Our Community

What’s near our school?
Learn about people and places near Explorer
A community is a system. It has many parts that work together to perform a function. Room 2 students visited places around our Liberty Station neighborhood to learn about how different members of the community contribute to the whole community. In groups, the children first brainstormed and listed all the places they knew of in Liberty Station. I made some phone calls to see who we could visit and interview. The children generated questions. In six groups, they toured the places and interviewed people that work there. They took pictures along the way and pictures inside the buildings. We videotaped the interviews and took some notes. Each of the students wrote an article about the place they visited, and together with their group, made a special page, like an ad, a game, or a painting. It was their first experience as journalists. They are very proud of their magazine. We hope these articles help you learn more about our Liberty Station community.

Patricia Lim

Editor
Vons Rocks

By Annia

It was a beautiful day when Kai, Morgan, Juan, and I went to Vons. On the way we saw Trader Joe’s. Vons has Starbucks, a sushi place, a bakery, and a cheese place. It has a fruit and veggie place and it has a lot. If you want, you would love it so much that you would buy and buy and buy. I interviewed a girl called Angela. We asked the questions and she answered the questions. She had very good answers. She said people need Vons to get food and drinks to survive. They give money to people that have cancer. Angela helps customers not pay a lot. Vons was built in Liberty Station because it seemed like a good place to build it. I think Vons is a good place to buy food and drinks.

Vons

By Kai

The baker gave Juan, Annia, Morgan, and I a cookie. At another part of Vons, somebody gave us strawberries. We interviewed Angela, a cashier at Vons. We said, “How do you contribute to the community? How do you help the community?” She said, “We give money to people that have cancer.” The second person said, “How do you do your job?” She said, “I am a cashier. I charge people the right amount of money and give them change.” Then the third person asked, “Why did you want to work here?” Angela said, “It seems like a good job.” The fourth person said, “Who do you help?” She said, “People who come to Vons.” The first person again said, “What are the different places in your building and what are they for?” Angela said, “Dry foods,
cold foods, wet foods, hard foods, and soft foods.” The second person again said, “Why do people need this place?” Angela said, “Because without food, people won’t be healthy.” The third person again said, “Why did you want to put this here?” She said, “Because it seemed like a good place to build it.” I liked the people because they are nice.

Our Trip  By Morgan

We were walking to Vons. I was with Annia, Juan, and Kai. First we interviewed Angela. She showed us around the building. She showed us the bakery, the dry foods, the cheese, and a lot more. We sat out at the tables. We wrote things that she said like Vons gives a little bit of food and money. She is a checker. She was working at Vons for 35 years! She helps a lot of customers. People need this place to get food and energy. Angela put this place here because it looks like a good place to put it.

Vons  By Juan

Vons is a grocery store. They have flowers that are not real. There is food and there are things that help people. They have toys, but mostly food. They have a sushi and cheese station, and a coffee area. There is a cake area with a ladybug cake that is really tall.
Vons has some vegetables that came from farms. There was one map and if you already know Vons, do not use the Vons map. It used to be an old naval station, then they turned it into a store that was named Vons. There is no free stuff from Vons. Angela is a checker there, because it is a good place to work. She helps the customers. She checks the prices. She helps people by telling them directions about where to go. She gives great smiles. Vons gives food to people that have cancer. Vons is next to our school. I like Vons because I can meet nice people and they give us sweet strawberries and they give people food.
Books! Books! Books!

By Ella

On Wednesday, April 25, 2012, our class (in groups) went to different places in Liberty Station. My group went to the Yellow Book Road. On the way, we took pictures of different places in our community. We asked Vicki (the person we interviewed) questions and she answered them. This bookstore helps the community by helping children find books and giving events. Vicki unpacks boxes, puts data in the computers, helps customers, loves children’s books, and helps everyone. We had a great time. In the bookstore, there were high shelves and low ones. There were 25 to 30,000 books. There were puppets. This bookstore is in Barracks 19. It’s a small bookstore with only one room. We saw the manager. The people that worked there wanted to move the Yellow Book Road to Liberty Station because they had the bookstore at a different place. It was on the side of the road and people could not walk in. They wanted to put the place there because they wanted people to walk in. The people we met were really friendly. It’s a nice little place and the books looked like they had good stories.

These are the people we met at the Yellow Book Road, Vicki and Ann.
The Book Store Visit

By Rigel

I at first thought Yellow Book Road was a library, but when I went inside I figured out it was a book store. A banner is on the arch. The person we interviewed was named Vicky. Vickey helps people find books. She unpacks books. She works there because she likes books a lot. She helps everyone. Yellow Book Road is a cool place to get books.

Yellow Book Road

By Sicilia

The Yellow Book Road sells books to everyone. It has 25 to 30,000 books. The Yellow Book Road has puppets. This book store helps the community by helping children find books. This book store is close to a café. I want to go to the Yellow Book Road with my family.
Panera Bread

By Mikaila

This is Panera Bread. We went on Wednesday, April 27, 2012. Our tour guide’s name was Eric. He was very nice. There is bread, cookies, and lots of other treats at Panera Bread. Panera means bread time. Dwight, Paloma, Peter, and I asked some questions: How do you contribute to the community? How do you do your job? Why did you want to work here? Who do you help? What are the different places in the building? Why do people need this place? Why did you want to put this place here? Eric said Panera donates food and helps people, and is very nice. They also serve food. There is a bathroom, coffee stand, kitchen, and a drink stand. We need a place to relax and eat. Eric likes being next to all the schools.
Food on the Go

By Paloma

Panera is a place that donates food like cookies, bread, and lots of other stuff. Panera is both a bakery and restaurant. We met someone who’s name is Eric. Eric’s a manager. There is a place to get a drink, coffee, a patio, a place you can eat, and a kitchen. People need Panera to relax and eat. People that work there cook, bake, collect money, and serve food. When I go to Panera, I like to look at the cookies.

About Panera

By Peter

This guy named Eric showed us around this place called Panera Bread. Eric is really nice. There’s a coffee place and a drink place. You can get ice from there. There is a bathroom next to the drink place. We got Panera Bread hats. We got pastries too. They were really good. They donate food to people. They have to be nice to do their job. If they are not nice to people
then they won't do the job and they will have no job. They will be really sad and that will be sad that they don't have any job. They will want a job, just any job they can find. They won't be able to get yummy pastries, so that's why they need to be nice to people, so they could do their job. People need Panera so they could go to the bathroom, get drinks that are yummy and food from that place. The food, cookies, and pastries are yummy too. There's some honey on the counter, I think to make the tea and coffee sweet. And people, I think eat it plain with cups and bowls. I liked my trip to Panera. We took pastries to school.

Bread! Bread!
Bread!

By Junior

In Panera, I saw cookies and bread. In Panera, they cook. The coffee place is where they get coffee. We talked to Eric and we interviewed Eric. There are people. They sit on chairs. Eric helps people and customers. They love to eat.
Get some awesome bread at Panera Bread

Help the waiter get the food to the customer.
HITHA, A Big School

By Nathan

We went to HTHI. It was big, really really big. When I went in, it was so big that I opened my mouth. We looked every place. I liked it in there. There was a lot of things for a yard sale. They sell stuff. People buy stuff. There were some bird houses. There were a lot of flowers.

There was an art room. We met teenagers. There were a lot of teenagers. There were big stairs. There were things like patios. There were sea creatures. There was a flag. There was a toy bumble bee on a tree. There was a washing machine. There were a lot of people in HTHI. We interviewed Sofia’s mom. Her office had a big painting. There was another painting. She helps teenagers if they have a problem. She likes teenagers. The school is there because she wanted the schools to be close to each other. HTHI is cool. I liked the big school. We all liked the big school. Everyone likes it. HTHI is a good school because they help the Earth and they help the teenagers do fun stuff.

This is Sofia’s mom in front of HTH International. It is very old. It has lots of art.

My Mom

By Sofia

One day, my friends Nathan, Angie, and Luke got to go to my mom’s school. My mom helps teenagers. Most days my mom is in her office. My mom works here because she likes teenagers. The places in the school are for learning. People need this place to learn. We need this place here to be together. HTHI is a school. It has lots of art. It has 400 students. My mom is a dean.
Sofia’s Mom’s Work  By Luke

Sofia, Nathan, Angie, and I went to High Tech High International. It had stuff made out of trash. We saw some kids doing their science projects. It also had a Spanish class, science class, and art class. We interviewed Sofia’s mom. These were some of the questions: Who do you help? The answer was teenagers. Another question was why did you want to work here? The answer was because she likes teenagers. Another question was why do people need this place. The answer was kids need to learn. Another question was how do you contribute to the community? How do you help the community? The answer was she helps teenagers. Another question was what are the different places in your building and what are they for? The answer was classrooms are for kids to learn. And another question was why did you want to put this place here? The answer was so little schools and big schools can be together. Another question was how do you do your job? The answer was she stays in her office just in case kids need help. After the interview, we walked back to Explorer. I think Melissa’s job is fun!

HTHI  By Angie

Sofia, Luke, Nathan, and I went to the patio. I talked to Sofia’s mom. She helps teenagers. She helps teenagers because she likes teenagers. She stays in her office. When kids need help, she helps. People are at HTHI because they need to learn.
Find a group of three teenagers and someone on the computer. Can you find a Chinese symbol? Find a fish.
This is the statue next to Malashock School. The statue is of a girl doing ballet. It has been there for a very long time. I enjoy it a lot.

Molly’s Dance Station

By Maya

Kera, Diego, Weldon, and I went to Malashock Dance School. The windows were made of glass and the floors were sticky. There was about 8 inches under the sticky floors that have springs under them. The elevators were clear. Molly was the person we interviewed. Molly was super nice. Molly helps a lot of people with disabilities. She also helps people who get entertained by shows. I think there are lots of interesting paintings. I think that it is nice of them to teach dance for free.
The Malashock School has 2 floors. The floor is sticky and te floor is springy. There are bars to do ballet. It is for big and small people. There are 2 mirrors. It is a school for ballet. They teach people how to dance. They help people that are hurt by teaching dance to people with disabilities. We had a nice trip. It was good to see paintings.
Dance Place San Diego

By Kera, Diego, Maya, Weldon

Tempera on paper
Malashock  By Weldon

I interviewed Molly. She was who showed Kera, Maya, Diego, and I around the place. The floor was sticky. They have glass doors. There was an office. When someone gets hurt, there’s a place to go next to the dance room. They go to the gym in the building sometimes. They teach people how to dance. I thought that was fun because I got to see paintings and pictures.

Malashock Dance School
By Kera

I interviewed Molly and she told us all about her. We learned that there were springs in the floor and the floor is sticky so they won’t fall. When the people get hurt, they go to the gym in the building. Sometimes they teach people how to dance even when they are hurt. The people that work there help kids dance. Even I took ballet there!
Ace Hardware Visit  By Ian

Right when we got to Ace Hardware, we saw a water fountain. The woman that introduced herself had a dog and she brought it. She has a toy section and we got to play with some of the toys. She has a garden in the back. Kyle found a doll in the garden. There were lots of tools at Ace Hardware. In a little room, the lady cuts glass. Angela helps people when they don’t know where things are. Angela helps a lot of people like grandmas and grandpas. People need Ace Hardware because they need tools and plants. They put Ace Hardware near our school because there was no Ace Hardware near us. I liked walking to Ace Hardware because I liked running across a field of grass.

Ace is the Place  By Barbara

At Ace Hardware, the manager is nice to people. She helps people find stuff if they don’t know what to get. She let us see ladybugs. She mixed paint with the
computer. The manager helps schools. She donates to them. She has a garden. There are flowers. She cuts glass. She wanted to work there because she wanted to help people find tools. People buy tools and they buy ladybugs for their garden. People can get jobs there and people can get tools.

Let’s Go to Ace Hardware!  By Kyle

I went to Ace Hardware and I saw ladybugs and a machine that cuts glass. They have a garden. They donate. We talked to the manager. She is nice. The manager helps people find things. She likes people. She makes paint. People need Ace Hardware so they can buy tools. Ace Hardware is a place where you can buy paint, screens, a garden, and tools.
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Screwdriver
Hammer
Flower
Chair
Lady Bugs

you have to find
the products on
the side.

Maze