

Pictures of the World

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Skidel Gymnasia

Our native town is Skidel.
Skidel is located in an area that frequently shifted between
Polish and Russian control.

The word “skidal” means “shore” in Belarusian. The
town of Skidel may have been named for the process of
shipping freight across the Skidalski River. Apparently the
bridge at Skidel was very poor and freight was left on the
shore to be carried across by ferry.

The first mention of the town Skidel in in the mid-16th
century. Our town will celebrate 500 years old.

In 1795 after the division of Rzecz Pospolita the princes Chetvertinskiys became the owners of the township Skidel.

In the picture you can see the towers which adorned the gates of Chetvertinskiy's Yard. The family lived in Skidel before 1939. The offspring of the Chetvertinskiys live in Belgium, Poland, France, Canada and Switzerland.



Belarus, Skidel Gymnasia

This is the family catholic church of the Chetvertinskiys.



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Qatar Academy

Qatar Academy: This is my school. Like it? It is very architectural. It is part of Qatar Foundation which is in Education City. It was completed in 1999. It is run by the Emir of Qatar. There is both a Senior and Primary school. The senior school has resources for technology, visual arts, laboratory sciences and physical education. It is also an International Baccalaureate program.



Doha, Qatar, Qatar Academy

Convention Center:

This is an upcoming building planned to be finished next year. It is obviously for conventions as well as for banquets, meeting, performances and lots of other things. It is designed to seat 8,000 people in 7 halls and auditoria, the convention center includes exhibition hall spaces, luxury and business lounges, VIP areas, prayer rooms, catering kitchens and center offices in a building of approximately 750,000 square feet.



Doha, Qatar, Qatar Academy

Al Shaqab Stud and Equestrian Academy:

This is currently a riding school and breeding farm but in 2008, there will be an equine hospital, an Olympic standard indoor ring adjoining an outdoor ring, a separate clubhouse and stables for members.

State-of-the-art stables including separate facilities for different categories of Arabian horses such as breeding and show horses; endurance horses; dressage horses; and show jumping horses, staff accommodation, entertainment facilities and a museum. It is planned to be completed in December.



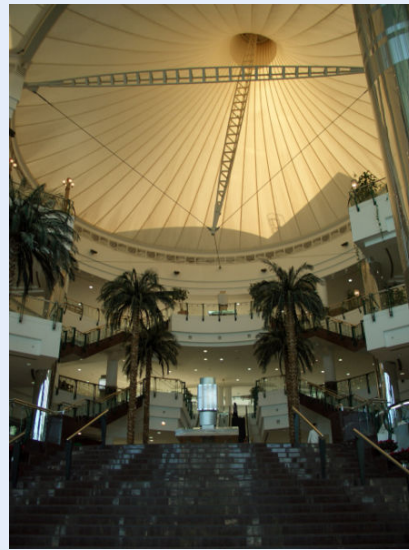
Education City:

All of the buildings you have seen so far are located in Education City. Education City holds Al Shaqab, Qatar Academy, the upcoming convention center as well as well-known American universities including Cornell and VCU.



Doha, Qatar, Qatar Academy

This is the inside of Doha's City Centre. This is the biggest shopping mall in Doha. This is only the entry, it is so much bigger. It has four floors. On the first floor, it is pretty much where kids have fun; it has ice skating, swimming, game room, bowling alley and more. The second floor has the Supermarket called Carrefour. It also has a few shops. The third floor has pretty much all shops for clothes, toys and books. The fourth has the fast food restaurants and some shops.



This is a normal mosque in Doha. In Qatar, there are many Muslims and so there are a lot of mosques in which they pray in.



Doha, Qatar, Qatar Academy

This is Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium. This is a famous stadium in which the Qatari football team Al-Sadd play. This stadium has 15000 seats. Also, in Qatar, the Asian Games were held. So many games were held there.



Doha, Qatar, Qatar Academy

This is a view of the Corniche of Doha. This is the coastline of the sea where people exercise, ride boats around the Corniche, and enjoy the beauty of the sea.



This is Orry the Oryx, the mascot of the Asian Games. He is 15 meters high. The thing behind him says how many days, hours, minutes and seconds left until the Asian Games start. Now it is zero, so this is after the Asian games took place. There are many other statues of Orry, but this is the biggest.



Doha, Qatar, Qatar Academy

Woodsfield Elementary School

This is a picture of my school. We go from 8:30A.M. to 3:15 P.M. First we go to Phys Ed and Art. Then we have Language Arts and Social Studies. Next we go to Lunch and Recess. After that we go to Science and Math. Finally at the end of the day we go home.



**Woodsfield Elementary School,
Woodsfield, Ohio, USA**

This is the Monroe County Courthouse. It is over 100 years old. It was built in 1906. It is in the middle of Monroe County.



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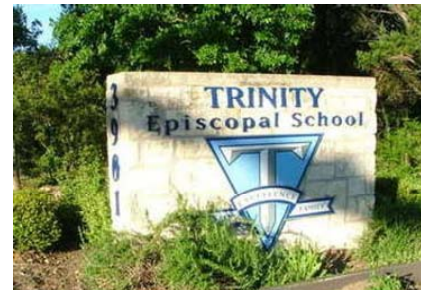
Trinity Episcopal School

Trinity Episcopal School in Photos

The Lower School Building
(where chapel is held)



Trinity sign on the street



Trinity Episcopal School
Austin, Texas, USA

Trinity Episcopal School in Photos

Trinity Middle School Building. (Global Studies classroom is top right, second floor!)



Breezeway connecting the Arts and Athletics building to the Middle School

Trinity Episcopal School in Photos

Trinity Center for
Arts & Athletics



Members of the 5th/6th
Basketball team that
won the
championship!

Westerly School

Our fifth grade class does an annual photo project – this year’s theme, “Edficando Momentos – Building Moments” required students to look at various famous (and perhaps not so famous) buildings in Long Beach and photograph them to highlight what the students’ perceived as the buildings’ artistic properties. Please enjoy some of their work and observations here:



From Nathan



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Dylan's view of the L.B.C. (Long Beach Community)



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From
Katie

This looks like a king's balcony and the king is going to come and make an announcement to the public.

Above is a picture I took of the Aquarium of the Pacific's parking center. They made it look like cheese. When I look at this picture I see cheese and waves. Can you also see the waves? I think the waves have to do with the Aquarium's theme. I got this picture when I went to Down Town Long Beach with my parents to take pictures for our photo project. I like the Palm Trees in the background.

From Sarah

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Above is a picture of a tower in front of the Long Beach Convention Center. I thought this tower looked really cool so I took a picture of it and it turned out looking awesome.

From Justin



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To the right is one of abstract statues at the Long Beach Art Museum. The Art Museum has many historical paintings.

From Nicole



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HOBBIES

**Hello! I am Lena. I study at 5 B.
I have got some hobbies. Taking pictures and painting are among them. But my favourite hobby is painting. I always draw when I have free time. I like to draw animals very much. I have a lot of paintings of them. I like to draw by pencils and paints.**



My hobby is playing chess. It is very interesting, as it develops our logic. I have played chess since six years. I often go to different towns for competitions. I have got 9 medals for 1,2,3 places. My trainer's name is Ivan Pavlovich Sidorovich. He is an excellent trainer. My friends are also fond of playing chess.



This is me at the competitions.

Belarus, Skidel Gymnasia

Here in Qatar football is the most commonly played sport. It is played by almost everybody who is able to play. The main reason I like it is because I've been raised with football around me, in other words I have played it for a long time. Not only do I play football for fun, but I actually play football professionally, since I play in a football club. One of the reasons that I enjoy football is because I can play it anywhere at any time, and also because if I have a ball I can always play with anybody I meet who truly likes the beauty of football. Joga Bonito!! (Play beautiful in Brazilian).



I think my family is special because we all have are own bikes .The one on the left is a 350 Raptor. On the right is a 400. The last one is a 450.I have a 125 and it is blue. One other thing that I think is special is the people in our house. My dad is Steve. My mom's name is Lisa. I also have three brothers. The oldest is Jake. He is thirteen. I am 12 and my name is Jeff. John is 11 and Josh is also 11. If you have looked closely you would know that all of our names start with J. So those are a few things that I think are special.



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Woodsfield, Ohio, USA**

My special hobby is that I am on a competitive cheerleading squad. They are called Cheernastics All-Stars. We go to competitions in Pittsburgh, Columbus, and other cities. We have teams such as the Tiny's, Junior Prep Level 2, Junior Prep Level 3, a Senior Prep Level 3, and a parent team. I am on the Junior Prep Level 3. We have won 31 National Titles. We have a lot of fun doing this.



**Woodsfield Elementary School,
Woodsfield, Ohio, USA**

My special hobby is competitive cheerleading this is one(1) of the teams I am on. I am actually on two. Both teams are called the Cheernastics All-Stars. I am on a junior prep level 3 team and a senior prep level 3 team. We compete against teams all over the United States. We have earned and worked for 31 national titles and still counting. This is a lot of fun to do! This Picture is at a competiion called Americheer the junior prep level 3 team got 1st place, national champions! I am in the second row from the top, and the 4th person from the right.



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For John Byron and his little sister, golf and jumping rope are favorite hobbies.



Kate and friends tubing behind a boat on Lake Austin. Tubing is where an innertube is pulled behind a speed boat. Many people do different activities on Lake Austin on the weekends.



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SCHOOL DAYS

Hello ! I am Arteom. I study at 6 B. My favourite subject at school is Information Science. I like to listen to music and play mobile games during the recess. My classes starts at 8.10. I live far from school and I usually go home by car with my classmate's parents. Sometimes I go to the school canteen to have lunch at 10.55.



Belarus, Skidel Gymnasia

Hi! My name's Olga. I study at 6 B. I go to school 6 days a week. I get up early. I live far from School and go to school by bus. I usually have 5 lessons a day. Sometimes we have concerts and competitions. In the picture you can see how I am preparing for English.



Belarus, Skidel Gymnasia



Qatar Academy



During every school day, our grade first goes to homeroom. After getting attendance in homeroom, the class starts to move to the first period. Nearly every day, all the students pass through the main foyer at least two to three times. The school is full of exciting places to visit. The best places where friends hang out are the main Foyer and the Diamond and the Library. Once every often, the school hosts a Bake Sale and most students go and enjoy the food.

During school, students learn new things and, if you were naughty that day, you get detentions from certain teachers who think that you misbehaved during class. During a normal school day, you experience some tiredness since most of the time you have to change floors from one class to another, in less than 5 minutes. But overall, Qatar academy is a very educational and enjoyable school.



Doha, Qatar, Qatar Academy

Austin, Texas, USA

Leading Trinity

This is the Head of Trinity, Mr. Dukehart and his wife. This is Mr. Dukehart's first year as head of Trinity.



Mr. Jenkins is the Middle School Principal.

Our 5th and 6th grade classes recently went on a field study to Washington D.C. This is me (Meryl) with my friend, Emilie, on the plane!!! As you can see we were both happy. My hair was a little bit messed up!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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This is a picture of my friend
Quinntin and me. I am the one
with the Simpsons shirt and
Quinntin is the one in front of
the camera. We are at
Mt. Vernon. It is where the first
president of the U.S. lived and
where he is buried.

This is a picture with my friends and me. I
am the one at the very end on the right. We
are at the Arlington cemetery. This place
has many brave people who died fighting
for the U.S., the eternal flame, and the
changing of the guards.



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This is a picture of my class (I'm the one with the braces and blue headband) waiting in line for information about the cemetery and to see when they do the changing of the guards. Our tour guide is the one with the blue shirt.

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This was when we went to the air and space museum in Washington DC. I loved this picture because the air and space museum was very fun and very big! We saw lot and lots of really cool planes, we even saw Concord, a very fast passenger plane. We also went into the simulator which was big, and looked like a rollercoaster pod.

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Washington DC was the best field trip I have ever had in my life. I saw the old train station, the Washington Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, and we even got a private tour of the Capitol Building. We even got to see the play Fiddler on the Roof and have a really fancy dinner. Washington DC was really fun because I was also with all of my friends. We even got to eat lunch by ourselves. It was the best field trip in the world. At least until another out of the state field trip.

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This is our class in front of the white house. We were not able to go in because of safety reasons. Yet we were glad to be able to see it. And because of 9/11 nobody can drive any vehicles there and has now become just a place to walk and a very big tourist attraction.

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CULTURE



Here in Qatar, there are a lot of Muslims, so many wear the scarf. Since it is hot in Qatar, they wear a black fabric that isn't thick. It is called an abiah. They wear the same type of fabric to cover their heads. These are called shailas. Abiahs and shailas come in different designs.



Qatari men wear a jalabiah, this is white loose fabric. They also wear fabric, sometimes white and sometimes red and white on their heads and a black loop to hold it.

Qatar has many celebrations all in one year. One of the most important is Eid. Eid happens twice a year after Ramadan, but Ramadan happens only once. The first one is at the beginning of the year and the second in near the end. The two Eids are Eid Al-Fitr, and Eid Al-Adha. This is a time for all the people in Qatar, Muslims or not, get to celebrate, get off work and school, and enjoy the colourful lights and fireworks that happen in Qatar. This is a time for Muslims to go with their families, and be happy. The children are the happiest of all because they get money and gifts from their relatives. One of the greetings said to everyone, during this time is Eid Mubarak. That means have a good Eid. Eid is usually three to four days. In this period, people and children have no school and some have no work and enjoy Eid. There are festivals where people can eat Arabic food and get Henna.



This is a photograph of a University of Texas Longhorns jersey. The UT football team that signed the jersey are the champions of 2005-2006. Football is considered a part of the American culture in many states!!!



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Washington D.C.

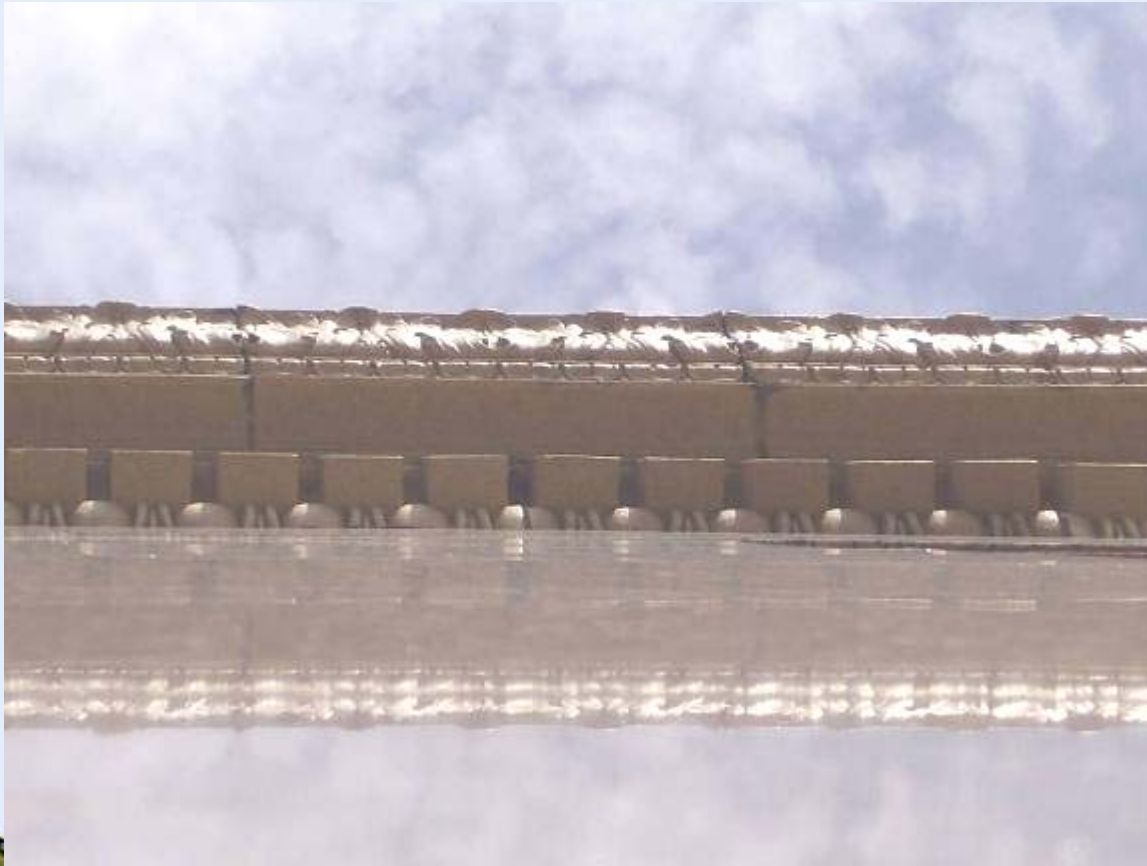


Just a little bit ago, my class and the fifth grade went to Washington D.C. I really liked the trip, and among my favorite parts was visiting the Capitol Building. We got to go inside and take a tour. We even got to go into the rotunda directly under the Statue of Freedom. It was really cool! We also got to see the original spot George Washington was to be buried, even though he was buried at his Mount Vernon home instead.

Overall, this was my favorite part of the trip.

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What do YOU see in the Reflecting Pool?



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This is a picture of the White House. This is where the President of the United States of America lives. His family also lives here. Most of the building is underground, but there is also an east and west wing. Those wings aren't in this picture because they were too big for the frame. He and his family live above ground in the 2nd and 3rd floors of the White House. It's a pretty big place.



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Below is the entrance to the
Arlington Cemetery in
Washington, D.C. and the site
of the Tomb of the Unknown
Soldier



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I like these two pictures because they remind me of the best times I had in Washington D.C. My picture of Abraham Lincoln because it was the most interesting monument that I saw. It was a lot bigger than I thought it would be. The picture of my friends in the airplane is here because riding the airplane was the funniest of all of them. We never went to see the Washington monument but we saw it from far away; it also was taller than I thought.

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Hello and welcome to the Washington Capitol virtual tour. Your tour guide today will be Emilie Sohl. Hello and welcome my name is Emilie Sohl and I recently have gone to Washington D.C. with my class and the 5th grade. I know a great amount of information since I had a professional tour guide in Washington D.C. that was previously a news journalist for the White House.



The pictures shown above are of the Capitol building in Washington D.C. The center of the building is the exact center point where the west, east, north, and south directions meet. The main center picture above is the main hall in the Capitol building. On the right is a picture of the rotunda. The rotunda is the dome at the top of the building. On the left is a picture of one of the beautiful chandeliers in one of the mini domes.

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Thank you to all of our contributors!!!

Pictures do indeed tell stories. By sharing pictures with students across the world, the Westerly students hope that we can gain an understanding and appreciation of others' lives, perspectives, and realities.

