

Graduation Speech

Good evening teachers, students, and families of Kelvin Grove. My name is Rebekah Ramirez, and I've gone to District 91 since I was in kindergarten. My years at District 91 have been unforgettable and truly have shaped me into the person I am today. In the beginning of the year all of my teachers told me the year would fly by faster than expected; they were right. It feels like just yesterday we were back on the first day of school. I remember when I was in 4th grade looking at all the 8th graders, they were so much older, and cooler. But now here we are now—older, and cooler.

Throughout the years we've created new friendships and even closer bonds because of our small grade; we're like a family. Before winter break we lost a family member. The day we found out one of our peers had passed away we all consoled and checked up on each other, like a family. I've gotten to know all of you in classrooms over the years whether that be through group work, projects, competing in gym tournaments, or just playing games in ASAP. Today, as we celebrate almost a decade of memories, we should think of the things that make our grade so special, with every home game, field day, and so many first and last days.

We cannot fail to credit our amazing, trustworthy, and kind-hearted teachers who make everyday a little more special who take time for the little things. We thank all the coaches, parents, and siblings who help all of us stay in order whether that be pushing us harder than the day before, driving us to every morning practice, cheering us on at our meets and games and picking us up everyday. I remember in third grade when we took a field trip to the freshman center and now in 3 months we're going to be there not as guests, but as students. I truly can't wrap my head around the fact that this is the last week of middle school, but here we are. I want to again say a big thank you to all my teachers and staff because they are one of the biggest parts of my years here. We did it!