason. He can get kids into trouble for being mean to other kids. He can give kids referrals for ditching school or for disrespecting other kids or teachers. Lastly Mr. K is almost the most important person in the school but he is not. He gives announcements. I think he likes his job as a Vice Principal.

There are very many people in Lakewood that I admire, but I had to choose one. Fortunately as you have read I chose the Outstanding, wonderful, awesome Mr. K. Mr. K is a great Vice Principal. He is nice, he uses his lunchtime to play sports with 5th and 6th graders. he is caring, he uses his voice to make friendly announcements. I think Mr. K deserves this recognition because he is a wonderful guy!!!!!!!!!!!!

What I Like About Lakewood

By Matthew Manabat Grade 6 I.L.C. 10/10/11 Mrs. Hart

I am proud to be a part of Lakewood for many reasons. Lakewood is a wonderful city filled with kind citizens and helpful advisors. Lakewood has many wonderful places to go; from a public library to a two story Target. Many gorgeous houses that provide shelter for loving families stand here in Lakewood. It has many well-maintained parks and schools. I am proud to be a part of Lakewood because of its many beautiful public applications and well-staffed public schools.

Lakewood has a beautiful park where people of all ages can come to have fun. Mayfair Park is an amazing place to go have fun or learn with family and friends. It has two jungle gyms designed for safety and fun for children of all ages. One of them is designed for younger children. It has a transportation theme. It has a truck with turnable steering wheels and a crawl space below. There is also a train that has various chairs, tables, and tunnels. This area has a fence and a gate around it so that parents can keep track of their kids. The other play area is designed for older children. It has a swing set and a jungle gym with monkey bars, slides, and a swinging bridge. Mayfair Park also has a tennis court and a swimming pool. Every summer the pool reopens, and swim lessons and activities for people of all ages are held. Experienced instructors and lifeguards teach children to swim, dive, and become confident in the water. Along the pool's borders are multiple huge classrooms. Some of the rooms can be rented out for banquets and meetings. Also, Mayfair Park annually offers classes on everything from pottery to karate. These classes are held in or near Mayfair Park.

Lakewood also has many public schools. Many Lakewood schools are a quite descent size. Lakewood schools are staffed with only the most qualified and experienced educators. These teachers have the job of filling their students' heads with the knowledge they need to succeed in life and to prepare them for end of the year testing. But, a school is nothing but an over-populated trash dump without janitors. They keep our schools clean and allow students to learn without slimy, green gobs distracting them from their school work. Some schools offer after school programs for achieving students. These extracurricular activities help challenge the students' minds and allow them to expand to amazing capacities. Many of the schools in the Lakewood area are distinguished schools.

I am proud to be a part of Lakewood. Lakewood is a breath-taking city that I am proud to have been brought up in. The park and the schools are not the only wonderful things in Lakewood. There is a public library with thousands of books on every subject, a tremendous mall with a two story Target, and many wonderful restaurants. One can not forget the ever vigilant police and fire men and women who rush to bring us safety. Lakewood is my home, my place of being, and I would not trade the wonderful memories I have of this place for anything in the world.

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The Intensive Learning Center

Schools are quite important to Lakewood in two major ways. First, they educate children in many subjects, and second, they give kids the opportunity to think about the future and about goals. One of the schools in Lakewood is the Intensive Learning Center or the I.L.C., which I attend. Our school starts at eight o' clock and ends at four o' clock to give us more learning time. This school has already given many students the chance to think about future plans and goals. I am proud to be a student at the I.L.C. because of its pleasant environment and wonderful teachers.

The I.L.C. has many qualities that contribute to its pleasant environment. First, we have a clean campus. During our recess we do not have to worry about tripping over trash. Also, there are not any seagulls whose screeching and squawking used to annoy us. Once at our school there were so many seagulls that students would cover their heads with jackets to protect themselves from getting bird waste on them. The seagulls were after the food on the ground so when we cleaned up the campus, the seagulls left. Next, we have a friendly atmosphere at our school. There is hardly any bullying during our recess. Most of the kids are friendly, considerate, honest, and helpful. Finally, we also have marvelous playground equipment, which consists of slides, swings, handball courts, basketball courts, tetherball courts and more.

At our school we have many wonderful teachers who guide us in our studies. They teach us many basic subjects such as math, science, English, and social studies.

Teachers go beyond what they have to do to make learning enjoyable. Whenever learning can be enjoyable students pay attention. Teachers here help us achieve higher test scores by making us study different subjects and by giving us homework. At the I.L.C. we have four specialists: science, technology, Spanish, and physical education. These teachers teach us special skills like how to come up with experiments, work with computers, speak Spanish, and do tricks with jump ropes and other equipment. My teacher, Mrs. Hart, teaches a fifth/sixth combination class. When we have a project, sometimes she will let us get in groups and then assign each group a certain subject. These projects help us learn how to give presentations in front of audiences without being nervous. Also, she tells us about what to expect in junior high since she was a junior high English teacher. Teachers at the I.L.C. also spend time after school to teach special classes. Last year I was able to become a part of the Science Olympiad team. We were one of the many schools who competed in this competition devoted entirely to science. We won a gold medal, but this accomplishment could not have been possible without the help of our science specialist, Ms. Moskowitz.

The I.L.C. is an important part of Lakewood. This school has been recognized as a California Distinguished School. Our school campus is clean and the school environment is friendly because of students working together to pick up trash and being considerate to each other. The teachers here make learning an enjoyable experience and guide us in our studies. We are a successful and organized school because of all these reasons. I hope that the I.L.C. will help students soar in the future and remain a model school in Lakewood.

Living Well in Lakewood

By Ian Williams

I believe living in Lakewood has a load of benefits.

Lakewood has nicely mild weather because of its latitude. I like this because it is never too hot to play in summer and never too cold in winter. There are no extreme temperatures. Lakewood only gets snow once every seventy-five years once there is a freakish temperature drop and it only lasts for an hour. Lakewood is close to beaches and only a two-hour drive to snowy mountains in the wintertime. Lakewood is one of the few places in the world where a person can go surfing after breakfast and skiing in the afternoon. We rarely get fires, and due to the Baja California sticks out of Mexico, we never get hurricanes as they either spin out to sea or hit Arizona. There is only one minor annoyance—we get earthquakes! But, they happen every 10 to 15 years and don't cause very much damage so they aren't much to worry about. The last one was in 1994, so we are getting close to a due date!

Another benefit is my great school, the Intensive Learning Center! The Intensive Learning Center, or ILC, is the only school in Lakewood that has an extended day by 1 hour (except on Wednesday when we get out of school at 1:45) and an extended year by 1 month, so we can focus on school subjects.

Mayfair Park is one of the many parks in Lakewood. Like a number of parks in Lakewood, there is one unique thing about it. For example, Del Amo Park has a life-size model airplane and a baby park. Cinderella Park has pumpkin 'chariots' and a field for model rockets. And Mayfair Park has an Olympic-sized pool.

However, I still think another great thing about Lakewood is the special way it is cared for.

Lakewood's streets are swept weekly. Lakewood is also good with trash—removal is done quickly and consistently. Even the landscaping is well taken care of, lush and green. Most cities in southern California are not this well cared for; if you cross the border into Bellflower you can immediately tell that the streets are dirtier, there are far fewer trees and virtually no plants in the street meridians and walkways. Every week or so a helicopter checks for stagnant water so we are not overrun with mosquitos.

Last, but definitely not least, Lakewood's crime rate is very low. We have an excellent station staffed by excellent police. There is even an 'Eye in the Sky,' a helicopter that flies above Lakewood. I have heard of a two hour search the helicopter conducted because a little boy wandered away from his parents' home. One day when my sister and I walked home, we realized we had forgotten our house key. We went up to a sheriff's deputy and she drove us home in her patrol car (I sat in the back where the criminals sat because my sister was too scared to sit in the back!). The deputy opened the

window in our back door, opened the door and called our mom using our phone. We were very happy the deputy helped us that day!