



Grace Girls Interview Their Teachers

Ms. Krmpotich

By Abigail

I talked to Ms. K., who has been here for two years. Her favorite part of Grace Academy is “everything”! For this interview, I talked to Ms. K just after the Boston Marathon and the event was on everyone’s mind. Ms. K’s friend was a runner in the marathon and Ms. K was very nervous because she didn’t know if her friend was okay. Her friend didn’t have her phone with her. A kind person let Ms. K. into her home and they watched the news. The stranger also let her charge her phone. Luckily, no one that she knew was injured. Ms K. thought that even though it was a horrible day, it brought the city together, and showed what happens when people face difficult times together.

Don’t worry!! Ms. K. will be back next year teaching me in math class!

Ms. Dunsworth

by Kierrah

Ms. Dunsworth has lived in a lot of places, including Canada and Argentina.

How long did it take you to learn Spanish?

I resisted learning, so it took me a long time, about three years.

What is your favorite thing about Argentina?

There is an amusement park near a river, Parque de la Costa, and the roller coaster and other cool rides make it really kid-friendly.

Which place do you like better Argentina or Canada?

Argentina, because I appreciate the culture more, it’s more relaxed and interesting.

What is the cultural difference in the two countries – from the view of a child?

The school year is different in Canada and Argentina – in Canada you get out in June, in Argentina you get out in November. I moved to Argentina when I was in the fifth grade. They take more time there, it’s a slower life, sometimes we wouldn’t eat dinner until 9:30 p.m. – it’s a country of “Night Owls”. And I didn’t appreciate it as a child, but there is great steak there!! I didn’t appreciate it because I always wanted chicken nuggets!!

Grace In The Community

by Abigail

Project Prakesh is one of the projects that Grace Academy supports. This particular project was started by Dr. Pawan Sinha who wanted to help kids who were blind and give them free operations and free shelter. Grace Academy helped by collecting and donating socks and toothbrushes for the young patients. This is one of many projects that Grace does for others in need.



Students delivering food and gifts to Mercy House, part of their Community Service program.

Poetry

by Naomi

I LOVE

I love my family.

I love my cats.

I love my mom.

Why do I love my family because they are always there for me.

Why do I love my cats because when I’m sad they both cheer me up and they are great companions.

Why do I love my mom because she is my life, she is my light, she is my happiness, and the most wonderful of all is how much we love each other.

This is why I love.

The History of Softball

By Marilyn

Softball was first played in 1887 with a rolled-up boxing glove for a ball. In 1926, the name "softball" was created. The passage of Title XI in 1972 created more opportunities for girls to play sports, and the term fast-pitch softball came into being. The first time a team was formed was in 1895, in Chicago at West Division High School.

Baseball is a great sport, and many girls wish they could play – well, now they can. It's just called fast pitch softball. It's a similar game, with some rule changes...and softball is now often referred to as "women's baseball" – and many girls are really good at it!



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Freddy the Evil Frog, a Mascot

By Thiri and Zaire

(Thiri is an eighth grader who was assigned to watch Freddy the American Swimming Frog thought it would be boring for Freddy



to live in the tank with only fish friends, so when one of the fish passed away, I bought him a new one. But later, I noticed some severe behavior from Freddy - he bit one of the goldfish that shared his tank. My dad removed that fish and Freddy swam along with the other fish.

I was a little angry with Freddy, but of course I couldn't punish him. I tried to feed him as much as I could, but it seemed he was only interested in the other fish. I woke up the next morning and my mom announces that there is another dead fish! My little sister was very upset because this one was her favorite fish – she named him "Belly" because he had a big belly.

Another one to flush down the toilet, I thought. In two days, Freddy attacks again. This time I notice two of the fish are gone. Freddy seemed to be growing and getting a bigger belly, so I figured out that he ate them. All the poor nameless fish. I have to do something, but couldn't come up with an idea to separate Freddy from the remaining three fish. Well, at the end of the summer, Freddy ate part of the tail of another fish, but he managed to survive. "Moll", a black Molly fish with a big belly didn't survive, and the only one left is "Goldy", who is a big goldfish, who can apparently handle the bully Freddy.

Why Should We Adopt Pets?

By Naomi

Adopting a pet is a lifetime commitment. I interviewed Alicia at the Connecticut Humane Society and she talked about this commitment and how they managed pet adoptions.

Following are her answers to my interview questions. "Choosing to adopt a pet should be a family decision, and you should make sure that everyone is ready for the responsibility of having a pet in the house. You are making a decision to love and care for that pet for their entire life. Some pets live for as long as 15 years."

When I asked her what quality they look for in a person looking to adopt a pet, she said that they are looking for people who will treat their pets like a member of the family. Pets need to live inside, receive training and proper medical care and lots of love.

If you feel you can offer a pet who needs a home a good life, please consider adopting a dog or cat from the Humane Society, it will make everyone feel good!!