Lindstrom Elementary

2nd Grade

Gaylord, Ryan
Lapastora, Ricky
Moreno, Marissa
Purcella, Brooke
Sath, Brian

3rd Grade

McGowan, Sarah
Nelson, Emma
Oswalt, Joshua
Schmitt, McKenna

4th Grade

Brown, Daralise
Cerritos, Shoshanna
Hanley, Tyler
Lingat, Ginina
Mascarinas, Alexis

5th Grade

Aoyama, Travis
Dinneny, Paige
Gould, Ashley
Hunter, Sarah
Ngo, Melinda

6th Grade

Desparicio, Nathan
Garcia, Regan
Gragera, Trisha
Manriquez, Megan
Quan, Caroline

Ryan Gaylord
Esther Lindstrom Elementary School
Teacher: Mrs. Albert
Room 52
Second Grade

A Lakewood Person I Admire

There are many people in Lakewood that I admire. One special person is my grandma. Her name is Flora Jansen. She is very nice to me and takes me to many places. My grandma is a crossing guard for the City of Lakewood. She makes sure that a lot of kids made it to and from school safely. She takes care of my sister, brother, and me when my parents go out of town. My grandma is always doing kind things for other people. I love her.

Ricky Lapastora
E. Lindstrom School
Ms. Cherpes- Teacher
Room # 34
Grade 2

A Lakewood Person I Admire
By, Ricky Lapastora

I would like to tell you about Ms. Cherpes. She helps students when they don't understand new things in class. She also lets us do special experiments in science that some second graders don't get to do. She will have parties at the end of every month for us. Ms. Cherpes always helps our class when we need help with spelling words that we can't spell on our own. Ms. Cherpes is a very nice teacher. That is why I admire her.

Marissa Moreno
E. Lindstrom School
Ms. Cherpes- Teacher
Room # 34
Grade 2

A Lakewood Person I Admire
By, Marissa Moreno

A special person in Lakewood is Mrs. McCall. Mrs. McCall is a good person because she teaches people how to be kind. Mrs. McCall was once in our classroom and she taught us about writing. Mrs. McCall is a good teacher and a good vice principal. Mrs. McCall is a special person to me. I admire Mrs. McCall.

Brooke Purcella
2nd Grade
Esther Lindstrom School
Teacher: Mrs. Okita

Lakewood People I Admire

Mrs. Kathy Lopez is someone that I admire. She is our school secretary. Every time I go by the office, she is working hard. She has to stay in her office all day. Even though she is tired, every morning she says hi to my sister and me. Often she will use one of her funny voices. I start my day with a good laugh. Every time I think about that, it makes me happy. Mrs. Lopez works hard for all of us so that Lindstrom will be the best school in Lakewood. She is also very nice. That is why I admire Mrs. Katy Lopez.

Brian Sath
E. Lindstrom School
Room 55, Ms. Herring
Second Grade

October 30, 2003

Dear Mayor Esquivel,

Ken is a person I admire. He works for E. Lindstrom School as an assistant at lunchtime. He is thoughtful to other students. He tells everyone if the food is healthy. Ken helps the children pick up trash. When children get hurt, he sends them to the health office. Ken watches the children eat and play. Sometimes he gives them toys. Ken cheers me up when I am sad. At lunchtime I see him with a grin. Sometimes he helps me with my homework. I chose to write about Ken because I admire him since he is thoughtful to a lot of children.

Sincerely,
Brian Sath

Sarah McGowan
Esther Lindstrom
Mrs. Pesch
Rm. 42
3rd Grade

"Lakewood People We Admire"

The one person I admire the most is Keith, our custodian. This person is part of our Lakewood Community. I think Keith is a wonderful because he keeps our school clean, he is a very helpful person, and he is very nice to kids.

For example, some of the great things Keith has done are: 1. Keith picks up all of the trash. 2. He protects people from black widows. 3. He cleans the cafeteria.

Keith makes me a better person because he helps keep the school clean, and teaches me how important our environment is.

Lakewood

By Emma Nelsen
3rd grade, Lindstrom

I like Lakewood because ... it is a beautiful place to live in. It has wonderful, green trees. I can't beileve it is turning fifty years old! Lakewood is the city I have lived in all my life. It's fun to go to the Lakewood Mall and the movie theaters. The summer is fun too. I always have take swimming lessons at Mayfair Park. It also has many nice parks. I love to go to the parks. They have lots of equipment to play on. The Mall is fun to go also. They have lots of interesting shops there. The Mall also has lots of cool restraunts too.

Joshua Oswalt
grade 3 room 45
E. Lindstrom

I like Lakewood because it has a cool school. We do lots of activities like we bring our Halloween costumes to school. We have potato sack races, water balloon tosses, easter egg hunts, basketball tournaments and kickball tournaments. The teachers in Lakewood are really nice and smart. I learn a lot in Lakewood. I make allot of friends. Lakewood school is the best school ever . By JOSHUA

Rm. 44

Lakewood

by Rebecca Romero
Grade 3, Lindstrom School

Lakewood is a great city! I like living in Lakewood because there are great schools and teachers, like mine. There are cool parks for kids to play at and there are services for senior citizens too. I like that there are programs for kids to do to help them stay out of trouble. I like going to the Lakewood Mall to shop and eat. The people working in the Lakewood Mall are very friendly. Lakewood is a fun place to live!

Mckenna Schmitt 11-12-03

What I like about Lakewood

Lakewood is a great city! The schools are great and the playground equipment is awesome.

First of all the Lakewood Mall is my favorite place to shop. My favorite shop is Rave Girl. Plus when I go to the food court I get stuffed. I also think the movie theaters are great.

Next there's one amusement park called Hollywood Sports Park. It has lots of stuff like rock climbing, volleyball, bundle jumping and skating with ramps. They also have a game room with cool games, like pool.

The final thing I like about Lakewood is the parks. I like playing soccer, catch and other games. I also like playing on the playground equipment.

Clearly I'd have to say Lakewood is one of the best cities I've ever lived in.

What I Like About Lakewood
Esther Lindstrom
4th grade
Daralise Brown, Room 84

The things that make me proud to live in the Lakewood community are the surroundings and the citizens. To me Lakewood is the most peaceful place to live. I'm not part of a special group or anything, but it doesn't matter because I still go to a lot of Lakewood events. For example, I went to Lakewood's parade. The floats there were very nice. I think I stand proud and tall when I say being a Lakewood citizen is the best thing for everyone. I love Lakewood more then any other state, city, country, or town. That is the end of my story for why Lakewood is the best.

Shoshanna Cerritos
Esther Lindstrom Elementary School
4th Grade
Room 87/Mr. Hamilton

What I Like About Lakewood

Lakewood is a fantastic place to live! I like the Lakewood Mall because it has a new Target. I like the Target because my mom buys stuff for me, and she always finds something on sale. I love the Target because I like going up and down the escalator and watching the baskets go up the cart escalator beside me. I also like the KB Toy store and the Learning Express. My sister and I saved up one hundred dollars and we bought a lot of stuff at the Learning Express. I also love the food court! I like the Panda Express and only eat the orange chicken and chow mein.

I also like to eat at the new Elephant Bar. I always get the ribs and the chicken fingers. I like looking at the elephant water falls inside. I like playing at what I call the Airplane Park. Once, I walked there with my YMCA. I played on the swings and then jumped off. I also had fun sliding on the slides. I liked building sand castles with my friends. That is what I like about Lakewood.

Tyler Hanley
Nov 13, 200:

What I like about lakewood.

Eventhough I don't live in Lakewood it is still a great city to live in. One thing I like about Lakewood is the restaurants. Their restaurants are so good, like Souplantation, Mimis cafe, and other grea ones.

Another thing that I like about Lakewood is the mall, The mall has alot of great stores like, Limited Too, Rave Girl and Tillys. when I go to the mall I see alot of my friends.

The next thing that I like about Lakewood are the schools. We really need schools to learn stuff. When we grow up and not know anything it wouldn't be any good. Our schools are a really good place for us. Definitely, Lakewood is a great city!

Ginina Lingat
11-13-03
Rm 85
Grade 4

What I like about Lakewood.

I have many different things what I like about Lakewood. Our school here is wonderful I have great loyal friends. I live very close to family and friends. That's perfect because I get to see them more and not having to drive so far away. Restaurants and malls are very close by. So if we need something quick we can just stop by. People who live here are very nice and friendly. That's how I have a lot more friends then I used to. Around here it is very quiet and clean. I don't see waste on the floor. It is a good place for people to go bike riding because Lakewood has bike routes to keep us safe. I'm sure on holidays like Halloween there's carnivals for the great fun. If there's no pool in your household and a certain day is super duper hot there is a good thing that there is a cold water public pool near by. If anybody didn't like Lakewood I would think they're crazy. I love living in Lakewood. I think Lakewood is my favorite place to live in.

Ginina Lingat

Lakewood is a Wonderful City

byAlexis Mascarinas

Lakewood is a wonderful city to live in. Its city hall is a clean, cool, and neat place to go. The restaurants in Lakewood have great food, like Hometown Buffet, Elephant Bar, and many more. Their movie houses are a great place to watch your favorite movies, and the parks are good to have fun with your family.Lakewood schools are educational, like Lindstrom, Mayfair, and many more. I have been going to Lakewood recreation activities since I was small. I've enjoyed ballet, tap dancing, and art classes. It is fun to live and be a part of a Lakewood community.

By: Travis Aoyama
Esther Lindstrom Elementary
Mr. Blankenship
Room 74
5th Grade

Dr. Curtiss - A Very Caring Person

Dr. Paula Curtiss is a kind and caring person who wants to make our school a better place in which to learn. She is very friendly and is an extremely hard worker. Dr. Curtiss spends long hours trying to make Esther Lindstrom the best school ever. You can always see her car in the parking lot before and after school, in the evenings, and sometimes even on the weekends.

Dr. Curtiss went to school in Michigan and California. It takes a really long time and a lot of hard work to get a Master's Degree, and that's what she did. She has even taught all grades at various elementary schools.

She became principal because she wanted to help all children learn, and wanted to keep all children safe. If she had the power to do anything for our school, she would make sure that no one would get hurt, and that no one would get suspended. Dr. Curtiss wants everyone to have a proper education and wants to make school fun for everyone. She encourages students to study hard and to participate in school activities like K-Kids and student council.

Dr. Curtiss has a really tough job, but she thinks she has the best job ever. She is extremely happy that she is the principal at our school. Dr. Curtiss thinks the students and teachers are really great. She also thinks the parents are very helpful and friendly.

Kind, friendly, hardworking, caring, and for many other reasons is why I chose Dr. Paula Curtiss for my essay.

Lakewood

Paige Dinneny Rm.72
Esther Lindstrom Elementary School
Teacher: Mrs. Vitwar/ Mensinga

There are a few reasons why I like Lakewood. First, I like the neighborhoods. On my block we have sports tournaments almost every week. Here are some of the sports we play: baseball, basketball, soccer, football and handball. They are all really fun.

Also, I love shopping at the Lakewood Mall. My friends and I always go shopping at the Lakewood mall. We never leave a store without some new clothes. We always have a lot of fun. There are many stores that we go to such as Limited Too, Pacific Sun Wear, and Claires.

I also like the people in Lakewood. They are always so kind. Especially the people at the store. The kids at my school are kind, too.

Another thing I like are the schools in Lakewood. I go to Esther Lindstrom Elementary School. It is a Blue Ribbon School. You will never leave school without something new in your mind. I have many friends at school.

Finally, I like Lakewood's choice of teachers. I have never had a bad teacher. They have all been very kind. I am in fifth grade so I have had a lot of teachers. They have helped me achieve many goals such as being in fast math two years in a row. Also, another achievement of mine is always being able to participate in the spelling bee.

I would like to thank Mayor Joseph Esquivel, the citizens, and every teacher there ever was. I really enjoy living in the city of Lakewood; it is truly an n honor. Thank you Lakewood.

Why I Like Cakewood

There are many things I love about living in Cakewood. To others, Cakewood is only what you can see. To me it is more than that. The heart of the city is the warm friendly feelings you get when you are here. There are so many wonderful discoveries you can make when you just explore around a little. We have quiet neighborhoods, wonderful people, great schools and lots to do for everyone.

For many reasons I love my neighborhood. I have many friends. This neighborhood is my home. I have lived here all my life. Moving away from here to a new place would feel like my heart had hole in the middle of it because I would miss all my friends and the neighborhood. I love it.

One of the best things about our city is the beautiful places such as our great parks. It is great to see all the happy people play and have fun. The parks have something for everyone. You can play just about any kind of sport including baseball, soccer and football. I love to go to the activity rooms. This is where children and adults can create arts and crafts and take dance classes. There are also parks with pools in them just in case it gets to hot but don't forget to bring your bathing suits or trunks.

There are many fun activities. One of my favorites was cheerleading classes. It taught me how to be part of a team. This involved teamwork, being physially fit and being the all that you can be. I also learned to keep trying even if you fall.

When I first stepped into this world I thought it was just a world of play where all you do is have fun. When I finally got to kindergarten, I realized that Cakewood is also about work. You have to pick up trash do not just leave it there. We all have to pitch in to keep this a beautiful city.

I think living in Cakewood is a special thing. When you come you feel safe and secure. The people who made this city were very intelligent or else this would not be such a great city to live in. If I knew someone who was moving, I would recommend living in Cakewood. When I'm at my sister's house I miss my home.

By: Ashley Gould Room: 73
Teacher: Miss Ikeda 5th grade
Lindstrom Elementary school

Sarah H.
Ester Linnstrom
Elementary
Mrs. Gosscher
5th grade
Rm. 71

The person I admire the most is Imagene Booker. She is our neighbor and friend to our family. When we met her, our lives were changed for the better. She brings sunshine to us even when we feel bad. Mrs. Booker has been there for many people.

Mrs. Booker helps with sewing when someone needs it done. She has come to our rescue many times when we needed patches sewn on our A.W.A.N.A uniforms and costumes fixed. Mrs Booker gives people rides when they need it. She has given me rides to church, Awana, and other events when my parents could not take me. Mrs. Booker has helped others get to and from other places too.

Mrs. Booker is an energetic, confident and a positive person. She encourages people and always speaks kind to everyone. I have often been very thankful when Mrs. Booker helped me learn my bible verses for Awana. She had a way to help me get through my A.W.A.N.A book and feel smart while I did it too. She lent me books about people and bible lessons to also help me get further in my work. Mrs. Booker makes me feel loved, really smart.

and that I can do more than I think I can can. Mrs. Booker makes friends easily with everyone she meets. once you meet her, you feel part of the family.

Mrs Booker is a missionary. She has lived in another country helping the people. She now is a missionary here to everyone she meets. She is involved with two churches and is very active sharing about God and meeting peoples needs. She plays the piano at a WaiM a and helps lead events. Mrs Booker helps care for her great-grandchildren. She takes them to tons of events and babysits them a lot. Mrs Booker helps them with their homework and teaches them responsibility. Since her great-grandchildren want to go to church camp. she gives them chores to earn the money and learn to appreciate it.

Mrs Booker prays with and for many people. She invites people to her home and events through church. She plays with her great-grandchildren when they stay over. She even let my sister and I come over her house with Emily, her great-granddaughter. Mrs Booker played a story tape that taught us that we can succeed if we keep at it and let others help us too. She played Jenga and prayed with us. She has so much extra energy

that she uses to serve others. I know Mrs. Booker is the way she is, because Jesus fills her heart and that shines out to everyone. Mrs. Booker is an incredible woman. She has blessed my life and will continue to do so. Everyone that meets and knows her, will always be blessed too.

Melinda Ngo
Esther Lindstrom Elementary
Mrs.Vitwar/Mensinga
Room 72
5th grade

When you go to school or work in the morning or when you look out your window, you always see a person that you admire or look up to. It could always be a parent, friend, teacher, janitor, anyone, even a mailman. Anyone who could be doing something really ordinary can always be admired. A homeless person can even be admired.

The person I admire is my teacher, Mrs.Vitwar. My opinion is that she's the greatest teacher ever. Well, from all the teachers that I've met. She has a partner to work with though, which is Mrs.Mensinga, another great teacher. Mrs.Vitwar always works Monday through Wednesday. Mrs.Mensinga teaches Thursday and Friday. When these two teachers work together, they'll never let you down! I've had these two teachers in the fourth and fifth grade, and, well, they've never let me down.

Everyday, I sit down and I'm always so eager to learn. For me, I admire Mrs.Vitwar because she's so nice, helpful, fun, and a lot of other things that I can't even name. She makes things seem so much easier for me and other students. You can always get help and actually understand it when she shows you how. In any subject such as Math or Social Studies, she'll always be there to help you.

If you're a student, and you get to meet Mrs.Vitwar, you'll never want to go on summer vacation. But when you do, you're going to miss her very much. Then, when you come back summer vacation, you're going to be so happy to see her. Every holiday, you won't be able to stay away from your stack of colorful paper. You're going to have to make a card for her. Just like me. Every holiday, I can't help staying away from my stack of paper.

Mostly everyday you'll always be thinking and hoping," Why couldn't Mrs.Vitwar be my teacher everyday and every year?" I always think about this during class. At the same time, I'm always or most of the time I'm thinking for ways to surprise her or make her happy. Like on her birthday, I sent a note out to everyone so we could sing "Happy Birthday" to her. Well, anyway, when you have an offer to have her as a teacher, I suggest you say "Yes!" Because you're going to have a great time being in her class, trust me.

When you have Mrs.Vitwar as a teacher, the school year will seem like just a week because the way she does things. Like I said, she makes everything so fun and easy. I know this because, of course, I had her last year. I can always count on her to put a smile on my face when I'm really gloomy. Daily, I can't help but notice that she never has a frown on her face and mostly everyone doesn't either including me. Maybe sometimes it's not quite fun and she sometimes maybe has a frown on her face, but that only happens when it gets way too loud in the classroom. Which happens only once in a while. Besides those times, I love being in her class.

Nathan Desparicio

What I like about Lakewood

What makes me proud to be a part of Lakewood is that I get to be a part of a wonderful school and a beautiful environment where no one would possibly hurt me and everybody is kind. My teacher is nice and even tough, he can get strict he lets us get away with some things.

At school all the kids play with each other and I have great friends. All the houses are great looking nothing bad ever happens and everybody is like your family. My school couldn't get any better after saying it's a blue ribbon school where we have high tech equipment. We have assemblies and go to chorus and band, we also have a giant field to play on we get good food to eat. I'm proud to have all of this plus more.

There are so many people in this great city. If you wanted you can get friends in a second. I hear only good news about Lakewood all the time. When I was a new kid in third grade I didn't have any friends and I sat alone all the time until my friend Scott invited me to play with him and his friends. I'm in the sixth grade now and we're still friends just like we promised.

At school we learn great stuff about history, language arts, math, health, science and visual arts I'm very grateful to get an education from teachers who care about the kids. In Lakewood you can have a teacher that is funny and who can still teach you.

If you walk down the street I'm sure you will see at least ten friendly faces because there are no bad people in Lakewood well there might be some, but I'm sure there are not many.

At school our field trips might be a lot of money, but every time there worth it, even though my grandma complains a little, I don't. When I was in fourth grade I went to a different school in Bellflower, I didn't like it and I wanted to come back to Esther Lindstrom, I started getting in fights and I got sent to the Bae Center. From then on I started to shape up and the principal liked it so I got a transfer back to Lakewood Esther Lindstrom School and I have been happy ever since.

Anyway where was I, I don't just want to talk about myself now. I like how we get out of school at 2:55 instead of 3:00 and that Mayfair High School is right across the street. That's pretty neat I thought. Another thing is we get band, chorus and P.E. I'm in chorus.

Another thing I like about Lakewood is that I'm a part of it and I like it a lot and I bet no one can change that. Some day when I

grow up and get married and have children I should hope I could have them live and go to school here and become smart.

There are many reasons why I like Lakewood, but the most important reason to me is I have a family here and they love me and that's what I like about Lakewood and I had good times, memories, and I hope to keep my friends forever.

Dear Mayor of Lakewood,

My name is Regan Garcia and I wanted to tell you about a person I admire. There are many special people in Lakewood, but there is a certain special person I admire. This person's name is Eddie Cha. He is my Taekwondo master; he coaches me in sparring and poomse. Sparring is kind of like fighting but we have pads. Poomse is "Forms" in Korean. Since he is such a good teacher in sparring I am the Southern California State Champion in sparring in my belt and weight division. We went to a tournament where there were schools from all around competing. Only a couple students from our team went. When it was finally my turn to spar, I beat the first person for silver. I just had to beat the other person for gold. When it started out I was losing, but Master Cha told me what to do and I won!

I am a blue belt so I've been in this class for two and a half years. Since he is a third degree black belt he knows what we are going through in each belt, and he knows a lot. First of all, I know he is and admirable person because he is very wise and has a good attitude. If we make a mistake he won't yell at us, he will tell us why it is bad and he has us do push-ups. That reminds me how he teaches us discipline. He will always have us students say, "Yes sir", or, "Yes ma'am" and never to be disrespectful. It has been a long two years, and in those two years he has taught me not just how to defend myself but to never fight unless I have to. The most important thing he taught me is to never give up, to reach all my goals, to reach high.

Eddie Cha is about medium height. He has a darker brown hair and he is Korean, and still young. Another thing he does is he always keeps us in

shape. He has us work out every day, like push- ups and things like that. He wants us all to be strong and smart. Master Cha gives us tips on school, he is always is ready to listen, and tips and advice on other things. He wants us to perfect our kicks and punches, so we get a lot of practice.

The average day at Taekwondo has kicking, punching, and poomse. Sometimes we will take half an hour just to practice. If you have ever seen him you would know he loves to work and teach people his hobby. Master Cha is very good at Taekwondo, and you can tell he loves it. Master Cha won't just teach us fighting but he will teach us how to be quick. Once he said, "It's not if you are the fastest kicker, it is your reflects that make you fast."

In conclusion I think Master Eddie Cha sets a good example in my class, not just for me but for anyone and everyone. Thank you for giving me a chance to say so little wonderful things about the person I admire.

Sincerely,

Regan Garcia

~People I admire at Lakewood~

Hi! My name is Trisha Gragera. As a child, I admire many people such as my parents, friends and fellow students. I also admire our Lindstrom teachers and staffs...

I admire our Lindstrom teachers and staffs because of their hard work and their determination to try to give us the best education we could have. They try to do their best to make school fun and help us learn at the same time. I especially admire my new sixth grade teachers Mrs. Kjorness, Dr. Armstrong, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Savage.

I will start with Mrs. Kjorness; Mrs. Kjorness is my homeroom teacher. She is one of my many favorite teachers. I admire her because she tries her best to be nice to us. I also like her because of her wonderful stories about her family and especially about her cute little children. I like her fascination about our world's history. Before I thought that social studies was boring and I did not like it but ever since, I went to Mrs. Kjorness's class social studies started to become fun and interesting. Some ways that Mrs. Kjorness teaches us social studies in a fun way is that she would show us some videos that are educational but fun in a way.

Next is Mr. Alexander, he is my VP Arts teacher. I admire him because he tries to make our tests as easy as possible for us. I like him as a teacher because he has fun art projects and gives us time to be able to make them the best we can. He has fascinations for opera and plays. He likes these kinds of things because he used to be an opera singer himself. Also, as children we think opera's are boring and makes us sleepy he gets us opera is that are different from the regular ones that are animated and makes the film more interesting.

Then is Dr. Armstrong, she is my Math teacher. I admire her because she tries different ways to teach us how to do math problems. I like her because she tries to help us the best she can with our math problems. She repeats things that some people do not understand repeatedly until each one of us do.

Last is Mr. Savage, he will be my science teacher next quarter, though I have not been in his class at all this year. I admire him because he tries not to loose his temper even though how hard it could be. I do not really know what Mr. Savage is like but I will like to know. I only hear about him because of my friends in his class. They say he is really nice and sociable with children. I guess he will be one of my favorite

teachers too. I cannot wait to be able to be in class and see how he is.

My teachers are not the only people I admire in Lakewood. I admire many people. I especially admire people that TRY to make a difference in our world. I chose my teachers because I think they will be a big part of Lakewood's history or at least mine. I cannot wait for the day when I can look back and see what great thing they did to my life. Their support and high regard helps each one of us students make a difference in our world. I do not think that my teachers deserves to all the admiration but other teachers and other people who is part of Lakewood's history, they may not even be famous or popular but each one of us is part of Lakewood's history.

Why I Like Lakewood

By Megan Manriquez
Sixth Grade, Room 62
Esther Lindstrom School

I think Lakewood is a wonderful city to live in! It is safe, pretty, and clean. I have lived in Lakewood all of my life. I think Lakewood is a very special place to live, because it has so many different activities for kids to do.

When I was a little girl I attended the preschool at Bolivar Park with Mrs. Sutherland. She was a wonderful teacher. Bolivar is still my favorite park to go to. In the summer my sisters, my friends, and I go swimming at the McCormick Pool. We have so much fun.

Another place I like to go to is the Lakewood Center Mall. I like to go with my mom and my sisters to walk around and shop at the stores and eat lunch in the food court. We also like to go to the movies at the Lakewood Pacific Theaters. I remember the first movie I ever went to see there was The Lion King. I was about two years old.

I have also attended many classes offered through Lakewood's Parks and Recreations. Some of my favorite classes which I have taken over the years have been tap and ballet classes with Miss Arlene and preschool summer camp with Mrs. Sutherland. I took my first fieldtrip on a bus during "Farm Week." More of my favorites were painting classes in which I painted a beautiful mountain scene,

cake decorating, American Girl classes, bead mania, Hawaiian crafts, and holiday crafts. I even started taking Mexican folklorico dance at Bloomfield Park with Miss Alicia when I was five years old, and I am still dancing today. It has been six years!

The last favorite memory about Lakewood I would like to share is going to the Icaboni Library with my Grandpa. Starting when I was very little my Grandpa would take me to the children's read aloud program to listen to the Librarian read a story. I loved it. I still go to the Icaboni Library to check out books to do research for school reports or to join their summer reading program.

I think Lakewood is a beautiful city that is full of all kinds of interesting and fun things for kids to do. I would like to thank all the people who have helped make Lakewood such a fantastic place to grow up. Happy 50th Anniversary Lakewood!!!

Caroline Quan,
Esther Lindstrom,
Mr. Alexander,
Room 62,
6th Grade.

What I Like About Lakewood

Lakewood is a wonderful city to live in as it is the home of so many wonderful events. But most important of all, it is also the home of a terrific elementary school, Esther Lindstrom, which I have been attending since Kindergarten. This school has earned the impressive honor of "California Distinguished School" followed a year later with the most prestigious award of "Blue Ribbon School". There are many reasons why Esther Lindstrom School has received these honors.

To begin with, the entire staff at Esther Lindstrom including the Principal, the teaching staff, and the administrative team, is extremely responsible and dedicated to their duty. The devotion of the teachers to the mission of creating the talents of the future is certainly admirable. Most of our teachers take from their own time to stay after school just to tutor the children, who need a bit more help than others. Even when some students get sick, they still insist in going to school with a big smile on their face, showing so much appreciation for their teachers. All the subjects like social studies, health, and science aren't usually what you would call fun, but when you learn from one of the teachers at Lindstrom, they become fascinating and the experiments add interest to the facts. The teachers certainly know how to bring out the talents in each and every student at Lindstrom. Some have gifted voices; others excel in math or English.

Esther Lindstrom recently had a new Principal and a new Vice Principal. These two responsible and highly-educated ladies are the key to the continuous success of Lindstrom School. The administrative staff is well qualified to assist them in keeping the school business organized. The school nurse is also very kind. She takes very good care of the students, who gets injured or becomes sick. When these students go into the nurse office looking a bit down, they emerge later with a fresher look. Our janitors are just as important as they help ensure the cleanliness of the school and the classrooms. They continued their line of duty with picking up a pair of

glasses accidentally thrown away by a second-grade student for example. How miserable would we be without our handyman if the heater breaks down during the winter or if the air-conditioner stops working close to the end of the school year?

The tremendous experience starts with Kindergarten when children cry on the first day of school but then even refuse to go home at the end of the school day because of all the fun they share with their classmates. I vividly recall a friend who would not let go hugging our Kindergarten teacher. This experience continues as I progress to 6th grade, meeting one by one, many of the other wonderful educators.

Despite the busy schedules the teachers need to cover for the curriculum, they still make sure that the children do no miss the after-school activities such as journalism, abracadabra math, French classes and chess club as well as the educational field trips every year. My memories bring me back to La Brea tar pits with the fossils of the extinct Ice Age animals, the beautiful presentations at the Cerritos Performing Arts, the cute animals at the Santa Ana zoo, and other exciting field trips, where I had a wonderful time with my teachers, mother helpers and friends. The PTA – Parent Teacher Association – is also the key to making these field trips possible as well as other special events such as the book fair where the students could pick up books at bargain prices, the Halloween parade, and the year-end barbecue. I don't know what we would do without those great parent volunteers! Thank you very much moms and dads. Not to forget is our music teacher who orchestrates every year, two superb and unforgettable choruses at Christmas and in the spring time. Our good health is taken care of by our dear Physical Education teachers. Special Education teachers are also dedicated to helping out those students in need.

Recess time is absolutely a pleasure as my friends and I spend a wonderful time at the school playground, swinging on gymnastic bars connected with monkey bars for children to do flips, climbing the spider web, and slithering down the slide. The school ground also includes a track field, a kickball court and a basketball court where so much fun can be experienced by kids of all ages.

This is the reason why I am so proud to attend the Esther Lindstrom School in Lakewood, and I would like to thank the entire staff of Esther Lindstrom, who dedicates themselves to building the future contributors to the society and making learning such a fun experience.