

Liz's Diary



September 7, 2011



Tonight my best friend Kirsten spent the night over my house. We've know each other since we were 5 and have been friends ever since.

Anyways, every year before the first day of school we have a sleep over and this year will be no different. Although every year is different we always have the same wish. We both yearn for the day that we will be able to attend the same school. I know it seems simple but around here the idea is farfetched. So tomorrow I will be a freshman at Frederick Douglas High School and Kirsten will be attending Saint Pius X Catholic School. Tomorrow will be bittersweet, but either way I'm excited.

September 9, 2011

The past few days went by pretty fast. I really like my new school. It's a lot different than middle school but nothing like it is on TV. Earlier I was telling Kirsten about my new school, and she was telling me about hers. Our schools seem so different. It seems like her school is a lot nicer. They have smart boards and laptops and all we have are chalkboards and notebooks. When I told my mom this, she told me that white only schools get more funding than Black only ones. How can that be fair? Then my mom started telling me that it's been this way for as long as she can remember and that most likely things won't change. She didn't really want to get in to why she felt like that so I decided to leave it alone. Anyways, tomorrow is the Saturday my first weekend of my high school career. Yaaaayyy. Well goodnight.

September 13, 2011

Today was a very interesting day.

In school we learned about a very famous case named Brown vs. the board of Education. This case could have potentially ended segregation in schools. That's a crazy concept when you think about it. That would mean that Kirsten and I would have been able to attend the same school. We didn't really go into detail about why the case was lost and so I'm interested in finding out more facts about it. I plan on talking to my mom about it tomorrow. For some reason I have a feeling that she knows something about it.



September 17, 2011

I finally decided to ask my mom what she knew about that case. It turns out that she knows a lot about it. Apparently when she was a little girl, segregation within schools was seen as an issue as well. Everyone thought the case would be a success but to everyone's dismay it wasn't. My mom showed me a magazine article that she kept from back that showed the disappointment in the community at the time. So many people believed that this would potentially end segregation within schools and in different parts of the community. She also showed me a list of the different court cases that was essentially combined into one case. I found this to be so interesting. She told me she had more things to show me tomorrow, because we both got tired. Can't wait to tell you all about it tomorrow!

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Nov. 1, 2, 4 AND 10—OCTOBER TERM, 1953.

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| 1 | Olliver Brown, et al.,
Appellants,
v.
Board of Education of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas, et al. | On Appeal From the United States District Court for the District of Kansas. |
| 2 | Harry Briggs, Jr., et al.,
Appellants,
v.
H. W. Elliott, et al. | On Appeal From the United States District Court for the Eastern District of South Carolina. |
| 4 | Dorothy E. Davis, et al.,
Appellants,
v.
County School Board of Prince Edward County, Virginia, et al. | On Appeal From the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. |
| 10 | Francis B. Goldsart, et al.,
Petitioners,
v.
Ethel Louise Behon, et al. | On Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of Delaware. |

[May 17, 1954.]

MR. CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN delivered the opinion of the Court.
These cases come to us from the States of Kansas, South Carolina, Virginia, and Delaware. They are postulated on different facts and different local conditions.

THE TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL

NOVEMBER 10, 1953

The End of Brown Vs. Board

Public Schools to Remain "Separate but Equal".



It's a sad day in Topeka, Kansas for Thurgood Marshall and his fellow lawyers from the NCAAP. The most talked about case of our time has come to close, ruling against these gentlemen. They put so much time and effort into this case, and it's sad to see that separate but equal will remain the law when it comes to public schools.

Could this have ended segregation?

Many people believe that this case could have potentially ended segregation everywhere. The separate but equal laws to many people are not seen to be fair. It's amazing that this was able to stand in court. Thurgood Marshall, lawyer of the case and one of the leaders of the NCAAP told the Topeka State Journal that he intends to try again in the near future because this is something that needs to be stopped.

-Ariel Langley

September 19th, 2011

I learned a lot more today! My mom told me that a few years after the Brown v. Board case was lost, there were several protests led at her school. Apparently there was still a lot of hostility between white and black schools because of the incomparable differences. However, that wasn't the surprising part. What surprised me the most was the fact that my mom got arrested! That's crazy right?

The protest that she helped lead (which didn't contain any violence) got her put in jail for a little over 24 hours. She explained how that was by far one of the worst moments of her life.

She feels as though no one should be penalized for standing up for what they believe in, especially since no one was harmed in the process. What was the most interesting though is the fact that she still has the police report. Although she feels that this was one of the worst moments, she also feels like this was one moment that she should be proud of and that's why she kept it.

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Age Codes: WH - Older 40 yrs, WH - Y - 181 Days, W - Over 25, WH - 1 - 5 Days, WH - 2 - 30 - 99 - Young, WH - Unknown, POF: T - Amer. Indian/Alaska, W - White, U - Ukn.

Incident Number: 06-05442 Arrest Number(s): Premise Business: Page 1 of 2

Business Name: Classy Clips Report Date: 02/23/06 Date Occurred: 1723 Hrs. 02/18/06 Assigned: J. Maniaracing

Address: 2540 Washington Ave. Date Occurred: 1723 Hrs. 02/18/06

Reported By: Victim Name & Address: (City, State & Zip): Phone: Race Code: Sex: M: F:

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2					Y	Y	Y/A					
3					Y	Y	Y/A					
4					Y	Y	Y/A					

Criminal Activity Codes: License/Category Codes: Weapon Codes:

Victim Name: Sex: Race: Age: Height: Weight: Eyes: Hair: Age: Police Disposition Code:

Address: City: State: Zip: Phone:



Since I was so intrigued, my mom decided that I could keep the police report to put in my diary. I feel honored in a way. I think it's cool to keep and document things like this. I wish that someday I can participate in attempting or even succeeding in making a change like my mom. Maybe even for the same cause. Who knows.

September 24, 2011

So tonight Kirsten and I are having another sleepover. I've been telling her about all the different things I have been researching and finding out. She doesn't seem to be as interested as I am, but at least she acts as if she is entertained. I mean I guess this stuff doesn't effect her

the same way it effects me because her school is essentially better than mine. She told me that they learned something about the case but didn't really get into too much detail. It makes me a little angry that she doesn't want to know more about it, but then again who am I to force it on someone else. I'll just drop the conversation for now and continue with our sleepover. I'll try and find more information about the past later.