What do you like best about your community?



I like church best in my community because of Sunday school.

Nevaeh Lane, Kindergarten, Hilton Elementary School, Ms. Edwards

I like the school best in my community because I like to see my friends.

Hunter Salyer, Kindergarten, Hilton Elementary School, Ms. Edwards

My family and I like the mountains because we can see a lot of trees. We can look for waterfalls.

Cadence Scott, 1st grade, Hilton Elementary School, Mrs. Light

I like living in Nickelsville because I get to fish and hunt.

Ethan Lane, 2nd grade, Nickelsville Elementary School, Mrs. Gilmer

I like living in the Rock Springs community because I have fun neighbors. I live close to where I take gymnastics. I live very, very close to my friend's house. I have a big back yard. Rock Springs is a great place to learn.

Isla Lewis, 2nd grade, Rock Springs Elementary School, Ms. Charlton

I like my community because I can go to Warriors Path State Park and Patrick Henry Dam. I can go to the YMCA and the grocery store, too.

Brody Rowland, 2nd grade, Rock Springs Elementary School, Ms. Charlton

My favorite thing about living in Blackwater is that Nana lives beside me. I can ride my four-wheeler to her house and when I get there, I go inside and see her. I go back home before my four wheeler stops. I like living beside my Nana in Blackwater.

Carter Austin, 3rd grade, Duffield Primary School, Ms. Hurd

My favorite thing about living in Duffield is that there is Natural Tunnel State Park. There are lots of mountains. When I go to the park, I love all of the trees. Sometimes, we go for walks and have cookouts at the park. Duffield is my favorite place.

Abby Mae Shumpert, 3rd grade, Duffield Primary School, Ms. Hurd

Have you ever wondered why you love your community? Well I have, and here is why. One thing I like about Colonial Heights are the fun activities. There are lots of fun things to do in Colonial Heights. You can go to the lake and go water skiing. Another thing I like about Colonial Heights is that my family and friends live here. I have a lot of family and friends that live here and I always enjoy hanging out with them. I always love going to Warriors Path State

Park. I always love going there because there's lots of stuff to do there like hiking, fishing, boating, golfing, soccer, and having fun at the park. I really love living in Colonial Heights!

Jack Soltis, 4th grade, Miller Perry Elementary School, Ms. Jeffers

Let's see what I like best about Colonial Heights. First thing I like about Colonial Heights is the location. I like it because the trees, animals, flowers, and the mountains. There just so pretty. Next thing is family and friends. I like it because they sweet, kind, helpful, and funny. Last but not least, is Warriors Path State Park. I love it because there's a pool. Plus, I took swimming lessons with my friends. That's what I think is best part about Colonial Heights.

Olivia Yankee, 4th grade, Miller Perry Elementary School, Ms. Jeffers

What I like best about my community is all of my friendly neighbors. Most of my neighbors have lived here for a long time and will never move. Sometimes we have cookouts and bonfires to help build our friendship. We also help each other in time of need.

Because of these reasons, I am happy to live here.

David Doran, 5th grade, Weber City Elementary School, Mrs. Webb

I like my community because it has nice neighbors and lovely landscape. The view in my community is great. I can play with my neighbors and their dogs. I live close to my friends, so we can play soccer. When winter comes I can sled down the hills.

Alexandra Olson, 5th grade, Elydale Elementary School, Mrs. Lisa/Ms. Jones

I like Nickelsville because my neighbors don't litter and I like fall festivals. It is fun and you win big prizes. I like Nickelsville Days because they get inflatables and you get to play on them for free with your friend at the park in Nickelsville.

Jimmy Pascual, 5th grade, Nickelsville Elementary School, Ms. Fraley

What I like best about my community is that everyone is so friendly. In South Carolina, you always were frowned at by New Yorkers that moved there, but here you always get a smile and rarely a frown. I also like the fact you are not being honked at all the time. My favorite part is that you always see a wave. That is what I like the best about my community.

Mahala Storm, 5th grade, Yuma Elementary School, Ms. Mullins

I like my community because we help one another. When people are in need we will go help them. I am so glad our community does this. I sometimes go help our neighbor beside my house. She is so sweet when I come over. I love my community.

Abbie Taylor, 5th grade, Nickelsville Elementary School, Ms. Fraley

Some of the things I like best about my community are the church activities and the recreation sports. I do two things each week at my church, Weber City First Baptist. One is on Monday and called Zip, and the other is on Wednesday called Awana. We have a lot of fun learning about God. Basketball is also my favorite recreational sport that we play in our community. Last year, my



team won for the best record. Our picture was in the Scott County Virginia Star. Of all the things my community does, these are my two favorite things.

Natalie Vicars, 5th grade, Weber City Elementary School, Mrs. Webb

What I like best about my community is that we are proud of our team. For example, we all go to football games and we loudly and proudly cheer them on. On Friday, everyone dresses in our school colors of blue and orange. Sometimes we take posters and hang them up to show our support. That's what I like about my community. Go Union!

Gabby Gray, 6th grade, Powell Valley Middle School, Ms. Johnson

What do you like best about your community? Mine would be having a safe community. I like having a safe community because I know that I'm not in any danger. Although, I know they're some chances that something bad might happen, nothing has happened in a long time. I'm so grateful for having a great environment to grow up in because some people don't have that luxury. This is what I like best about my community.

Jaden Hagy, 6th grade, Yuma Elementary School, Ms. Mullins

I love where I live because I can ride my horses and four-wheeler. Another reason I love where I live is because I have a beautiful view of the mountain, and even though I live far away from the road it only takes a few minutes to go see my grandparents, or go to the barn to see my horses. I wouldn't trade where I live for the world.

Karlie Jones, 6th grade, Elydale Elementary School, Mrs. Becky/Ms. Jones

What I like about my community is the landscape. The Appalachian Mountains and their beauty are what Big Stone Gap is mostly known for. Everybody I know that is not from Big Stone Gap always comments on the beautiful mountains that we have. In fact, the mountains are what attracts most people to Big Stone. My uncle, who lives in Florida, always says he loves to come visit the beautiful mountains when he is in town. The mountains are and always will be my favorite thing about my community.

Brandon Kelly, 7th grade, Powell Valley Middle School, Ms. Johnson

Some of the things I like best about my community are the beautiful scenery, the nice people, and my favorite, the Lee Theater. I like these things for many reasons. I love to see the leaves falling in the fall and the blossoms in the spring. I also love to meet people and watch the wonderful shows at the theater. This is what I like about my community.

Abigail Edwards, 8th grade, Pennington Middle School, Mrs. Edwards/Ms. Clark

The best thing about my community is that we have a lot of land. My sister, Taylor, and I play softball quite often. It is really fun. It is just like an actual softball field but with grass! Another thing that I like about my community is that many of my friends live here too! We always play softball or swim in the community pool. These are the reasons why I like my community.

Allison Hobbs, 8th grade, Pennington Middle School, Mrs. Edwards/Ms. Clark

Every community is peculiar in their own way, either in the variety of different neighbors, or being the assorted flower beds at each house. I live in Surgoinsville, Tennessee, beloved by many citizens and even me. One of my favorite parts about my neighborhood is all the charming people that live in my small peculiar town, and in that town is my successful school, Surgoinsville Middle School. I cherish every moment I spend in my school and my community that I love so dearly.

Natalie Templeton, 8th grade, Surgoinsville Middle School, Mrs. Hensley

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