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## Things I would tell a New Student

If there was a new student at Parmelee, I would tell him or her that Parmelee is very fun, and you can make many friends to play with. You can play kickball, basketball, volleyball, handball, foursquare, and much more.

I would also tell the new student that the teachers at Parmelee are really nice and helpful.

I would also tell the new student that the lunches at Parmelee are really nasty, and that he or she should bring a lunch from home.

Another piece of advice that I would give to the new student is that some of the math is really hard to do, but some of it is easy.

The last thing I would say to the new student is that Parmelee is a great school where you can go



to learn and most of all, have fun. The new student will have a lot of fun learning math, social studies, language arts, P.E., art, and science.

More advice that I would give the student is to not interrupt the teacher and to not disrupt the class. I think that the new student will have a great time at Parmelee!

*By Isabel L.*

## The Best of Parmelee

I would tell a new student that Parmelee is very fun. The best thing about school is learning because it helps kids learn new things. My favorite thing to do in school is writing because it is very fun. We write about our vacations and about what are favorite animals are.

I also like to play on the blue playground. I also like to play because it is a nice break from learning.

If you go to this school there are many things to do like going to

the computer lab and getting iPads. We play ST Math on them, which is very fun. I also like practicing the drills because it gets us ready for a real emergency. I also like playing kickball with my friends.

The teachers are also very nice, and they help us when we are confused. They are good at giving tests because they help us learn. These are reasons why the new student will like Parmelee.

*By Jesus L.*

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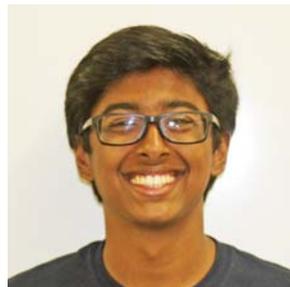


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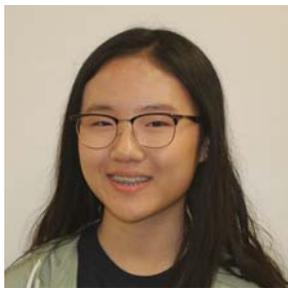
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## Introducing My School to a New Student

If a new student asks me to tell them about Parmelee Avenue Elementary School, I would tell them many things.

First, I would tell them when the vacations are.

We have a month off from school during winter break, a week off from spring break, and we also get a day off during holidays for other cultures such as Cesar Chavez Day.

The next thing I would tell them about are the teachers. Some teachers are nice and funny, but others are very strict. There are also teachers who are both strict and

funny, but no matter what teacher you get, they are all good.

The third thing I would tell the new student is that we have a fire drill once a month. We go outside and stand in line with our class in the play area. We also eat breakfast and lunch at school. We eat breakfast first thing in the morning in our classroom. After recess, we eat lunch in the lunch pavilion.

It's really easy to make friends at Parmelee, because all the kids want to become friends with the new students. Teachers want the new students to

feel welcomed so kids show them around the school a lot. Not all the kids are nice, but if you make some close friends, you will see them a lot since they are in your class.

One advice I would give new students is to do their homework since some teachers make you do your homework during recess.

That's everything you need to know about Parmelee.

**By Christopher O.**



## Why Parmelee is a Great Place

I would tell the new students that Parmelee is very fun. The best thing about school is learning because it helps kids learn new things. My favorite thing to do in school is writing because it is very fun. We write about our vacations and about what are favorite animals are.

I also like to play on the blue playground. I also like the lunch and breakfast Parmelee serves to us. Every morning, we eat breakfast in our classrooms and we eat our lunch during the middle of the day in the lunch pavilion.

If you go to this school, there are many things to do like going to the computer lab and getting iPads. We play ST Math on them which is very fun. The games there are fun while also helping all of us better learn math.

I also like to play because it is a nice break from learning. I also like practicing the drills because it gets us ready for a real emergency.

I also like playing kickball with my friends. During recess, I like to play kickball.

The teachers are also very nice, and they help us when we are

confused. They are good at giving tests because they prepare us a lot and make sure none of us are ever confused when we take the test. The teachers at Parmelee are some of the best teachers I have ever had.

These are reasons why a new student will like Parmelee. It is a really great school with nice and friendly students and some great teachers.

**By Ademary L.**



## My Favorite things About Parmelee

I would tell a new student that Parmelee Avenue Elementary is a great place.



The first thing is the cycle motor that you get to play on for forty-five minutes. I also really like learning time, math, and writing. I like writing because you get to write about some of your small

moments.

Also, I really like field trips because in some of the field trips they give you prizes. In the Science

Center, you get to see fishes and jellyfish.

We also get to use the computers, so we can play games on ST math. We can also ask staff if they need help on cleaning the grass or the restrooms. We can also ask the teachers or the helpers in the parent center if they need help passing out papers.

We also get PE at Parmelee so we can exercise in the morning.

We can run or walk around the tracks, around the school, and we can play kickball outside for twenty minutes. This is really nice because we get a break

from learning by getting to go and play outside. We can also play different sports outside like soccer, basketball, kickball, handball, blue aparades, jump rope, and volleyball.

But sometimes the teachers tell you an specific sport that you need to play. This is just as fun as we still get to play a sport and the teachers always pick fun games to play when we are required to play.

These are reasons why a new student would like Parmelee.

**By Evelyn B.**

## The Amazing Things About Parmelee

If a new student came to Parmelee, I would tell them that the best things about our school are the



teachers, subjects and recess. The teachers are super nice, and they also teach amazing and different subjects. The teachers are always teaching something new every day and they give

amazing tests on math, writing, and science. They are always doing something to keep us entertained and they never let us fool around unless

they are in the middle of a lesson and someone calls. They make sure to keep everyone focused by making the class fun and making all of us participate in class. Also, sometimes when they say that we are going to do math, they take out amazing blocks and other things that we use to learn new topics. This is an example how they make the lessons fun to understand.

The subjects are really interesting. For example, we might study bugs or do an experiment. They are also really careful about our health and safety. They always make sure that we are safe and that we learn new things. All the classes and all the teachers all

have fun classes and they make sure we will always remember the lessons they teach us.

Last, I really like recess at our school. We get to go play multiple times a day outside. We get to play lots of fun games like kickball, soccer, basketball and handball. Even though the teachers sometimes choose the games we play, they always choose fun games for us to play. Overall, I think Parmelee Avenue Elementary is an amazing school with great teachers and other activities.

**By Allison A.**

## Ryan and Maile

The names of the mentors being interviewed are Ryan and Maile. Ryan is fifteen years old and in tenth grade, while Maile is fourteen years old and in ninth grade.

Ryan's favorite teacher is Mr. Wheeler, and Maile's favorite teacher is Ms. Gerling.

Ryan's favorite book is *The Kite Runner*, and Maile's favorite book is *The Help*.

Ryan also enjoys the movie *Baby Driver*. Ryan liked the movie because it was funny and it had a lot of action. Maile's favorite

movie is *Mean Girls*. Maile likes *Mean Girls* because it is very funny.

Ryan's favorite food is burritos, and Maile's favorite food is sushi. Ryan likes burritos because they are very big and they have black beans, which Ryan loves. Maile likes sushi because there is a lot variety when choosing sushi.

Ryan's favorite thing outside of school is playing the piano, and Maile's favorite thing outside of school is dance. Ryan likes playing the piano because it calms him down.

When Ryan grows up he would like to be a Congressman, and Maile wants to become a physical therapist. Ryan wants to be a Congressman because he likes government a lot and wants to help change it. Maile wants to be a physical therapist because she likes helping people.

**By Leanne B.**



## Things that are Important to Me

Family is very important to me. Without them, I would not have a place to live, or be provided with warm meals every day. I would not be able to get to school or learn anything.

My mom makes really good food that always makes me happy to eat. I love my mom. My family raised me since I was a baby and have helped me become the person I am today.

School is another thing that is very important to me. I would not be able to get a job if I didn't go to school.

I also made friends in school that I would not have made if I didn't go to school. My friends are

always fun to play with and they are very nice and funny. It has also taught many valuable things in my daily life.

I also like school because my teachers are very good and they are



very nice. They have taught me lots of things. Without school, I would not be able to live the life that I want to be able to live.

My four cats are also important to me. They are cute and cuddly. They are fun to play with and are very soft. Whenever I play with them I feel happy and if I am sad or stressed, they make me feel much better. They are also very important to me because they are one of the few things that make me happy. I raised them since they were kittens. These are things that are important to me. because they not only make me happy but they also made me into who I am today.

**By Isabel L.**

## Things I would change about Parmelee



I don't just want to have recess, Sometimes it can be kind of boring. Instead, I also want to be able to go to the mall and shop at everyone's favorite stores, such as Forever 21 and Five Below. But if someone doesn't like those stores they can also shop at other stores.

I also don't like that I have to help at the parent center. It can be kind of boring. Instead, they should ask other people to help them with that.

I don't like school lunches because the last time I ate beans and broccoli at school, it was not that good. While some of the food tastes very nice, the cafeteria should change it's menu. Some good foods the school should serve are pancakes, spaghetti, and pizza from Pizza Hut. For dessert, the school should serve ice cream, cake, pie, donuts and cupcakes. Since those are kind of unhealthy, they should have those a couple days of the week.

Also, I would like to go to school on Saturday and

Sunday, so we can have school from 12:30 to 2:30 on Monday through Friday. This is so that we can have more time to play at home. I think that while we have to go to school on the weekends, everyone can sleep longer and have more time to have fun outside of school.

These are the things that I don't like about school and want to make better.

**By Ademary A.**

## What could change at Parmelee



There are many things I like about Parmelee Avenue Elementary School, and some things I would change to make Parmelee even better.

The first thing I would change is the play area. There is no grass in the soccer area, so we play on concrete. We can't dive or tackle because if we fall, we can get hurt badly. Grass would be safer and would provide more space to play.

Another thing I want to change about the play area are the goalie nets. They are too small which makes it hard to score a goal.

I would also change the desks in my school. The twin desks in the

classroom are not enough room for two people. Sometimes your seat partner can take up too much room for you to work. Changing the desks to individual desks would be better because you would have more space to use. With the new space, we can put more papers and textbooks on the table.

I would also make my school's recess and lunch longer. Recess is too short for playing team sports because it takes a long time to pick teams. We have little time to play.

A longer lunch is also important. There are lots of kids waiting in line to get their food and the kids

in the back have very little time to finish eating before the freeze whistle.

The last thing I would change is to host more fundraisers. Kids love fundraisers because if you sell 15 items, they get to play in the game truck for one hour. In order to help solve all the problems, we need more fundraisers to raise money for the school. We can have these fundraisers to buy new sports equipment and desks.

These changes will make Parmelee Avenue Elementary School even better and a more fun place to be at.

**By Christopher O.**

## How to make school better

To make Parmelee a better school, I would start by making math class more fun. I want to learn math in a playful way by using games. I think we should do thins by playing more ST math because that is a very fun website that also teaches us about math.

I also want a longer recess so that all kids can have fun. I think that twenty minutes is too short for the students to really have some fun because by the time the bell rings and the students can start playing a lot of the time is gone.

I also think better food in the cafeteria would help us enjoy school more. I think o some days the cafeteria should serve deserts like ice cream, donuts and cupcakes. Since it is only a couple times a week, this should not be too unhealthy.



I also want to write about anything I want in class. I think teachers should give us a free writing period once a week so we can write whatever we want.

I also think more sports equipment would help us play in school more comfortably. I also want to learn new things all the time. Having more staff to help the kids is good as well.

We also want more time to eat, and more books in the library. This is how I can make Parmelee a better school!

**By Ademary A.**

## Panda Express

The restaurant being covered is Panda Express, a place where Chinese food is sold. One of the dishes they serve is orange chicken, which has a really nice sweet and savory taste.

Another dish is Chow Mein. It has crunchy cabbage with soft noodles.

The last dish that can be enjoyed at the restaurant is the fortune cookie, which provides adored fortunes. The cookie is also really tasty.

A meal costs about seven dollars, which is really affordable for the family. Located in Los Angeles, Panda Express opens in the morning and closes at around ten o'clock at night. The layout of the restaurant features a big neon sign and has many pandas climbing bamboo.

The best time to go to Panda Express is at lunch or dinner. The workers are really nice, and they may hand out multiple fortune cookies. If you are not



good at using chopsticks, you can ask for a fork.

Panda Express serves many people on a daily basis, while also providing yummy food.

**By Leanne B.**

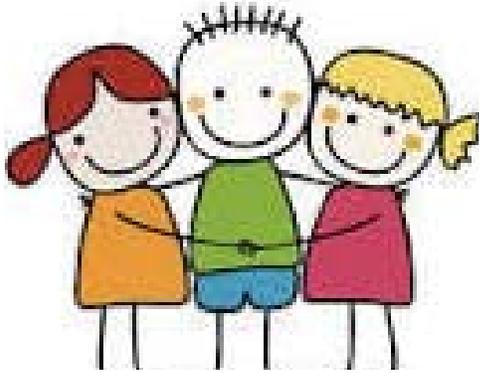
## Happiness, Friends and Family

There is always something important in everyone's lives. In my community, my friends, family, happiness and emotions are very important to us.

If I could change my community and school for the better, I would make safety more important. For example, if you are in a big place, you need to stay safe and close to family members to prevent you from getting lost or hurt.

I also think that people need to be kinder to their family members. Problems happen a lot with friend or family members if you are

not kind. Happiness is also very important. You might have a fight with your brother or sister, and if you never make up, it would be hard to keep the same bonds with that person.



It is important to have happiness everywhere. When you grow up you might become sad or mad about something that happened when you were little. Adults have happy emotions too, not just kids. It is important to have happiness in your heart.

In conclusion, I think happiness, friends, and family are important issues in my community that should be paid attention to as it won't hurt anyone to be kinder to their friends and family on a daily basis.

**By Allison A.**

## Anish and Lauren

The people I interviewed were Lauren and Anish. They are both 15 and they are in 10th grade.

Lauren's favorite teacher is Mrs. Webster because she is nice and helpful and Anish's favorite teacher is Ms. Logan because she is nice.

Their favorite subject is English. Lauren's favorite book is *To Kill a Mockingbird* and Anish's favorite book is *The Martian*.

Lauren's favorite movie is *The Titanic* while Anish's favorite movie is *The Avengers*. Anish likes *The Avengers* because it is funny and action packed while Lauren likes the *Titanic* because it is a very well made movie.

Lauren's favorite food is Korean BBQ and Anish's favorite food are chicken wings. Anish likes chicken wings because they are spicy and tender. Lauren likes Korean BBQ because you can make your own food in front of you and many Korean BBQ restraints have a buffet so you can order as much meat as you want.

Lauren likes to dance and Anish likes to hang out with his friends in their free time. Anish likes to do this because it is fun while Lauren likes to do dance because she has danced since she was really small.



When they grow up, Lauren wants to be a doctor and Anish wants to be a lawyer. Lauren wants to be a doctor because she wants to help people. Anish wants to be a lawyer because he is interested in law. He also wants to be a lawyer because he likes to public speaking and he likes to write in his free time. Lauren wants to be a doctor because she is interested in biology and she wants to help better sick people's lives.

**By Jesus L.**

## What I want to change about my community

I want to help the homeless people in my city. I want to help the community build more homeless shelters. I would ask stores and families to donate some of their clothes. We should have a food drive every month and ask local companies to give more jobs to homeless people. These companies might agree to do this because hiring these homeless people will make the company look very good. This way they can buy their own food and clothes.

You can also donate money to local homeless shelters so they can buy things that the homeless people might need. If you buy little toys and do not

want to keep them anymore, you can donate them to the homeless children instead of throwing them away.

We can also have events or programs in school that homeless can learn and benefit from. You can help by making an event where we can raise

money for the homeless. From fundraising at restaurants to selling stuff like lemonade at a stand, you can help raise lots of money for the homeless. These would help the homeless population in my city a lot.

**By Evelyn B.**



## Who would win?

The book that was reviewed was *Who Would Win*. The author is Jerry Pallotta. The book is about whether a polar bear or a grizzly bear would win in a battle. The story shows where the bears live.

The best animal was the grizzly bear because it has bigger teeth and it won. The grizzly bear is also cool because it lives in a forest.

The book was very good because first, it was very interesting. Second, the book teaches you a lot about bears in general.

Finally, it was very interesting to see the best

bear win the battle. I thought the battle would easily be won by the polar bear but the battle turned out to be very close between the two bears.

Another interesting part about the book was when the polar bear and the grizzly bear fought in the snow. Anyone who is interested in bears will also like this book because it is interesting and teaches the person a lot about bears.

The book also teaches the reader about the different environments bears live in. Overall, I highly recommend this

book because it has lots of action, it is very interesting, and teaches you lots about bears

**By Jesus L.**



## Red Robin



One of the best restaurants people can eat is called Red Robin. Red Robin is a burger restaurant that also has lots of other options for people.

First, when walking into the restaurant, people will notice that the interior is very nice and comfortable. The waiters there are very nice and they bring out the food very quickly.

The best thing about Red Robin is their kids menu. They have lots of options on the kids menu. Not only do they have lots of main dishes, they also

have lots of sides, deserts and drinks just for kids! I like the spaghetti because the sauce tastes very nice. For adults, the menu has lots of burger options that someone can choose from. Another nice thing about the kids menu is that if a kid gets a soda then they can keep getting it refilled.

Overall, Red Robin is a restaurant that everyone can go to because they have options for everyone, even kids! Lastly, the options for kids makes this a favorite for any kid!

**By Jesus L.**

## Great things about Parmelee



If a new student comes to Parmelee School, they will enjoy math, reading and all of the wonderful homework.

They will like math because it is very easy to understand, and they will like reading because we read a lot.

The teachers make math very easy to understand because they use games like ST games to help us understand math. They will like the homework because it is easy to do, and we receive a very small amount of homework. For math, we learn times tables, addition, subtraction, division, and how to round numbers. We also use ST Math to understand these concepts.

During reading, we can read and play games at the

same time. That's why reading is very fun as the teachers make it very fun to read.

Some games are Uno and Monopoly. You can also go onto the computer or teacher's laptop, and go onto ST Math to play fun games while you learn.

Homework is due by Friday, so you have a lot of time to finish it. If you finish your homework early, you can play, and if you finish all of your homework during class, you can get a ball to play outside with your friends.

The new student will have a fun time hanging out with all their friends, and they will make memories that they will keep forever.

**By Leanne B.**

# HAVE A GREAT WINTER BREAK!

## WINTER CROSSWORD

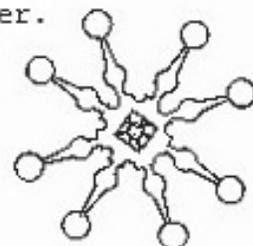
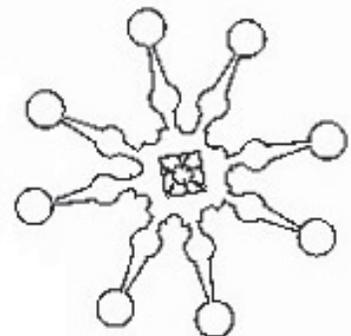
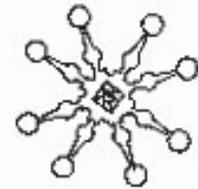


### Across

1. Time off from school or work.
5. Used to decorate a Christmas tree.
7. It's a season for giving \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Holiday celebrated on January 1st.
12. Strap them on an go downhill on snow.
13. I'm dreaming of a \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.

### Down

2. Winter sport on frozen water.
3. African-American holiday celebrated in the winter.
4. Famous Snowman
6. Flakes that fall from the sky.
8. The month following January.
9. Jewish holiday celebrated in December.
11. Santa's Helpers



## NOTE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

**T**hank you to PressFriends for partnering with Parmelee Avenue Elementary and Dual Language School and to our first student journalists who spent their weekends

writing articles for our school community to enjoy! It was wonderful to see our student authors so engaged in creating content to inform and entertain us. I am so proud

of their effort and enthusiasm. We look forward to continuing this partnership and enjoying many more newspapers in the future!

*Mrs. Saldivar*

## NOTE FROM PRESSFRIENDS

**W**e were thrilled to start a PressFriends program at Parmelee Avenue Elementary. The program could not be possible without the support of your principal, Lisa

Saldivar and of course, the student reporters that made up our program.

We would also like to thank Debora Southwell, who volunteered her time to help start the program

up and finally a big thanks to the student mentors.

We hope you all have a wonderful break and find some time for writing!

*Aishani & Anish  
Program Leads*

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