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Walking down the halls of Ashley, what is apparent? Will you see closeness? Friendships? Relationships? Maybe a few rivalries? If you can notice one thing about this school, our school, would it be the fact that we do have our own little world? This community-this closeness- shows that we are all wrapped up in our world, our tight, little dot on the map.

"We are so far away from everyone else, it seems like we are in our own little world, where everyone sticks up for everyone," stated **Dustin Fisher**. Dustin also likes the fact that "Everyone is friendly, and that everyone sticks up for you, even if they don't know you that well." Dustin returned to Ashley after transferring to Ovid-Elsie when he was in sixth grade. "Also, I like the fact that here, you are judged on your personality, and not your last name," he added.

"The teachers care so much about the students, and they want them to get a good education," stated **Nicki Gilbert**. This is one of the many things that Nicki likes about Ashley. "We are so different and so far away from other towns, it seems like we are in our own

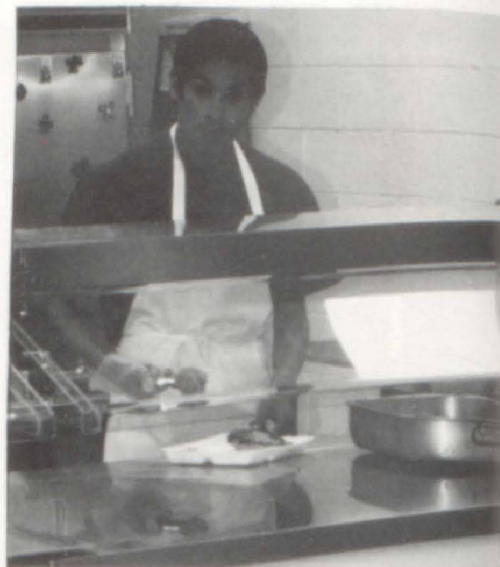
little world," she added. Another thing that she likes about the community here is the opportunity for the one on one time with the teachers, and the fact that the students don't pick on each other because they don't fit into one social group.

"People think that you need a large place to have everything, but that's not true," stated English teacher **Mrs. Peggy Gray**. "Truly, we are our own little world, and we live in it," she added. Mrs. Gray began teaching in Ashley this year; previously, she taught at Oxford, Michigan. On her first teaching day here, she noticed that "Everyone was helping everybody else, and nobody was lost. When a new student needed to know where to go, someone always directed them in the place to go. Everyone is so friendly!" she remarked. "I've never been in a school that has munchkins in it. I think that is so cool that the older students don't seem to have a problem with them in the school. It doesn't seem like they mind it," she added.

So the next time that you walk down the hall, smile and say "hi" to whoever you meet, even if it is a little kid. That's what people see when they first come in... a positive thing that could brighten up someone's day.

Tara Thompson

**WHAT THE...** As a kitchen helper should, **Gordon Matrau** serves up yet another healthy, but delicious lunch to the elementary eaters.



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**"I TAWT I TAW A PUDDY TATI!"** Teacher **Ms. Michelle Moore** takes just a minute out of her time to snap a photo at some poor, unsuspecting student during Halloween spirit week. The dress-up day was Costume Day, and a fire drill just happened to occur. Coincidence?



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