

February 8, 2013
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Mr. Fraser

Dear Zachary,

Thank you for your nice letter. My name is Mr. Fraser; you probably figured out that I'm one of the 6th grade teachers here at Moffitt. Your chosen writing partner, Jorge A., hasn't been able to finish his letter to you (he's OK, he's just not very good at getting any work done). So, since I didn't want you to be left out, I decided to write to you myself. I hope that's OK. When Jorge gets his letter done, I will post it online and then send it to you, too.

I don't know where your letter to him is, so I'm just going to tell you some general things about myself. If you have any questions, you can ask me next time. First of all, I am a Californian, born and bred. I was born in Lakewood, raised in Long Beach (the city of Snoop Dog and Sublime, if you know those musicians), and now live back in Lakewood, but right next to L.B. Those cities are about 10 miles west, and closer to the coast, from Norwalk, which is where our school is located. Norwalk is about 20 miles southeast of Los Angeles, and about 10-15 miles from the coast, depending on which beach or whatever you're going to. I've never been to Long Island, but I have traveled extensively throughout New England; a good friend of mine moved to Bellingham, MA about 10 years ago, and I go back to visit him every so often. I've been in MA, CT, NH, NYC (just the airport so far), RI, VT, ME, and up into Canada, too.

When I was your age, I loved playing sports and other games with friends, riding my bike around, hanging out (at the malls, music stores, at friends' houses), and playing video games. During vacation times, my family always went camping and fishing. Sound familiar? The technology has changed some things, but the basics of being a 6th grader really haven't, have they? And now that I'm older, I still love most of those things. Well, not so much going to the mall, but you get the idea. I don't let myself play video games too much, though I do have a PS3 (I mainly use it for Netflix and stuff). I can't; if I do, I get too into them and don't get my other, more important responsibilities taken care of. I bet that might sound familiar, too, huh? What are your favorite things to do? What's your favorite part of school?

I have always loved music, whether listening, watching people play it, or playing it myself. Even now, I play in a few different bands here and there. We play mostly covers of rock & roll, blues, country, and that sort of thing. I mainly play the bass, but I also dabble in "regular" guitar, mandolin, and piano. Do you guys have a music program or classes? Our 5th and 6th graders all get music 2 days a week; my class is learning to play brass and reed instruments. Last year, my class all played guitar. Do you play anything?

Well, I guess that's enough about me. I look forward to learning more about you and what it's like in Bellport.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Fraser, Moffitt ES

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