

Riley Elementary School

3rd Grade

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The City of Lakewood

Hello! I am Matthew Bartolome. I live in Lakewood and I attend Riley School. I am in the third grade. I live in the 5 rows of houses between Target and the toy shop. I ride in my mom's car to get to school. I've been in school in Lakewood for 2 years. Lakewood has lots of birds, good places to eat and buildings. It also has a lot of pools and parks. There are no gangs or graffiti. There is a big mall for shopping. In this city there are lots of plants, flowers and big homes for families. There are parks, grass, fairs, carnivals and stores. When I ride in my mom's car I can see people taking care of their homes, riding bikes and skating. It has clean streets too. This school has a big playground, games, after school programs. I really enjoy playing in the parks, being on sports teams and going to the stores. The city of Lakewood is a great city!

Heather Davidson
Riley Elementary
Ms. Tokunaga
Third Grade

What I Like About Lakewood

I'd like to tell you why I like the city of Lakewood. It has so much to offer everyone. We have some of the best schools here. Learning is fun, all my teachers were nice, the kids are friendly and we have the greatest field trips.

I love the parks here. They have some awesome play equipment and their sports activities are the best. I loved it when I played in T-ball, basketball and flag football. I had a lot of fun when I went to the Concerts in the Park with my friends and family and had picnics.

Lakewood has some of the coolest stores and restaurants. I love to go shopping with my mom to the Lakewood Center Mall. Sometimes we go to Michael's or Home Depot which are my mom's favorite stores or to the Critter Barn which is my favorite pet store, then we go have lunch at Chuck E. Cheese. Sometimes me, my mom and dad get to have dinner at Red Lobster or Souplantation. Then sometimes we get to go to the movies.

Lakewood has all the best things you can think of and I'm lucky to be a part of it.

Jun Haraguchi
Riley Elementary
4th Grade
Mr. Geary

What I Like About Lakewood

What I like about Lakewood is the community and especially all the places where you can play. My favorite elementary school in Lakewood is Riley. The reason I like Riley is because it is a fun school and you can learn a lot of stuff. Also, the teachers are really nice.

The place I really like to play when I finish school, in the summer, is the park. I like taking swimming lessons there. Sometimes when my lesson ends I play at the park with my brother.

What I also like about Lakewood is it is safe and it is clean. It is safe because there are volunteers who hold signs that say "STOP" and they use it to get kids across the ends of blocks safely so they could go to school and come back home safely. There are police in Lakewood and it is safe to have them because if a car is speeding or doing something bad they catch them and give them a ticket. Lakewood is clean because people in Lakewood don't litter and they put trash in the trash cans. Sometimes people volunteer to pick up trash to keep Lakewood clean. I also like Lakewood because most of the people recycle stuff like water bottles and paper. People should recycle more paper in Lakewood so they don't have to cut more trees down.

The parts I really like about Lakewood is all the places where we can shop. My favorite place to shop is the Lakewood Mall. I like the Lakewood Mall because they have cool things like shoes, toys, and good food. I like to go to the mall with my family and my friends on Sundays. I especially like Lakewood because most of my friends are here.

Alanah Grant
Riley Elementary
Ms. Ignarra
Room 40
Grade 5

Lakewood, a City and a Team

Lakewood is a wonderful city for many reasons. It has great schools, parks, shopping malls, and restaurants. But what makes this city truly great is the members of the community. I think of us as a great big team! The city of Lakewood has caring, supportive people who worry about each other's safety. Lakewood is a community whose members work hard to try to make the city better for the future.

Everyone in the city works together like a team to make this a great place to live. There was a time at my school where we had a food drive. The students brought canned goods and other types of food for the less fortunate. The school's staff and volunteers from the community helped organize the event. Instead of the city supporting the community and the school, the school chose to help the community and support one another.

Teachers and staff members are not the only community members who work as a team. The police and firefighters work hard to keep this city safe. There is very little crime in our city and I have never seen a fire. More importantly, these people spend a lot of time providing information and gifts to our schools. The sheriff department sends officers to teach the STAR program to students. The information they provide teaches us to avoid drugs, and respect one another. These lessons help create good citizens so that they will not be involved in crimes in the future. Firefighters also come to schools and give demonstrations of what they do. Firefighters also teach us how to prevent fires from starting. These and many other community members work hard to keep Lakewood safe and to make Lakewood a better city.

Since Lakewood has so many caring people living in it, the future of Lakewood is in great hands. Everywhere you go, the parks, the restaurants, the malls, you see people getting along. This city is a symbol of unity and togetherness. We respect differences and work together to continue to create a greater future for all the people living here.

In conclusion, Lakewood is a great city. It is filled with people who work together and help make this city great. As we move toward our fiftieth anniversary, I know this city will continue to grow, unite, and develop even deeper bonds than the ones we already have.

Shirley Sim
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Reading Language Arts

What I Like About Lakewood

Lakewood is a gorgeous quiet, residential area populated with more than 70,000 people. It is complete with popular parks and shopping centers. Everyone in the city of Lakewood watches out for one another just as if they were family. The beautiful, and safe neighborhoods have trees and bright flowers that can be seen from a far distance.

This stunning, safe environment has outstanding services with people helping each and every day, rain or shine. These grand citizens assist you by helping you locate places with pleasant people to just telling you where good food can be found. Lakewood is a first-class city that welcomes unique individuals.

There are great shopping centers located in Lakewood. There are sales and clearances that appeal to many people. There are many helpful workers at stores that greet you in pleasant ways. They say, "Thank you, come again" or "Have a nice day," but whatever it is they say, they leave you with a good feeling inside when you leave the store. I enjoy the way people make others feel delighted with just a simple compliment or smile.

Many schools are located in Lakewood. These schools provide students with a safe environment. The teachers and staff try their best to form a comfortable atmosphere. The teachers at school are very patient when teaching new concepts. They seem to teach just to make sure we're on the right path for life. The schools have very beautiful playgrounds that have been modernized. Many schools provide school wide events such as carnivals that let the children have fun in a supervised area. The schools in Lakewood also provide varieties of playground equipment that keep the children busy as the busy bees.

Lakewood is a great city because everyone plays an important part to keep this city alive. Without these great citizens, Lakewood wouldn't be what it is today. I hope that everyone continues to do their part for another 50 years in order to ensure the superiority of Lakewood.

Roger Ty
Riley Elementary
Ms. Ignarra
Room 40
Grade 5

Go Lakewood

Hey, have you ever seen all the great people, schools, and parks that Lakewood has? Well, if you haven't, take it from me, Lakewood has fantastic schools, great police and fire services, and fun parks where children play sports and games and families visit to relax. I love this city and by the time you're done reading this, you will too.

I love the parks in this city! They are well taken care of; our parks are clean, safe, and free of litter. All of them have places for fun sports such as basketball, soccer, and softball. Our parks are always safe; there are no broken swings that can hurt children, broken benches, or glass on the ground. Our parks are fun for people of all ages, sizes, and cultures.

The second thing I love about Lakewood is schools like Riley Elementary. They are very educational and fun. Our students work well in the classrooms and play together on the playground. There have been very few suspensions and expulsions at my school, which shows the fabulous behavior of the students and the skills of the teachers who keep them challenged every day. In my classroom most of the students are in the top two quintiles of SAT 9, which shows how hard the teachers, students, and parents work to help us succeed. The teachers here are caring and are determined to help students reach their goals. Keep up the good work!

Finally, this city is very safe. I have never seen any crime in this city, but I once saw a sheriff stop a fight in the middle of the street. The sheriffs help keep our city crime free. You can see them everywhere. Lakewood also has many clubs and programs that keep children busy and out of trouble. These places also allow children to have fun and make friends.

In conclusion, Lakewood has many people, places and organizations that make this a great city. I hope everyone keeps up the great work for years, decades, and even centuries to come. Go Lakewood!

Elizabeth Watkins
Riley Elementary
Ms. Ignarra
Room 40
Grade 5

I Like Lakewood

"Lakewood is a great city!" I exclaimed. "Just look around you. There are many great places. Look at the parks and all the recreational activities they offer. Think about the mall and the businesses that are all around us. And don't forget that this city has a wonderful fire and sheriff department that keeps us safe. Most importantly, Lakewood has the finest schools in the district!"

"Wow! It does sound like a great city. Will you tell me more?" queried Susan, a girl who was new to the city.

"Sure," I answered, "my favorite part about Lakewood is its parks. When I was little, I used to stay on the playgrounds for hours. Now, I am outgrowing the playgrounds, but I still enjoy going to the parks. For example, Monte Verde Park has no playgrounds, but it is filled with plants and living creatures so I enjoy walking around it. Other parks have leagues where many people get involved with sports. I am currently taking an advanced tennis class at Mayfair Park. All of our parks are safe. You can go there at any time and relax."

"The reason our parks and the rest of our city is so safe is because of the excellent work our firefighters and sheriff officers do. The sheriffs are always keeping a lookout for crime. You see them everywhere and that warns criminals to keep away. I have never seen a fire, but I have seen fire trucks and paramedics driving down the street to save someone's life. Our firefighters and sheriff officers are hardworking people who risk their lives to keep us safe. We also have a neighborhood watch program. We protect each other. That helps us stay safe and it makes for good neighbors."

"We always see our neighbors at the mall. The Lakewood Mall is a very fun place to visit. It has many restaurants and stores that satisfy people of all ages. I am not one of those girls who like to shop, but I appreciate the cleanliness of the mall and the restaurants. The Lakewood Mall also supports the schools in our community. Whenever someone buys something from the mall, a percentage is given to the school. I like the fact that our community takes an interest in our schools."

Elizabeth Watkins

"Our schools are the best. The teachers are funny, and they challenge us to perform at a high level every day. Our schools are clean and I feel safe there. I know that everyone at Riley is looking out for me."

"Wow, Elizabeth, I guess this is a great city! Thank-you for taking the time to explain it to me," remarked Susan.

"Well, it was my pleasure. I love talking about our city. The parks, the mall, the schools, and our civil servants are great! I have lived here for five years and I think that I will spend the rest of my life here. It is a wonderful place to live!" I exclaimed.