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Comments: Byrd Academy

Shaquita Rogers January 8, 2004

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*posted by Jennifer McBride (jmcbride) at Jan. 11, 2004, 11:05 PM*

Shaquita-

Write down these comments to make a checklist so that you can create version 2.0:

1. 1st paragraph: do not capitalize restrooms since it is not a proper name
2. 1st paragraph: spelling-temperature

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3. 2nd paragraph: As an example of how bad (the restrooms are), the words in parentheses are missing

4. Make sure to change ? to '

5. 3rd paragraph: classrooms is a compound word

6. 3rd paragraph: add another sentence to the end saying why it is uncomfortable and hard to learn when the temperature is not good.

7. 4th paragraph: Make a transition at the beginning of the paragraph. It makes it smoother for the reader. An example would be: Another thing that is wrong with the school is that the windows are cracked. Or: In addition, a different problem is...

8. 4th paragraph: Add a sentence to the end telling why having bad windows is not good for education and learning.

9. Last paragraph: run on sentence in the last sentence. Make the last sentence into two separate sentences. There should be a period after building.

This is some of your best writing! I am proud of you and look forward to seeing version 2.0. Make sure to write these down to make your checklist. Good luck.

Jenn

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*posted by Brian Billings (bbillings) at Jan. 14, 2004, 09:36 AM*

1. you spelled temperature wrong in the second sentence.
2. I think you should rewrite your first paragraph. You have included the important points but I feel it can be written better. Try to rewrite a whole new paragraph using the ideas you already have.
3. In the 5th sentence of your second paragraph you need to put in a

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comma somewhere.

4. At the end of your second paragraph tell me why poor restrooms hurt your learning environment.

5. In your third paragraph your talking about the thermostats that are broken. Temperature relates to hot/cold - a thermostat regulates the temperature. Replace temperatures in the first sentence with thermostats.

6. In the last sentence of the third paragraph "Are" needs to be changed.

7. In the third paragraph - first sentence - include more detail. "As another example" of what?

8. What do you mean by "not efficient enough"?

9. Don't include details that are not true. Is it really so dark in the rooms you cannot see what your doing?

10. In your last paragraph focus on your topic. They are fixable. If you think we need a whole new school tell us why.

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*posted by Brian Schultz (schultz) at Jan. 12, 2004, 09:55 PM*

Shaquita use the checklist to make the changes. This is excellent writing!

1. 1st paragraph: put a colon (:) after issues. This will help set aside the list of problems.

2. 1st paragraph: Add a sentence at the end of the paragraph telling why you think it is important to get a new school--for learning, getting more out of school, better education, more comfortable, etc.

3. 3rd paragraph: begin the paragraph with a transition like "In fact at Byrd" or "To further describe the problems at Byrd"

4. 4th paragraph: do not capitalize The

5. 4th paragraph: You have a lot of great problems with the windows. At the end of the paragraph add a sentence why this is bad for learning and you and why schools should have good windows.

Great conclusion!

Mr. Schultz

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*posted by Erin Morris (morris) at Jan. 16, 2004, 09:26 AM*

1. Look in the third paragraph, Byrd should be capitalized and the should not be.

2. Also, look at your spacing in the third paragraph. Remember to put a space after a period.

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3. In the last sentence of the third paragraph you use the word "are", but you should use the word "our"

4. Can not should be one word: Cannot

I really like your essay, Shaquita. It has a lot of description and it really lets me know how you feel. You just need to make a few minor changes, but overall great job!

From Miss Morris

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