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I like living in Lakewood because a store is close to my house, I like schools and Palms Park. I made a lot of friends and I like playing basketball. Lakewood is a accessible to mall, parks, churches, and beaches. But the most important reason why I like Lakewood is because it is a peaceful place with friendly neighbors.

Destiny Galvan

Palms Elementary Gr. 2

Dear Mayor Esquivel,

I am going to tell you about my teacher. I admire Ms. Trosino because she is nice and she teaches us math and she is funny. I would like to be like her. We do fun things like the calendar. She has blonde hair. When we do centers, I like reading with her. It is fun!

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Kanesha Holliman

Dear Mayor Esquivel,

The person I admire is Mrs. Jempsa. I have so much fun at Mrs. Jempsa's class. Mrs. Jempsa lets us make a book. We like to write a lot. She helps us spell and remember to put capitals and periods. We like to get treats from Mrs. Jempsa because we are good at reading and writing our sentences. Mrs. Jempsa is a special teacher.

Palms Elementary

Brandi Jones

Palms Elementary
Gr. 2

Dear Mayor Esquivel,

I like going to Palms Park but the most thing I like is the swing. We dig a hole in the sand but I never get in the hole. I like to play on the monkey bars too. The pole is fun to slide down. Palms Park is fun!

Kyle Nagamine

Palms Elementary Gr.2

Dear Mayor Esquivel,

I'm going to tell you about my best friend Brendon. Brendon always puts my lunch pail away for me. He treat me very good and he is the best at playing basketball. His skin is light and he has blonde hair. He likes sharks a lot. Brendon and I play basketball outside. He's really good at playing kickball too. Brendon was in 1st grade with me and now he's in my class again in 2nd grade. Brendon is the best!

Emily Franco Mrs. James Palms Elementary

The person I admire the most in the city of Lakewood is Jennifer Marakes. I admire Jennifer because she plays with me when I'm lonely. Jennifer has been my best friend forever. Jennifer deserves recognition because Jennifer is always kind to me. Jennifer has been there for me and I have been there for her. I have known her for my whole life. These are some reasons why I admire Jennifer Marakes the most in the city of Lakewood.

Krystal Glass Mrs. James Palms Elementary

3rd Grade

The person I admire the most in the city of Lakewood is coach Amy because she taught me Gymnastics. Amy has taught me how to do a backhandspring. I think Amy deserves recognition because Amy is always helping me. I think she is the best coach ever and I hope she is my coach forever. These are reasons why I admire Amy the most in the city of Lakewood.

E

rin Hawuer

Mrs. James

Palms Elementary

Gr 3 Room 203

The person I admire most in the city of Lakewood is Coach Joe. I admire Coach Joe because he helped me bowl better then I did before. He helped me throw the ball straight. Joe has taught me how to bowl for 1 year. I think Joe deserves recognition because Joe always is kind to me. Joe is very helpful. These are the reasons why I admire Joe the most in the city Lakewood.

Jasmine Mrs. James Palms Elementary
Mr. & Mrs. James

The person I admire most in the city of Lakewood is Brandon. I admire her because she plays with me. She helps me when I need help. She is helpful and kind and nice. She does hard work and she is sweet. She smiles like an angel. I think she deserve this award.

My Cousin Beau

Beau Clayton is my cousin. He attends Artesia High school. He's a good student and played on the varsity baseball team. His team won the championship last year. They had a great team.

I always look up to Beau because he is so nice to me and his friends.

He always includes me when ever I'm around. He takes me places, like the movies, the food court, the park, and the baseball games.

He has a brother named Brock. He always lets us play in games he plays.

He helps me do my homework. He takes care of me. Sometimes he helps me Practice my football and baseball. These are the reasons why I admire my cousin

By: Shane Montoya

Palms School – 4th Grade

Mr. Howell,

Mr. Howell is a generous person to have around. He greets people by smiling. When he meets someone new or again he打破es their hand. He encourages everything people do. When someone sees Mr. Howell's smile, it makes them want to smile also. Nobody should ever think of Mr. Howell.

He shows glory and pride as a counselor at my school Palms Elementary. Mr. Howell is a counselor because he likes education, and because of that, he likes to see other people learn. When someone is having problems in class, he is glad to help. He also loves reading with feeling. He is also very funny when he reads something funny.

Mr. Howell goes to every classroom when he has time. When Mr. Howell has something nice to say, he'll say it aloud. He is a rolemodel to all children. You can tell him anything. When something is exciting, he'll calm you down. Mr. Howell is a great example of a good citizen. He does everything that a child or even an adult would like to do. He tells good jokes to everyone in school. You should try to be a good citizen when he's around.

FIRST I would like to thank the Mayor of Lake Wood for thinking about the Students at Palms Elementary School, and asking them to be a part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Lake wood is a good city because of my school, my family, the police department, the fire department and the hospital. And all of the teachers of Lake wood who get up every morning to teach.

I am glad to be a part of such a fun city. I love the comic stores and Game Stop. My uncle makes being in Lakewood fun. He always takes me different fun places. I'm glad to be a part of a fun city like Lakewood.

P.S. Thank you Mrs. Beig for choosing me to be a part of this celebration.

Ms. Cody also help me do a lot of stuff. She helps me with math. She helps me with writing, and she helps me with any other homework I need help with. She also helps me with words I don't know how to read in my book. She helps me with most of the stuff I need help with.

Ms. Cody helps me make good choices. She helps me make good choices on the playground. She also helps me make good choices in the classroom. She helps me make good choices by telling me the rules, and by trying to make sure I follow them. I'm glad Ms. Cody is my teacher and helps me make good choices.

Ms. Cody is very good to me. She is always nice to me. If you are nice to her she will always be nice to you, but if you break the rules you'll be in real trouble. Whenever you follow the rules you could get a purple, and get a candy. If you don't follow the rules you will have consequences. That's all

The things you need to know about
Ms. Cody.

Ms. Cody is the best teacher, and I love having her as my teacher. This letter has been about a special person who works in our community. I told you what she teaches are, how she helps me, she is nice to me, and how she helps me make good choices. This letter was about Ms. Cody my 5th grade teacher.

From,
Kali Bruesch

Lakewood People Use Admire
Lorraine Delarosa
Palms Elementary School
Brownsburg
Mr. Neill
Fifth Grade

12-5-03

Dear mayor,

Hi, my name is Lorraine. I am a girl in the fifth grade and have lived in Lakewood for almost my whole life. I am writing this letter to you because I wanted to tell you who I admire. I admire a lot of people but I think this person is really special.

I admire him because he takes the time to teach us structure and makes sure we know it. He teaches us math, spelling, reading, and language arts. For rotation he is the reading teacher. All the other classes love Mr. Neill too.

Mr. Neill (Loraine Young) to you too.

I hope you understand all students, he's funny, and nice. I admire because he teaches us really Mr. Neill. He's a person I really know. You know why I admire

he's a great teacher. Unless you get him mad, I think he's not mean at all. He always thinks about all his friends. He would ever hurt anyone. He friend. I don't think Mr. Neill him because he's very nice and him. Another reason why I admire

I like him. I very often teach her. That's why I also of funniness it's to do. He plays around with us and always thinks jokes and makes us laugh. He plays he's funny. He always tells us I also admire him because

Lakewood People we Admire

Joshua A. Garcia

Palms Elementary School

Mr. Neil

Room #703

5th Grade

Dear Mayor,

I am Joshua Garcia. I'm in the fourth grade. I am writing you this letter to tell you about a person I admire. His name is Edward Holland. For short we call him Eddy. He is our school computer teacher's son. I think he is 21, but I'm not sure.

When I was five he was my ice ball coach. He taught me a little more than my dad and mom did about how to hit a ball. Every practice he helped me run the bases. He also taught me how to catch the ball. Although I still miss some times miss the ball, he would help me even more. He is also a nice guy. He is friendly to everyone. He also helps people. He helps his mom in the library. He helps America by being in the army. He shows the whole school his

humvee

I also admire him because he serves in the army. He went to R.O.P for training. He's been training for a few months now. He get to drive the humvee around. He is a cool guy. I admire Eddy because he is cool. He is a nice guy. He taught me stuff in tee ball. He also serves in the army. That's why I admire him.

Sincerely,
Joshua Goya

Lakewood People We Admire
Lauren Lewis
Palms Elementary
Mr. Niel
703
5th grade

Dear Mayor,

My name is Lauren Lewis. How are you doing? I am fine. I have lived in Lakewood for 8 years. I am 10 years old now so I moved in to Lakewood when I was 2. Lakewood is a great place to live. So, the reason I am writing this letter to you, is to tell you about someone I admire in Lakewood.

One reason I admire this person is because he is Mr. Howell. Mr. Howell is a very caring, friendly, and helpful person. Mr. Howell is the counselor at my school, so he does a lot for us kids. He solves almost all of the problems at my school, like if someone gets their feelings hurt by another person, he will give the bully consequences. Mr. Howell even goes outside during our recesses to make sure nothing happens to kids feelings. Mr. Howell also goes to every classroom once a week. He picks a different topic every week, and talks about that topic. He always picks interesting topics so whenever he comes to our classroom everyone is interested. Not only is he a counselor but he is also a friend.

Mr. Howell is a very good friend.

He is always making me laugh. He is always very kind, and everybody just loves him. Whenever Mr. Howell passes you and you put your hand out, he will shake it. Mr. Howell makes me laugh a lot. He does silly things to make you laugh. For example when he shakes your hand he'll shake it so fast then he'll say, "Are you nervous?" Mr. Howell is also very fun to be around. He never tries to hurt peoples feelings, and all the time he's trying to lift your feelings by being a friend, being high-spirited and always making people laugh.

Mr. Howell is all of these things I just mentioned, so in general Mr. Howell is a very unique person. I bet if you searched the whole Lakewood you would not find one person or bit like him and this is why he is so unique. Mr. Howell is one of a few great role models.

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Sincerely,
Lauren Lewis

Howell Mansilla
Palms E.S.
Ms. Bronner
Room #801
5th

Dear Mayor,

My name is Howell Mansilla. I am a 10-year old boy that really admires someone in my school. I go to Palms Elementary School. I really want to tell you about my very own teacher, Ms. Bronner. She is my science and math teacher.

Ms. Bronner is really special because of a couple of reasons. She is really focused on her job. She really knows what teaching is all about. She teaches us important stuff so we can get better step by step just as our other teachers do.

I admire Ms. Bronner

because she helps us do better at school. On math, she gives us great details and hints, so it will be so easy. She helps us do well on tests. She is nice, but when we were noisy, she makes us get detention to show the consequences that can happen, so we can learn how to be quiet. She is a really great teacher for me and the 5th grade class. She is to be admired. She talks honestly and nicely to our parents during parent conferences. She does everything so we can understand a topic.

Ms. Bronner is a wonderful teacher. When the office calls, she tells her to do something, she does it. When someone does a great job or a test, she has great happiness to show her support. Sometimes, she encourages us to do better. Ms. Bronner is a helpful, encouraging, responsible, honest teacher that I really admire.

She is really great because
of all those reasons. I admire her a
lot. I think school would be more difficult
if she was not my teacher. I am
very lucky to be one of her students.
I am very thankful for her and I think
she is happy for me too.

Sincerely,
Louray

Asmita Mishrekar
Palms Elementary
Mr. DeMille
Rm. #903
5th grade

Dear Mayor,

I am writing a letter to you about Mrs. Bronner, our 5th grade science teacher. I have chosen this person because she is very kind and a very good teacher. She is also helpful to students. She works as a 5th grade science teacher at Palms Elementary.

Mrs. Bronner is a kind person because she is always nice to everybody. She is never mean to anybody and never yells at anyone. She solves problems between kids that have gotten in a fight.

She is a very good teacher also. She helps get ideas across into children's minds. She explains everything clearly. She also teaches in a very nice way. She even makes it clear for kids that don't understand something.

Mrs. Bronner is also helpful. For instance, once I didn't understand something very simple. All of the other kids around me understood it and they started laughing at me because I didn't understand it. Mrs. Bronner helped me out on the problem and punished the other kids that were laughing at me.

Mrs. Bronner is kind, helpful, and a very good teacher. She is the best science teacher that anyone could have. I have mentioned her to you because she should be recognized in Lakewood. Mrs. Bronner once again is the science teacher for 5th grade. She works at Palms Elementary, which is in the ABCUSD (ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.) I have written a letter to you about Mrs. Bronner because once again she is a great person and has an amazing personality.

Sincerely,
Amita P. Mishrakar
Amita P. Mishrakar

Sarah Carrasco
Palms Elementary School
Mrs. Gott
Room 704
6th Grade

What I Like About Lakewood

What makes me love being in Lakewood? Well, many things. First, I love all the parks they have here. Also, there are great places to eat. Another thing is all the activities we can do. Oh, and let's not forget the super schools. Lastly, Lakewood has many great libraries. You don't have to trust me. Just drive by and see!

Personally, I think all the parks are great. At Rynerson Park, there are fields to play baseball and there are picnic areas with playgrounds right next to them. At Mae Boyar Park there are baseball fields, too, but it also has courts to play tennis along with picnic areas and playgrounds. Palms Park is really cool though. It has all that and a community center with a school right next to it. These are some of the parks I've been to, but the rest are for you to see yourself.

In Lakewood, there's always something to do for everyone. For activities, I know of many but they're mostly in the summer and at Mayfair Park. They offer hip-hop dance groups and swimming lessons. They have

gymnastics, tae kwon do, and even a little bit of ballet, too. They even have art classes like clay and tie-dying shirts. They have yoga and painting, but those are mostly for adults and little tots.

Looking for a good place for some beef? Well, go to one of the great places to eat like Black Angus. If you feel like Mexican food go to Super Mex. If a salad bar is your thing, go to Souplantation. If you just feel like you want some pizza with a few arcade games, then Round Table is the place for you. If you still want more choices, go drive around. There are probably some I haven't even heard of.

What else do I like about Lakewood? Well, the Lacaboni and George Nye Jr. Libraries. What I like about these libraries is that they have many books and they even have computers. They are also not as big as the Cerritos Library so there's not that much noise and I'm glad!

Still wondering what else is good about Lakewood? The schools, that's what! Every classroom has at least 1 new iMac computer and 2 older ones. Plus, we have hyperstudio works and many other programs on them. Because of this we have a chance to do several projects a year. We can also make iMovies with them which makes them even cooler. That's not including the great teachers, playground equipment, and new school books.

If you're wondering where to find the perfect city, well, that's Lakewood. There are nice parks, good restaurants and great schools. There are also wonderful libraries and extremely fun activities. Oh, and who loves it? Why, everyone!

Jimmy Gov
Palms Elementary School
Miss Boyer
Room 906
6th Grade

The Person I Admire

I was five years old when I first met my cousin, Nick. I thought he was huge. Since then I have looked up to him as a role model in my life. He is a great football player, very generous, and an extremely intelligent person.

One of the main reasons I admire my cousin, is because he plays the greatest sport of all...football! It doesn't sound like much, but it is because my parents don't want me to play football, even though I am incredibly good at it. They don't want me to get injured while playing. Nick played as a wide receiver. That means that his job is to get open and catch the ball, which is much harder than it sounds.

When people see football players they think that they are all brawn and no brains, but that's not true, not for Nick at least. He graduated high school with straight A's and he was in all honor classes. Sometimes he gets in fights with his parents and stays at our house and brings his Playstation II. He always makes sure I finish my homework before he lets me play. He

is not a nerd, he is somewhat like me; great at sports, but knows when to give in and hit the books.

My cousin has a lot planned for the future, but right now he works at Disneyland, until he finishes college and can get his own place. Even though he doesn't make a great deal of money he is very generous, especially to me because when he builds a new computer in a few months he will give me his old, but smart and fast computer.

My cousin and I are like the giants of the family because mostly everyone in our family is short. He is approximately 6 feet tall. That is why I look up to him (literally). My cousin told me that he drank a lot of milk when he was little; that's why he is so tall.

Nick taught me how to play football during the summer of 2000. Before that I used to only play basketball, which got sort of boring. Nick is a great cousin who knows a lot about sports.

These reasons are only a little bit of the many reasons I admire my cousin Nick. He plays many sports, but is great at football and taught me how to play football. Nick is the person I most admire in Lakewood because of all of the above and more.

Anthony Johnson
Palms Elementary School
Miss Boyer
Room 906
6th Grade

What I Like About Lakewood

Have you ever been to a small community called Lakewood? If you haven't, you're missing out on so many fun and exciting things. People in Lakewood have a great deal of pride in our community. It's safe, there are many things for kids to do, there are quality schools, and it's a beautiful place to live.

It feels good to know that police are watching to make sure that Lakewood is safe. You can walk down the street and know that nothing bad can happen. In most places you will see the friendly police sitting in their patrol cars keeping a watchful eye. I often see a police car next to the post office building watching to see what's going on. Even for children it's safe walking home from school because there are police present to make sure that everybody is safe. If you feel insecure where you're living now you should come and live in Lakewood.

Can you imagine being only eight years old and being on television for a championship basketball game? There are many parks in Lakewood where

young boys and girls are able to do just that. There are also different sports you can play in Lakewood. The park I have been playing for since I was six years old is the park right next to my school, Palms Park. Palms park allows children as young as three years old to play tee-ball. Once they reach six children can play flag football and basketball. Once they reach the age of seven girls can play volleyball. On some weekends Palms Park opens their toddler pool for little children to play.

I bet if you saw the schools in Lakewood you'd want to come back to school no matter how old you are. The school that I go to is Palms Elementary. The Principal, Mrs. Spicer, is great to the students. She is a great role model because she is patient, fair, and is working hard to make the school a better place. In sixth grade there is a tremendous amount of work, but there also is a great deal of fun. At the end of each month we sixth graders have what's called a "Purple Party." To go to a Purple Party you must earn a purple. It's very easy to earn a purple; all you have to do is always have excellent behavior and always turn your homework in on time. At each Purple Party we have a fun activity. This is our reward for being such excellent students.

As you can see Lakewood is a very loving and heartwarming place. The people who live here are nice and helpful to those in need. It's clean, filled with many beautiful places that you can see. It's a safe place for anyone to live. If you're ever in Lakewood, look me up; I'll give you a tour of this wonderful community.

Chelsea Soriano
Palms Elementary School
Miss Boyer
Room 906
6th Grade

What I Like About Lakewood

Lakewood is filled with many interesting and wonderful places. This is why so many people choose to live here, but I like living in this city because of Palms Park. I enjoy Palms Park for many different reasons.

Can you imagine a place full of kids playing, talking, and relaxing? That's Palms Park; everybody hangs out there. It doesn't matter what time it is when you go to the park; there's always someone to play with. Everyday I go to the park around 5:00 pm and there's always something to do. I'm never bored, and there's always someone to talk to.

The second reason I like the Park is because I like to walk my dogs there. Sometimes when no one is around I like to let my dogs off the leash and let them run around. It is really fun

because the park is really big and my dogs take up a lot of space.

I always have a great time and I'm sure the dogs have a good time, too.

I like the park for both these reasons, but most of all I enjoy the park for its sports activities. Every year I sign up for football, and basketball. I have a great time and my parents like the competition. For the last three years my basketball team has been lucky. We've won the championship all three times. I guess that's why I love to play basketball so much because my team is almost always undefeated.

The park is just one of the great places in Lakewood. There are tons more, but the park is my favorite place. Lakewood is a beautiful and fantastic city. This is why so many people want to live here.