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Lakewood, the City I Love

I live in Lakewood. Lakewood is a nice place to grow up. I am a third grader. The school I go to is Willow Elementary School. All of the kids are nice. I love the way all of the people in Lakewood show friendship to each other. The parks are really nice. They are also very clean. I bet all the people who live in Lakewood are very happy.

Our schools are very lovely. They make you happy. My teacher is Mrs. Ostermann. She is very nice. I like our classroom because we make lots of art projects. Last year they were building us a new playground at our school. Finally it is done. The kids over here love the playground. It is really big.

*I have lots of fun in Lakewood. I would never want to go
somewhere else. I love the Lakewood mall. Also I take dance class
at Bloomfield Park. All the girls there work very hard.*

Happy 50th anniversary Lakewood!

Matthew Hurtado
Willow Elementary
Mrs. Ostermann
Room 25
Third Grade

The City With Everything

I like Lakewood because it is a safe place. There are lots of shops and restaurants. The place I like best is Willow School.

Lakewood is a nice place to live. Lakewood has friendly people. There is a Lakewood Mall too. I shop for my clothes at the mall. I like Ciro's Pizza. It is very good. My family and I go there a lot. There is another restaurant called "Dukes." It is also very good. I like the cheeseburgers there. Lakewood has lots of parks. They have carnivals at some of the parks. If you go to some of the parks you can play basketball, soccer, and baseball. Lakewood is a safe place and you can't get hurt. There are a lot of fun places in Lakewood.

*Maria Lopez
Willow Elementary
Mrs. Ostermann
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The Things I Like About Lakewood

What I love about Lakewood is the people and how they get along. When I go to school I usually make new friends. My school's name is Willow Elementary and what I like about this school is all the very kind teachers. The principal and the vice principal are very kind and sweet.

In Lakewood I like to play soccer with my teammates. I even like Lakewood because of all that everybody has done to keep it safe and clean. Everybody tries to do their best to keep Lakewood a good place to live.

Sheila San Agustin
Willow Elementary
Mrs. Shiraki
Room 20
Grade 3

Lakewood is the Best

I love Lakewood very much and it's the greatest city I've ever lived in

The home I live in right now is a wonderful house, because it is comfortable. It has air conditioning and a heater. The people who lived in the house before us kept it clean, too. Do you know what I really like about my house? I like it because it's safe from intruders.

The churches in Lakewood are just marvelous. I get to learn about God and learn how to pray. Also when my two years are up I can have first communion and be with God. I'm very happy that the city is blessed by God.

I really like the wonderful parks in Lakewood. All the equipment there, like the great monkey bars, the curly slides, and the sandboxes are fun! The parks are kept clean, because who would want to play in a filthy one? I not only like the

parks because they are fun or clean, but I also like them because they're safe for all people.

All the stores in Lakewood are helpful. The stores that I like best, are the ones where you can get the food and supplies that you need. That's what I like about the stores in Lakewood.

The wonderful restaurants have scrumptious food! Just thinking about them makes me want to eat there now! Sometimes, I feel like eating there all day. And you know, it seems like they've just built it, because they look so clean! Lakewood must keep them very clean, which makes them perfect places for you to eat at.

Even the schools are great in Lakewood. I get to be with my friends and learn cool new information. I'm glad that Lakewood built a lot of schools where I can also have fun.

Happy Birthday Lakewood!!! I love this city!

Lorraine Young
Willow Elementary
Mrs. Shiraki
Room 20
Grade 3

What I Love About Lakewood

I love Lakewood, because it is a beautiful place! I like the churches, because I love the wonderful songs that are sung there. The colorful churches are great places to pray, sing, and to listen to the priests, too. The churches are nice places to think about Jesus.

The quiet libraries are nice places to read. Some people go to the libraries to do their homework. I like the libraries, because I love the great books.

The schools are fun places to work, play, and talk. I like school, because I meet new friends. I like my teacher, too. The big playgrounds at the schools are good places to play.

Lakewood has wonderful restaurants where lots of people go, because of the delicious food. My family and I go to the restaurants often. The restaurants are the best places to get tasty food and to celebrate birthdays.

The big green parks have nice wildlife like birds, ducks, and squirrels. Some people go to the parks, because they could feed the colorful and hungry ducks.

The stores in Lakewood are good, because they are big and have lots of things to choose. I have a difficult time choosing the things I want. It is almost Lakewood's fiftieth birthday. Happy Birthday, Lakewood!

Vanessa Castro
Willow Elementary School
Mrs. Harris Room 29 Grade 5

All About a TRUE LAKEWOOD CITIZEN – My teacher- Marcia L. Harris

Have you heard about Ms. Harris? I have, she is my teacher. Mrs. Harris loves Lakewood. She knows everything about it. She is sort of “every day” but also unique. To teach us she brings in special items and dresses in various costumes.

Mrs. Harris was born in LKWD and has coached, umpired, played slo-pitch, tennis, chess and Ping Pong in Lakewood. My teacher also helped with the Haunted Houses /Halloween carnivals, Pan America Festivals and events at the parks. She participates at the library programs, and does magic in Lakewood. She is helpful and kind to Lakewood people.

Mrs. Harris goes to the KIDS NIGHT OUT at the Lakewood Mall and tells us about it. She also shops at the mall and in Lakewood grocery stores. Mrs. Harris’s grandmother (at 90) and her son (at age 9) entered the LKWD Marathon. Mrs. Harris cheered them both on

Mrs. Harris got an award for volunteering in Lakewood.

Mrs. Harris has her classes do contests in Lakewood and was even in the Lakewood newspaper. She even takes her students to the CITY HALL for special events! Mrs. Harris also made Lakewood famous by being in the *Sports Illustrated for Kids* about being a woman coach in Lakewood.

Mrs. Harris teaches at Willow Elementary School in Lakewood. With help from her 3rd grade class, she wrote a book about Lakewood for kids. She can tell you everything about Lakewood including how the streets got their names. I like how Mrs. Harris knows all sorts of facts on Lakewood.

Mrs. Harris is very patriotic, helps us learn and loves LAKEWOOD!

Maria Japzon
Willow Elementary
Mrs. Brocklebank
Room 28
Grade 5

Lakewood People We Admire

The person I admire is Mrs. Vivian Brocklebank, who teaches in the city of Lakewood. I admire her because she is one of my favorite teachers. Not only that but she also is so approachable. She is so easy to talk to. If you have something to ask, she always listens to you. She is kind, understanding, smart, and generous. Mrs. Brocklebank is tall, slim, and has reddish brown hair which makes her look like a lion. She is helpful to me with my education. My teacher also makes us work hard so we can be intelligent. There are times when she gets angry if you do not do your homework. Sometimes my teacher gets upset if you do not know your multiplication tables. I know this is because she cares about our learning. She is honest and kind. I like the way she leads our class discussions because she is nice to all of her students and allows everyone to participate in our class. I have learned many things from Mrs. Brocklebank. Last year she taught a combination class of fourth and fifth graders. Now she teaches fifth graders only, and again I belong to her class, but this time as a fifth grader not as a fourth grader. She has been teaching for twenty-eight years. She has taught all of the following grades, from first to high school, and even some adult classes. She has two kids. Their names are Desiree and Sean. They are tall just like her. Sean is six feet, five inches tall, and her daughter is shorter-five feet eleven. She calls them her babies although they are young adults now.

Mrs. Gardener is her best friend at Willow School. They

have many things in common. Both teachers are friendly and care about their students. They believe in their students and make them work hard so they can achieve their goals.

My teacher has a masters degree and if she continues her education I will call her Dr. Brocklebank one day. Mrs. Brocklebank is bilingual. I say bilingual because she speaks and writes two languages. The two languages that she is fluent in are English and Spanish.

That is why I admire Mrs. Brocklebank. The one thing she has taught me is to persevere, never to give up. As long as you try your hardest and do your best that is all she asks for.

Nicholas Kang
Willow Elementary
Mrs. Brocklebank
Room 28
Grade 5

What I Like About Lakewood City

My essay is about Lakewood City. Lakewood offers schools, and a variety of adult and children recreation programs and a variety of stores. Lakewood is a clean place to live in. Lakewood is a city in Los Angeles County.

This city has schools such as Willow Elementary School. It has a big computer lab. Willow Elementary has a library at school. The library is big and has many books for students to checkout. Most importantly we go to school to learn. We learn in the classroom. Our teacher teaches us.

Lakewood offers many after school programs. Lakewood offers sports classes such as baseball, golf, and other sports. It offers homework tutors for children that need help on homework in the public library. It also offers programs for toddlers and adults. On special occasions, such as Halloween, the city has carnivals for all ages.

This city has parks, such as Rynerson Park. The park has a horse trail around it. Rynerson Park has a picnic area. This area is also made for birthday parties. It also has a big jungle jim for kids to play in.

Lakewood has a variety of stores. For example, Ralphs is a grocery store. That is where people buy food such as cereal, fruits, and vegetables. This city has a store called Home Depot where they sell tools and home improvements materials. They sell paints, woods, and other items. The last store is Target. Target has a variety of items such as toys, food, clothing, and other things.

This is why I wrote about Lakewood on my essay. It is about an elementary school in Lakewood. I also talked about one of many Lakewood parks. It is about after school programs such as sport lessons. Lastly, I wrote about stores and what they sell at the stores.

Casandra Moreno
Willow Elementary School
Grade 5
Mrs.Harris

WHEN I MOVED TO LAKEWOOD

At first I didn't want to move to Lakewood from my old house. Then I got to know everyone on my street. After I met everyone on my street I felt a little better about moving from my old house. The way I met everyone is because my sister met some friends here. One of her friends had a sister and they introduced her to me. Her name is Ariana Rubio. She was nice enough to introduce me to her friends.

Now I have been living in Lakewood for two years. Last year I started school at Willow Elementary in fourth grade. I have to admit I still miss my old school a little bit. Lakewood has plenty of interesting things like Lakewood mall. I haven't ever been in there yet from what I have heard it looks nice in there. Lakewood has nice parks and super markets that come in handy when you need something important or when you need to buy groceries.

In Lakewood I see that there are plenty of families together. It makes me feel good because I see families going to the stores together and other places. Like Dukes, Goodies, and Del Taco. Those are restaurants that families go eat sometimes. There are dairies for when you need milk or ice creams. I think that is neat. Since my family moved to Lakewood we do things together like other families. So I regret not wanting to move to Lakewood because it's a good community to live in.

Anaisa Perez
Willow Elementary
Mrs. Harris grade 5
Room 29

Are Lakewood's neighbors useful?

Lakewood's neighbors are useful in many ways.

In LKWD my neighbors, Mrs. And Mr. Martinez are Very Understanding, for an example, when we first moved here we told them our problems which was our first time in LKWD and they are understanding so that's

Mrs. And Mr. Garcia (neighbors) also gives positive comments like when I was playing with their child Vanessa, (Soccer) I fell and got hurt they said get up and try again and that made me get and do a better job. I play and I lost and they said good game and try next time.

Mrs. Cory always talks to us when we don't have anyone to talk with. When my dad and my mom weren't talking, my sisters and I had to talk to some one she was there to talk to us and she gave us a comfortable suggesting which was to put our mind on something else positive that was nice, and that's what we all did.

My dad and my mom also are good neighbors because other people say that my parents are very nice because she helps other children like when they fell she would get water and cleaned the knee and that's why they say she's helped.

My family are also nice because they give food to people when they don't have any and she gives food to older people. There are nice people all over the world not just my neighbors that live by me. I want to thank LKWD for these neighbors. Thank you!