# **Cleveland Elementary**

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### What I Like About Lakewood

Do you have a favorite place? I have one. My favorite place is Lakewood because you get to know a whole lot of people. There are also very good schools in Lakewood where you learn a lot.

When I first came to Lakewood in 1999, I didn't have many friends. The next year when I started school I made many new friends. I also made a lot of good new neighbors. One of the best neighbors I have is a man named Evan. His hobby is to collect radios. He has over 300 of them. He also has a lot of gadgets. He has so many his garage is filled. That is one of the good things, because if you ask him for something he'll surely have it. Another reason this area is great is that it is close to the beach, and it is never too cold or hot.

I am very glad my parents decided to come and live here. If you are looking for a home, Lakewood is the best place to live.

Cleveland School Noelle Ignart Grade 3, Room 40 Mrs. Evans

#### A Double Celebration

May 3, 2003 was my 8th birthday. It also was the City of Lakewood's kick-off for its 50th Anniversary. The day started off with my YMCA group helping with Lakewood Volunteer Day. We got wet because it was raining.

Later on we all went to Monte Verde Park for lunch and the opening of the new San Gabriel Nature Trail.

That night my friend came over and we went to the Lakewood Mall for dinner. Afterwards, the City of Lakewood put on an amazing fireworks show! After that, we went home and I got to open my presents and have cake. My friend got to sleep over, too!

I had a great day sharing my birthday with the City of Lakewood, my home town.

# Lakewood Star

"I don't want to go to school! You can't make me, Mom!" At first I thought 5th grade was going to be miserable in Lakewood. Then I met Mrs. Jones. All my thoughts about 5th grade changed that day.

The thing about Mrs. Jones is if you are miserable in a dark lonely room, and Mrs. Jones walks in . . . it's like the sun is in your eyes. She brightens up the room! Also, I don't think she ever in her whole entire life has frowned. She always, always has a smile on her face!

"Take out your reading books, please." She is always polite. Anybody who meets her for the first time, would say all these fabulous things about her! Nobody would ever say anything bad about Mrs. Jones.

She always does her best in teaching. Oh yeah, did I mention Mrs. Jones is the writing teacher? Well, she is. Anything you get from Cleveland 5th graders that is written, your admirer is taught by Mrs. Jones. Time really flies in her class because there is so much fun!

She turns writing, reading and learning into fun. Just a quick check if you really read this . . . What's her name? If you said Mrs. Jones, you are right. Jones is a popular last name, so whenever you hear the name Jones, you can think about the wonderful 5th grade teacher that changed my mind about 5th grade! So who's the best? Mrs. Jones!!!

Dedicated to Lakewood lovers!

### A Person Of Lakewood

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Lakewood is a great city. I have been living in Lakewood for my whole life in the same house. That is 10 years. But this story isn't about me, it is about my grandma.

My grandma's family was born in Italy, though she was born and raised as a little girl in Connecticut. Her mother died when she was 9, and her father didn't want to take care of her. Luckily, she had a caring brother named Lino. He took care of her every day.

I'm not sure how it happened, but she went to California and moved into a house in Lakewood. She was already married to a man named Donald. They decided to have children. They had four! Their house was too small to hold four children, so they moved to another house in Lakewood on Shadeway Road. It was a 1 story, which they soon outgrew and built the first two-story house in Lakewood. Their house was the first to be moved into on the street, which was still a dirt road.

My grandma has been living in Lakewood since Lakewood was founded and is the original owner in the home she still lives in. I live two houses down from her with my mom and dad.

My house used to be my great grandma's house, and my mom has been living in our house for 19 years, though she was raised in my grandma's house and has been living in Lakewood for almost her whole life.

I think my grandma is a huge part of Lakewood history, but the best thing of all, she's my grandma!