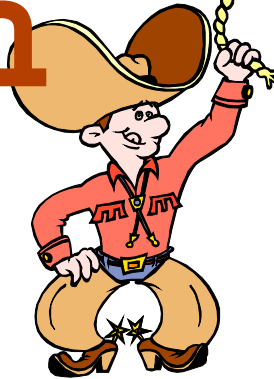


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Roy Municipal Schools

Our new *Lasso* staff this year is made up entirely of Freshmen and — believe it or not — we've been trying to get this first edition out since September! We're happy to finally get it done now just in time for Christmas. We're combining some of the articles we've written all these months, adding a few fun holiday things, and sincerely trying to have something for everyone. So sit back and have a look. We hope you enjoy it!

We started our year with a new superintendent and lots of new students, and we're happy to have every one of them! We asked all of them a few questions. Check it out!

Meet Our New Leader!



Katie Taylor caught up with our new superintendent, **Richard Hazen**, and asked him a few questions. Here's what he had to say:

Do you like being principal? Yes, but it is hard.
Is it what you expected? Yes.

Do you feel this will be a good year? I hope it will.

Do you miss being shop teacher and basketball coach? Yes, I miss being basketball coach because there are good things you learn in basketball. Yes, I miss being shop teacher and watching kids put together project and learning from them.

What made you decide to become principal? The number of years I spent teaching here. I thought it was time to get in the position. I hope I can help kids more because I'd like to.
Has your relationship with the kids changed and have the kids' relationship toward you changed? I like to think it hasn't changed. I have to be more strict. The kids respect me and understand it is for their own good. I have to be fair to everyone. But I am still the same old Hazen.

What do you want to accomplish this year? I want our test scores to improve -- ACT, CTBS, and ASVAB. Also I want to make everyone as happy as I can, but I'm expecting hard work from everyone.

Do you know how some of our favorite toys came about?

Tonka Toys was originally called the Mound Metalcraft Company. It was renamed *Tonka* after Lake Minnetonka, which dominated the scenery around their factory.



Mattel got its name from its two founders -- Harold *Matson* and *Elliot Handler*. Handler was in the picture frame business in L.A. In 1946 he had a bunch of extra frame slats, so he and Matson built doll furniture out of them. Mattel was the first toy company to advertise on national TV. In 1955 they sold toy burp guns on "The Mickey Mouse Club."

from Uncle John's UBR

Welcome To Our New Students

Mike R. Anderson

Grade: 11th

Age: 17

Where did you go to school last: Robertson High

Favorite food: none

Hobbies: rodeo

Brothers and Sisters: 1

Pets: 1 horse

Favorite color: red

Favorite T.V. show: none

Favorite movie: Rat Race

Favorite sport: rodeo

Career: none

Hero: none

Augie Velarde

Grade: 10th

Age: 15

Last school: Helena High

Favorite food: Pizza

Brothers and sisters: Helenacia and Victoria

Favorite subject: math

Pets: 2 dogs and 1 cat

Favorite color: purple and black

Favorite show: Baywatch

Favorite movie: Exorcist

Favorite sport: basketball

What do you want to be when you grow up? He doesn't know yet.

Do you have a hero? Michael Jordon

Do you like it here in Roy? Yes, it's small and not so busy.

Rumaldo Pacheco

Grade: 11th

Age: 16

Previous school: Robertson High (Las Vegas, NM)

Favorite food: Pizza

Brothers & Sisters: none

Favorite subject: none

Hobbies: none

Pets: none

Favorite t.v.: show: none

Favorite Movie: Road Trip

Favorite Sport: football

Hero: none

Justin Hanawalt

Grade: Kindergarten

Age: 5

Where did you go to school last: didn't

Favorite food: Hot dogs

Favorite drink: milk

Brothers and Sisters: Jesse and Tucker

Favorite Subject: Science

Hobbies: Collecting pokemon

Favorite color: Green

Favorite T.V. show: Pokemon

Favorite Movie: Pokemon 2000

Favorite Sport: Football "Titans"

What do you want to be when you grow up:

Scientist

Hero: Scooby

Do you like it here: yes he likes it here because there are building blocks here that he can play with.

Megan Sandoval

Grade: 7th

Age: 12

Where did you go to school last year? Bernalillo Middle School

Favorite food: Cheese Burgers

Brothers and Sisters: Eddie and Alisha

Deherra, and Luke Sandoval

Favorite Subject: Math

Hobbies: Video Games

Pets: Dogs

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite TV Show: Friends

Favorite Movie: The Mexican

Favorite Sport: Basketball

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Lawyer

Hero: Allen Iverson

Do you like school here? Yes

Kimberly Gammelgard

Grade- 9th

Age- 14

Where did you go to school last- Tucumcari

Favorite Food- Italian food

Favorite Drink- Water

Brothers - Sisters- Christina, Sadie, Samantha, James, David, T.J., Brandon, and Jason

Favorite Subject- Math

Hobbies- Clean Room, and to Walk

Favorite Color- Blue and Sliver

Favorite T.V. Show- Third Watch

Favorite Movie- Big Daddy

Favorite Sports- Football

What do you want to be when you grow up-?

Police Woman
Hero- Jocelyn Noel Featherston

Jesse Hanawalt

Grade: 2nd
Age: 7
Where did you go to school last: Conchas Elementary
Favorite food: Pizza
Favorite drink: Sprite
Brothers and Sisters: Justin and Tucker
Favorite Subject: Science
Hobbies: Collecting pokemon
Favorite color: blue
Favorite T.V. show: Digimon Digital Monsters
Favorite Movie: Pokemon 2000
Favorite Sport: Football "Titans"
What do you want to be when you grow up: Scientist
Hero: not at the moment but he is looking
Do you like it here: yes!!!!!!!

William "Matthew" Spurgeon

Grade: 4th
Age: 9
Where did you go to school last year? Conchas
Brothers and Sisters: none
Favorite Subject: Math
Do you like school here? Yes

Audra Rivera

Grade: Kindergarten
Age: 5 years
Last school: preschool
Favorite food: potatoes and corn
Brothers and sisters: Samantha and Roberto
Favorite subject: reading
Hobbies: playing with her family
Pets: dogs
Favorite color: black and maroon
Favorite show: Scooby-do
Favorite sports: Basketball
Favorite movies: Barney
What do you want to be when you grow up? Just like her mom.
Do you have a hero? Yes, her mom and her dad.
Do you like it here in Roy? Yes she likes it a lot.

Aunna Walker

Grade- Kindergarten
Age- 5
Where did you go to school before you came here- Pre-School
Favorite Food- Red Pickles
Brothers and Sisters- Wyatt and Shelby
Favorite Class- Reading and Recess
What do you like to do in your free time- play with my goats
Do you have a pet or pets- what are their names- a bunch of cats, 2 dogs Princess and Pluto, and chickens
Favorite Color- Pink
Favorite T.V. Show- Arthur
What do you want to be when you grow up- A Vet
Do you like school- Yep

Brandon Groth

Grade: sixth grade
Where did you go to school before you came here? Conchas Dam
Favorite food: Chili
Brothers and Sisters: Kim, Samantha, and Christina
Favorite class: Art
What do you like to do in your free time? Paint
Do you have a pet(s)- what are their names? Three dogs- Pacey, Journey, and Lady Bug.
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite TV. Show: Ed, Edd & Eddy
Favorite Movie: Toy Story
Favorite sport: Kickball
What do you want to be when you grow up? Race car driver
Who do you look up to? Mom

Jacob Stanton

Grade- 2nd
Age- 7
Where did you go to school last- Conchas Dam Elementary
Brothers * Sisters- 2 Corey, and Jocelyn
Wishes he had a brother
Favorite Food- Pizza
Favorite Color- Blue
Favorite T.V. Show- Poke Mon
Favorite Movie- The Matrix
Favorite Sport- Football
Hobbies- Beating up Jocelyn and Corey

Pets- 12 Cats and 2 Dogs
What do you want to be when you grow up-?
Policeman
Hero-? No One
Do you like it here-? Yes
If so why- Because he likes the math here, he has a nice teacher, and the kids are cool to him.

Samantha Brady

Grade: 6th Age: 11
Where did you go to school last? Conchas Dam Elementary
Favorite food: spaghetti
Brothers and sisters- Brandon Groth and Kimberly Gammelgaard
Favorite subject: math
Pets: 3 dogs, Pacey, Journey, and Lady Bug
Hobbies: play on computer
Favorite color: blue
Favorite movie: Princess Diaries
Favorite sport: baseball
What do you want to be when you grow up?
Doctor
Hero- Kimberly Marie Gammelgaard
Do you like it here? Yes

Jocelyn Featherston

Grade: 9th Age: 14
Where did you go to school last? Tucumcari Middle School
Brothers and sisters? Corey and Jacob
Favorite Subject: math
Pets: 2 dogs and 1 cat
Hobbies: party
Favorite color: baby blue
Favorite movie: Bounce
Favorite sport: football
What do you want to be when you grow up?
Photographer
Hero: Kimberly
Do you like it here? Yes

Corey Featherston

Grade: 8th
Age: 13
Where did you go to school last? Tucumcari
Brothers and sisters? Jacob and Jocelyn
Pets: 2 dogs and 1 cat
Favorite subject: History
Least favorite subject: Math
Hobbies: Swimming
Hero: Jocelyn
Favorite food: Anything with chile

Favorite drink: Dr. Pepper
Favorite movie: Next Friday
Favorite color: Baby Blue
Favorite TV Show: Third Watch
Do You Like It Here? Yes, it's a pretty cool place and cool on the weekends.



What Did You Do For Thanksgiving?

Mike- I ate
Dusty- woke up, ate, slept
Hope- I ate too much!!!
Ben- went to Colorado
Craig- I ate a lot
Melissa- went to Farmington
Jessica- went to Raton
Niko- I drank (coke of course) and went to Albuquerque
Lauree- I ate a lot of ham & maudeo
Zac- ate
Elisa- watched Harry Potter
Clay- went to Texas
Jenn- went to Alamogordo
Lesle- watched football
Natasha- visited with family
Celeste- went to Wagon Mound with my sister & ate
Michael- ate pies
Josh- gained weight
Kim- went to Albuquerque and grubbed
Jocelyn- went to Albuquerque, partied, and ate
Erica- went to Logan & gained 5 pounds
Serena- ate and gained weight and then lost it at practice
Stacy- ate a lot!!!!
Amanda- hung out with family, got sick, & slept
Katie- went to Arizona, shopped, and ate
Chandra- went to Albuquerque and just chilled with my family
Stefanie- stayed at home with my family
Bonnie- went to Logan and gained weight

Jessica- stayed at home with my family
 Loretta- went to my grandma's
 Seth- ate & watched football
 Gilbert- visited family& went to Dalhart
 Joe Dan- I asked you first!!
 Stacey- hibernated
 Steven- I ate
 Mycca- we had a good time
 Vanessa- suffered
 Becki- slept in, ate, and watched T.V.
 Paige- never got out of my jamies and ate
 Shelda- slept in, gained 5 lbs. (just kidding)
 Danae- watched movies, ate a lot
 Rinaldo- ate, gave thanks, and watched T.V.
 Jose- ate food
 Travis- stayed home and ate
 Courtney- went to Taos
 Derek- went to Uncle Jimmy's and Aunt Debra's
 Andy- went to Elida
 Matt- went to Clayton
 Shawn- stayed home with my sister and her
 boyfriend Victor
 Sara- grubbed & kicked it with my familia!!
 Corey- ate & went to Albuquerque
 Kristal- grubbed
 Kyra- grubbed and went to mimmi
 Megan- went to Albuquerque and grubbed with
 Eddie
 Naomi- went to see my sister in Maxwell &
 stayed there 2 days
 Danny- went to Clayton and ate
 Tye- went to Wagon Mound and ate

Class News

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd

Thursday the 14th Mrs. Ivey's class will be presenting their Christmas program entitled "Eddie the Elk" to the Roy Woman's' Club Christmas party. It will be presented again Thursday the 20th at 6:00 p.m for the public. Mrs. Ivey bought bubble gum, stickers, and funny scissors with the donation money from the Matt Mitchell family.

3rd and 4th

The third and fourth graders recently made dream catchers out of horseshoes and sent them to the victims in New York City. Their school subjects are challenging this year, but they are learning and having fun along the way.

5th and 6th

The fifth and sixth graders are currently practicing their Christmas play titled "Santa's Stuck in the 50's". Another activity they are working on is sculptures of planets. They are enjoying Social Studies where they are learning about the Puritans. They are also learning a dance from the 50's called the Stroll which they think would be nice in their program.

Class of 2007

The 7th graders are busy selling raffle tickets for their Patriotic Quilt, to be raffled on December 15, 2001. The raffle will be held at the home game against Logan. The quilt can be viewed in the trophy case at the cafeteria. Mrs. Ivey helped the class by sewing the quilt together. The 7th graders wish to thank her for the help. Thanks Mrs. Ivey! Merry Christmas Everybody!

Class of 2006

The 8th graders have been really busy lately. They are active in the LTP program. They have gone to the Clavel Ranch; Rigoni and Monette Ranch; and Herzog Solid Waste Management Station.

Class of 2005

The Freshman class is raffling off a birdhouse, wind chimes, and a candy dish to be given away in December. The freshmen are also getting ready to sell frozen Little Caesar's Pizza beginning next semester. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Class of 2004

The Sophomores are selling candy and would like everybody to buy from them. They also want to wish everyone a good year, and the basketball teams good luck.

The term "rookie" comes from the Civil War slang "reckie," which was short for "recruit."

Class of 2003

The juniors are selling metal sculptures of elk and longhorn magnets. They would like you to stop by and support their concession stand. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. They would also like to wish the basketball teams good luck.

Class of 2002

The Seniors are working really hard on preparing for life after high school. They are taking orders for their doughnuts that they are making. They would like to wish all the teams good luck.



National Honor Society

Sunday, December 2nd the NHS helped the Roy Women's Club put the nativity scene in the triangle. They are looking forward to this January. Anyone from grades 10-12 with a 92 average can apply for membership. Study hard!!! NHS is also starting a Jr. High Honor Society. Details will be forthcoming. On December 15th RHS-NHS will be having a silent auction at the home game against Logan. Proceeds will help pay for initiation excluding banquet. Donations accepted!

FCCLA

The Little Buddy party was Monday the 17th at 1:00. Each member of FCCLA has a little buddy in grades K-4. They got together and exchanged gifts, had cookies and punch, and everyone had a great time!

FFA NEWSFLASH!!!!!!!

The Green Hand and Chapter members competed in a creed contest to see who was

eligible to compete in the REAL district creed contest. The results were very shocking. The people in FFA from Roy, who won the creed contest, were Jocelyn Featherston, Katie Taylor, and Kimberly Gammelgaard. A lot of people competed and did an extraordinary job. The district creed contest will be held in Logan in January.

Written By: Jocelyn Featherston
FFA Reporter



What Do You Want for Christmas?

Heather- Barbie and Barbie motorcycle
Aunna- Robot cat and a big play horse
Tori- Game boy
Emily- Computer games- pet rescue and secret agent Barbie
Justin- Max stele Action Figure
Jesse H- Game boy advanced/ game boy pocket
Matt P- CD player with earphones
Nakita- Tasmanian Devil and CD player
Jacob- Game Boy Advanced and Pokemon Gift Box
Cayce- Truck with red trailer that hauls dirt
Jared- Truck and Trailer
Lynda- 4 Wheeler
Audra- Teddy Bear with batteries
Shelby- Robot Dog
Janet Costa- A maid and diamonds
Jessi L- Backstreet Boys CD
Andrea- Lonestar CD "I'm Already There"
Wyatt- Rope
Dustin D- Husky puppy and a dad
Samson- Remote control truck
Sam- Boots
Shane- Basketball and Hotwheels
Kayla- Candle craze and candymaker
Adrianna- Computer
Eric F- A dog

Megan C- Sand Art
 Josh D- Game Boy Advance
 Reynaldo- Playstation
 Jack- A game for Gameboy
 Matthew S- Nintendo
 Nicholas- A big ball
 Samantha G- Volleyball and CD player
 Samantha D- A bunch of new CD's
 Sabrina- A CD player with a cord and Fish CD's
 Anthony- A touch chess player
 Suzie- Electric Guitar
 Samantha B- Games for my game boy
 Kyle- A DVD player, games for my game boy,
 and CD's
 Brandon- New bed
 Tabatha- CD player with all kinds of 'NSYNC
 CD's
 Amanda M.- A real chameleon
 Chanae- T.V.
 Jeanette Garcia- A raise and a heater that
 works
 Courtney- An X-Box
 Shawn- Playstation 2 X- Box
 Derek- Anything
 Matt H-I want my two front teeth
 Sara- Clothes or CD's
 Corey- Cool visors CD, clothes, and contacts
 Kyra- Clothes, CD's, and my family
 Kristal- Clothes, CD's, jewelry, and my family
 Naomi- portable CD player
 Megan- Clothes or CD's
 Danny- Playstation 2, games, and CD's
 Kym- All I want is to visit my family in Arizona
 Jocelyn- I want to visit my god parents in
 California
 Erica- all I want for Christmas is my two front
 teeth and a pink pony
 Serena- CDs
 Stacy- Stuff
 Katie- Stuff and Mark McGrath
 Amanda B. - Stuff
 Chandra- Clothes, CD's, cell phone, money, and
 last but not least- a GT Mustang- Cherry Red
 Stefanie- Stuff
 Bonnie Ebell Lots and lots of stuff
 Jennifer Letterman
 Lesle- Mark Wahlberg
 Natasha- Car!!!
 Celeste- A car (Grand Prix), a cell phone,
 clothes, and for all my family to be together
 Rumaldo- to have a wonderful time
 Jose- Have bud's brownies
 Travis- Nothing
 Curtis- A new car
 Joe Dan- Some one with a bow???

Stacey H- One of Santa's elves
 Steven- ????
 Mycca- A pony
 Vanessa- A car!
 Becki- New clothes
 Paige- To escape Ft. Knox!!!!
 Shelda- A new Chevy Silverado EXT. 2500
 loaded
 Danae- Clothes and a car
 Hope- a lap top computer, clothes, diskman CD
 player
 Ben- a new car, shoes, clothes, and more
 tattoos
 Craig- Chevy 2500 H.D.
 Mike- New truck and a nice gun
 Dusty- a Mini 14
 Melissa-Cell phone Clothes and computer
 Jessica- New Truck
 Niko- Play station 2, Fake I D, and a tongue
 ring
 Lauree- Car, jewelry, eyebrow ring
 Zac- A dog
 Elisa- A new dog and clothes
 Clay- Car off of Swordfish



My Favorite Christmas Tradition Is...

Courtney- opening presents with extended
 family
 Derek- food, presents, family, and every-
 thing
 Shawn- presents and family
 Andy- presents with family
 Matt H.- family, and presents
 Tye- family and presents
 Danny- going to Grandma's house
 Naomi- handing presents out from young-
 est to oldest
 Megan- great food
 Kristal- presents, grub, and family
 Kyra- presents, grub, and spending time
 with family
 Corey- Sara, eat, open presents
 Sara- shop-n-, family, seeing hot guys, and
 all that good stuff
 Mike- cutting the Christmas tree

Celeste- opening gifts and eating together with myfamily
 Dusty- getting the tree
 Hope- making candy
 Ben- throwing snowballs
 Craig- opening gifts
 Melissa- making candy
 Jessica- decorating gingerbread houses
 Niko-eggnog/ presents
 Lauree- eat, eat, eat, eat, eat,
 Zac- eating
 Elisa- shopping and opening presents
 Clay- eggnog, and presents
 Jenn- visiting my grandma
 Lesle- Santa's presents
 Natasha- opening presents
 Jessica F.- sitting in the house watching the snow fall
 Bonnie- seeing my family and opening presents
 Stefanie- opening presents on Christmas Eve
 Gilbert- opening presents on Christmas Eve
 Chandra- opening presents at my Grandma's on Christmas Eve and opening presents at my house on Christmas Day
 Katie- spending time with my family, opening presents and eating
 Seth-roasting chestnuts
 Michael- go shooting and have fun
 Amanda- spending time with family and opening presents
 Stacy- spending time with family, opening presents, and getting out of school
 Serena-spend time with family, open presents, eat a lot, and sing songs
 Erica-having a party on Christmas Eve with all my family and friends. We do that every year.
 Loretta-opening presents and seeing family
 Jocelyn-visiting my family in California, opening presents
 Kym- going to Arizona and visiting my family, opening presents with them and having a hearty meal
 Joshua Q.- roasting chestnuts on an open fire
 Travis- don't have one
 Joe Dan- watching Martha
 Stewart.....Nude
 Stacey H.- watching the Grinch
 Steven- leaving Roy
 Mycca- kicking it with the fam
 Becki- opening one present on Christmas Eve

Paige- shaking the presents
 Shelda- opening presents, watching the Grinch, drinking eggnog with family
 Danae- eating a lot, giving gifts, and opening gifts

Elementary Mystery Person

Height- 5'31/2"
 Eyes- blue
 Hair- strawberry blonde- medium
 Hobby- swimming & riding horses
 Fav. Sport- basketball & volleyball
 Fav. Food- shrimp
 Fav. Class- recess
 Least Fav. Class- science
 Fav. Singer- Kenny Chesney
 Fav. Movie- What Lies Beneath
 Fav. Animal- horse
 Fav. Color- neon blue
 Pet Peeve- annoying boys
 Hero- Shaq
 Fav. T.V. show- Charmed and Hey Arnold

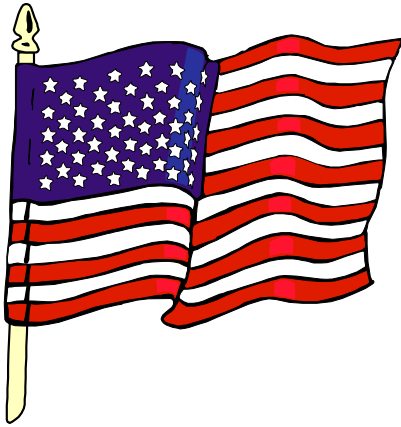


Junior High Mystery Person

Weight- 90lbs
 Height- 5'
 Eyes- brown
 Hair- brown- short
 Hobby- sports
 Fav. Sport- basketball
 Fav. Class- shop
 Least Fav. Class- math
 Fav. Singer- Ludicrous and some others
 Fav. Movie- all
 Fav. Animal- -Tigger and Pooh
 Fav. Color- red
 Pet Peeve- people that talk about you behind your back
 Hero- superman
 Fav. T.V. show- Winnie the Pooh

High School Mystery Person

Weight- 138
Height- 5'4"
Eyes- blue
Hair- blonde short
Hobby- rough stock
Fav. Sport- football
Fav. Food- steak
Fav. Class- lunch
Least Fav. Class- all
Fav. Singer- Jamie O' Neil and Metalica
Fav. Movie- Sniper
Fav. Animal- donkey
Fav. Color- onyx black
Pet Peeve- fat women that smell like cheeseburgers
Hero- Emmett Smith



**And now, some
thoughts about
September 11th...**

HOW I FEEL

The war is bad.
It makes me sad,
That the Twin Towers,
No longer tower
Above our heads
In NYC.
Is war our destiny?
If so, I hope to win,
And fight till the bitter end.

~ By Suzie Taylor

As editor of your newspaper, it's my job to have something to say...

They've asked me to provide words that help make sense of that which troubles the American soul. But in this moment of airless shock, when hot tears string disbelieving eyes, the only thing I can find to say — the only words that seem to fit — must be addressed to the unknown author of this suffering.

You monster. You beast. You unspeakable thief.

What lesson did you hope to teach us by your troublesome attack on our World Trade Center, our Pentagon, on us? What was it you hoped we would learn? Whatever it was, please know that you have failed.

Did you want us to respect your cause? You just damned your cause.

Did you want to tear us apart? You just brought us together.

I tell you this without fear of contradiction. I know our people as you, I think, do not. What I know reassures me. It also causes me to tremble with dread of the future.

In the days to come, there will be recrimination and accusation, fingers pointed to determine whose failure allowed this to happen and what will be done to prevent it from happening again. There will be heightened security and misguided talk of revoking basic freedoms. We'll go forward from this moment sobered, chastened and sad. But determined too. Unimaginably determined.

You see the steel in us is not always readily apparent. That aspect of our character is seldom understood by people who don't know us well. On this day the family bickering is put on hold. As Americans, we will weep; as Americans, we will mourn; as Americans, we will rise in defense of all that we cherish.

So I ask again: What was it you hoped to teach us? It occurs to me that maybe you just wanted us to know the depths of your hatred. If that's the case, consider this message

received. And take this message in exchange: you don't know our people. You don't know what we're capable of. You don't know what you just started.

But you're about to find out.

This is what I would like to ask the opposed as well as others. Hopefully you'll understand the emotions all over the U.S. and what all those people who have lost family or friends in the horrible disaster are going through, and maybe this will broaden your horizon or give you an idea of my feelings for those people in misery.

~ Kimberly Gammelgaard

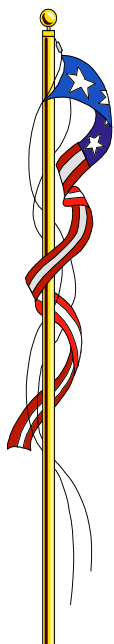
United We Stand!!!

On September 11, 2001, as I sat at school watching the news, terrified, only one word was on the tip of my tongue: *evil*. I felt so helpless sitting here just watching when I wanted to help those innocent people so bad. How could these mean, awful, terrible, EVIL, people do this?? No one deserved this, no one!!! What did we ever do?? ? The terrorists had no heart whatsoever!! I was so mad!!

But, on the other hand, it made me ten times more proud to be an American. Everyone was willing to lend a helping hand. It made me so happy to see so many people volunteering. People helping others get out of the World Trade Center, firefighters, heroes, risking their own lives to save lives, and so many others helping in any way they possibly could. Right then it was proved to me that America is strong; nothing can bring us down, not even terrorism. If the terrorists want to win they are going to have to put up a hell of a fight!!!

~ Katie Taylor

*Did you know...
approximately 56,000
courier pigeons "fought" in
World War II*



The Real Heroes

On September 11, 2001, the Twin Trade Centers in New York City were both hit by planes that had been hijacked by terrorists. America had been attacked. America was in a fury. People were screaming waiting for someone to help them, waiting for this nightmare to end. People at home watching this disaster were frantic, they were calling family members and friends to see if they were okay.



Through this all, through all the smoke and ashes and the dust, came the real heroes -- the fire fighters, the police, and the volunteers. Through all this disaster these heroes managed to muster up the strength and the courage to lead the way for everyone that was lost in what had happened. These heroes never gave up. They fought day and night trying to find maybe one more survivor. These heroes came from all over the United States to help put their nation back together.

And still, after we have thanked them twice a day until the day we die, we will never be able to thank them enough for what they have done for their nation and the citizens in it. Today we might not have had a nation if it weren't for the heroes that put it back together.

~ Stefanie Rigoni

