



InvestiGators

Meet the Newspaper Staff

Beatriz Stephania Padilla Castro

Hello my name is Beatriz Stephania Padilla Castro. I was born on March 30, 2013, in Holy Cross Hospital, but my mom is from Brazil and my dad is from Honduras. I have one half-sister, one half-brother and one full sister. Right now I am in 5th grade, I'm also ten years old. I love to read and write. I am a Glenallan student. My hobbies are tennis, swimming, playing the saxophone, playing the piano and playing with my baby sister. At recess I usually play 4 square. In my free time I read.

I lived in Brazil for two years. My whole family either lives in the United States or Brazil. My favorite actress/singer is Selena Gomez. My favorite band is R5, Zendaya. My favorite songs are Replay, Pass Me By, Climb, Hurricane and Come and Get It. I always remember to be myself.

Lauren Cacho

Hi my name is Lauren, and I have two brothers named Nigel and Malcolm. I love animals and I love to dance. My favorite subjects in school are reading and writing. I am the only one in my family that does not play a sport. Instead I take dance lessons. My favorite dance is jazz.

Hope Martin

Hi my name is Hope Martin. I am ten years old, and I live in Glenmont Circle. My home country is Scotland. My dad's name is David Martin and my mom's name is Laura Jean Kailing. I have a step mom named Helen Bentz, and she has a husband named Patrick Bentz. They have a dog named Mirror; she is twelve years old. My sister is Olivia; she is

eleven.

Marie-Elizabeth Kabeya

Hi my name is Marie-Elizabeth Kabeya. I live with my mom and my grandparents. I was born on April 8, 2003, at Georgetown Hospital in D.C. I love to eat hamburgers and hot dogs. My favorite animals are dogs and horses. My family is from a country in Africa called Congo. I go to school at Glenallan Elementary. In my free time I love to play Minecraft. My favorite hobbies are swimming, gymnastics, and dancing. I'm in the 5th grade, and my teacher's name is Ms. Jameson. My favorite singers/bands are R5, Zendaya, and Bridgit Mendler. My three favorite songs are Pass Me By, Replay, and Top of the World.

Nigel Cacho

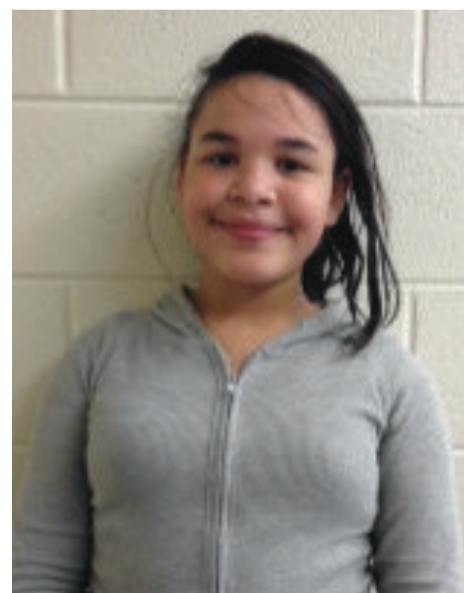
Hi my name is Nigel. I was born at Holy Cross Hospital. My mom was born in Jamaica, and my dad was born in Trinidad and Tobago. My favorite subject is writing. I like writing because sometimes I like to make fiction stories.

Malik Ayari

My name is Malik Ayari, and I am a great Glenallan Gator. I love S.T.E.M. because it has to do with science. I love P.E. because I get a lot of exercise. In 2012, I took art lessons. During my art lessons, I drew pictures of all kinds of things. Computers are important to me because I get to play games, and a lot of information comes from the computer. Now you know about me.

Ezra Gashaw

My name is Ezra Gashaw. I was born in Ethiopia on October 24, 2004. I have two goldfish, and they have lived for three years. I came to the U.S.A. when I was three. I love toys, planes, animals, and helicopters. I also love writing and drawing. I have a happy life!!!



Yasmína Lowther

Hi, my name is Yasmína Lowther. I'm a Glenallan student. My favorite things to do are swimming and sleepovers. My favorite food is dumplings. My favorite animal is a dolphin, and my favorite sport is soccer. I love soccer!! I've been on a soccer team for three years. I also love to play on my iPod. I have one brother named Tyler and one sister named Nile.

I was born in New York City. I usually visit New York once a month. My mom is from Ethiopia and my dad is from America. I really miss my old friends in P.S.9, and I hope to see them again. This is my second year at Glenallan, and I'm happy to be here!! I love Glenallan and will always love it. I've been to Italy, Germany, and Zurich. I hope you love the newspaper!!

Zareena Carrillo

Hi my name is Zareena Carrillo. I am nine years old, and I love music especially One Direction. I also enjoy writing too! I was so happy to become a Glenallan Gator! This new school is beautiful, and I hope we can keep it that way. I used to go to William Tyler Page Elementary school.

One thing I absolutely love to do in my spare time is to shop! I love to go shopping anytime or anywhere! My favorite food is pasta. I also like to relax with a large book; ghost stories are my favorite. I have one sister named Rihana. I have been horseback riding before so my favorite animal is a horse! I am from India.

Tyler Donald

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play a lot on the football field.

Sonia Vasquez

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Me Ana Smith

Hello, my name is Ana Smith, I am 11 years old in 5th grade, and I enjoy drawing art. I like to draw things like people or settings like a sunset. What I like most of all is drawing flowers. When I draw flowers I make patterns. Patterns help me show my creativity which inspires me to draw my flowers. My flowers might look a little different which makes me feel special. When I show my art, people are amazed by how incredible it looks. So drawing flowers makes me feel creative and special in my own way. I got inspired once by looking at a flower named a dogwood. I based my flower off the dogwood, and that's how I learned to draw these flowers. I like expressing myself through art and I love it.

by: Ana Smith

Two Things About Me

Hey. My name is Karem Sandagorda, and I like to draw. I like drawing somewhere comfortable when I'm bored. I like drawing cartoon characters, things that are imaginary, or real life. The reason I like to draw is because it inspires me to increase my imagination. One time I drew something really funny which was when I watched this video. After that I started drawing at the same time I was still thinking about the Halloween video I watched. So I started drawing the characters and made it like a comic about Halloween night. Another thing about me is that I like to read books. Reading also inspires me and makes me not want to put a really good book down because I'm really getting into the book's main idea. I like reading when I'm bored or when I have nothing else to do. I like reading books about fantasy and mysteries, but most of all I like reading chapter books with no pictures because I like imagining the pictures in my head.

Many times while I am trying to read, my mom or dad keep on bothering me. Like this one time when I just started reading on my bed, and my mom called me to eat lunch. Then after I ate my lunch I went back to my reading. After I read about, umm, let's see one word she called me to help her with something. Then after that time she kept on calling me like five times in a row, but on the last time she called me I yelled, "I'm trying to read here!" and she never bothered me again when I was reading. That is two things about me.

by: Karem Sandagorda

All About Olivia

Hello, my name is Olivia. I'm 10 years old, and I am in fourth grade. I have one sibling, and my birthday is March fourth. I like to do a lot of things. I like to travel with my family. I have been to Florida. Once it took me a long time because I went by car! It took me 18 hours to get there. I went there for family vacation. There my family and I went to Sea World and Disney World. It was so much fun! Traveling is very cool. I also like art. Art is so much fun. That is why I like Art. I do it a lot. I like to draw flowers. I draw about what I like. Art is awesome! I also have a puppy. My Dad got the dog from his friend. She's a girl, and we named her Sasha. She's so cute. I got her on my brother's birthday, but we got her for the whole family. Everyone loved her. I love Sasha! My life is awesome! This is my life.

by: Olivia Rosemond

About Me

Hi, my name is Joseline Chicas. One of the things I like to do is draw. One of the reasons I like drawing is because it makes me more creative. I also like to draw what is in my imagination. I draw when I am bored. I like drawing in places that are a little bit quiet. The first time I drew was when I was 7 years old. I drew something that I really didn't know what it was. Since then, I have been getting better and better at drawing. I never give up. One time I drew a puppy. Sometimes I draw things that are in comics or books. I make up characters. I love drawing. In conclusion, my favorite thing to do is draw because it is fun for me, I can draw whatever I

want, and it makes me comfortable.

by: Joseline Chicas Rodriguez

All About Me

Hello my name is Lidia Chicas, I am 11 years old, and am in 5th grade. I love many hobbies, but my all-time favorites would have to be hiking and traveling. Some of my favorite places are Toronto and Ontario in Canada, and Rome in Italy. When I went to Italy, it was winter time in the U.S and as soon as we landed in the weather completely changed, it became very warm unlike how it was in the U.S when we took off. I enjoyed that trip very much. When I went to Canada it was also a very fun trip because as I said, I enjoy hiking. When we went to Canada we made many stops, and when we got off I saw many things that we normally do not see in Maryland. Near our hotel was an artificial volcano! In almost every corner there were painting booths where they would paint a picture of you in different types and forms with cool colors. Another thing that I enjoyed is when we went to eat. The people there were very polite, and the restaurants were some of the best that I have ever tried. I did enjoy my trip to Canada and Italy and I hope you enjoyed learning about them.

by: Lidia Chicas

Me

My name is Sofia. I come from El Salvador. I have one sister named Andrea. She is 3 years old. I have 4 cousins named Daniel (Jr), Veronica (Vito), Miguel (Migualito), and Valentina. I love to swim, dance, sing, and play with my little sister. I am a good swimmer. It was difficult at first but then I got the hang of it. I love to dance and sing.

by: Sofia Gallardo Cruz

All About Me

My name is Blossom Jean, and I love to do activities in general, but especially with my family. It's really interesting to me because I have 5 sisters and 6 brothers, not including me. Having a big family is very fun because you always have something entertaining you. I really like baking. Sometimes I create my own recipes, like if I'm baking cake, I would add fruity pebbles with the batter. If I'm baking biscuits, I'll

make them in different shapes. I like to be creative by drawing, doing crafts, cooking, and even making different things up. One time my cousin and I were baking a cake, but we didn't have icing! I tried to make icing myself by putting in cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar, and a little milk. It tasted great with the cake!

That's why I love trying new things and finding another way to create things.

by:
Blossom Jean

Jackie

My name is Jackie Chicas. I love drawing a lot because you are free to do anything you want and express yourself. I like drawing new characters that I make up. I like drawing everything. I learned how to draw by watching videos on how to draw animals and have been drawing since I was 6 years old. At first I didn't draw well, but I kept on trying until I got it. One time I drew something funny which actually turned out to be good. I also like making jokes with my friends. I mostly make jokes when I am bored. I come up with new jokes that I make up. Sometimes I don't know when I'm about to make a joke, they just come to me, and my friends always start laughing. In conclusion, these are some of my favorite things to do.

by: Jackie Chicas

What I Like

Hi my name is Andy Nguyen. I like to go fishing in both the afternoon and night so I can catch more fish. Once I almost got pulled into the ocean by a big fish when I was 6 years old I think. My Dad had to help me. We got the fish on land. We go fishing in Virginia and Maryland. I like to watch sports, Bajan Canadian, SSundee, ZombieGaming212, and ASF Jerome who are YouTubers. I like to watch them because they are funny. They all play Minecraft. I always wanted Minecraft which is close to \$30. Minecraft is fun. I can play by myself or with other people. I also like to play Hunger games and capture the flag. The ip address for this server is thenexusmc.net. You can be on YouTube. :D But the Bajan might chop you up or the bacca might get you. I like to eat crabs and drink Mountain Dew. I eat my crabs steamed. Now my mouth is watering. I like to be weird sometimes. J My favorite candy is Starburst. It is so juicy. I like orange flavor the best.

by: Andy Nguyen
All About Me

Hi my name is Mareme, I'm in 4th

grade, and I'm 10 years old. I like to cook. I was cooking one day with my sister in my house. We were baking a chocolate cake. My sister forgot to put in the sugar. When the cake was done, I did not realize it didn't have sugar and I took a bite. One day my friend and I were making some cupcakes. When we put them in the oven we were watching TV so we forgot about the cupcakes. When we went to the kitchen the cupcakes were burned.

by: **Marem Keita**

All About Me

My name is Carolyn. I'm 10 years old and in fourth grade. I mostly use pencils for my drawing. I like to draw for fun and for my own interest. I mostly use pencils for drawing. I like to draw things like part of a book and sometimes anything random. I also like to read for information and for fun. I like to read fantasy books too for example I like to read Geronimo Stilton books. I like to play tag because it's fun. I get exercise and also I play tag on the black top in school. My life is great!

by: **Carolyn Pham**

My Life

Hi my name is Fabiola. I like to tell people where I am from. I am from a country in Central America it is called El Salvador. All my family is from El Salvador, and we speak Spanish. When I found out that I was coming here I felt sad. I felt sad because I was not going to see my friends, family, and pets. When I came here it was 2009, and I was five years old. The airport that I went to is in Dallas, Texas. It was my first time in an airplane. When the airplane was landing I got really scared but my dad said, "Don't be scared". When I was out of the plane I was still scared and sleepy. When we got out of the airport, I asked my dad about who was taking us to our new home. He said my aunts Cecilia and Azusena would take us to our apartment. I was sleepy so my parents put me in bed and I was already asleep. When I woke up I felt sad because I was not in my old home. So from that day I just called my family and friends on the phone or chatted on the computer so I wouldn't miss them so much. That is the story of my life!

by: **Fabiola Abigail Lopez**

My Favorite Things in Life

Hello my name is Jordan Makayla Couser. I'm going to tell you about my family first. I have 1 brother, 3 sisters, and of course my parents and me. Their names are Janiya, Jaida, Justice, Joshua, Jermaine and Satisha. There, I introduced

my family so now I am going to introduce myself. First, I'm going to tell you what I like. I like movies, pizza, fruit, I can eat anything, but I don't like eggs or grits. My favorite movie is *The Boy in The Striped Pajamas*. It takes place during World War II and during the movie we meet two important characters Shmuel and Bruno. Bruno becomes friends with Shmuel and then Shmuel's father goes missing. So that is my favorite movie. Now I am going to tell you about my favorite family members. My favorite family members are my mom and dad. They are my favorite because they get me everything I need and help when I am down. My parents are always there for me and I love my parents with all my heart. Next I am going to tell you about my friends. My friends are Johnee, James, Dana, Christie, Amy, Maggie, Russa, Malock, Kaylan, Maha, Alexandra, Monica, and lots more that I really can't name but just know I have a lot of friends. Those are my favorite things in life.

by: **Jordan Couser**

Me

Hi, my name is Tiffany. I came from a country in West Africa called Cameroon. I speak French. I have four siblings: 1 brother and 3 sisters. My brother is 16 and my older sister is 18. The second oldest is 18 and the youngest is 17. My best friends Elie and Maddie are also like my sisters. Maddie and I are great friends. We met in 1st grade. We are always trying to be partners and when we're not we always try to sit next to each other. Even at able groups we want to be next to each other. Sometimes we fight but what best friends don't? But the bottom line is that I love her like a sister. Maddie and I always try to see when we can have a play date. I really hope it happens. Elie and I are also great friends. We met in summer camp, but when she came to school we knew we had met before but didn't know when or where. So, I gave her a little test to prove that we had met before. I asked her if she knew about the recreation center close to our house and she said, "Yes, that's where my camp was". Then I said, "I knew we had met before." Then she said, "Oohh!". So I'm Tiffany and this is part of my life.

by: **Tiffany Ntondi**

All About Me

Hi my name is Karina s Alvarenga Chicas. My favorite color is light blue because it is the color of two cute pet birds that I got for Christmas from my mom and my sister. Another fact about me is that my favorite food is tacos and pizza because me and my friend Fabiola went to a restaurant and we ordered tacos, and now it is my favorite food.

by: **Karina Alvarenga Chicas**

