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In Honor of Columbia

By Kate Johnson

Many of you know that recently a tragedy occurred with the NASA space shuttle Columbia. It broke up as it entered the atmosphere, and debris has been found in many states. Unfortunately, the seven astronauts on the mission died.

I believe that the NASA program is valuable because sending astronauts into space allows us to have more knowledge about our universe.

It is also a very dangerous program, however, because there is no guarantee that everything will operate correctly. The tiniest mistake could ruin the whole mission.

I think that anyone who takes the risk of going into space where there is no air is very courageous. They can't be sure ahead of time that everything will go as planned – and when things go wrong, the results can be deadly. Astronauts are truly brave people.

If I had a family member who went on a mission in space and died, I would be devastated. Even though the astronauts on the Columbia were not family, I – along with many other people in America and abroad – feel very sad about their deaths.

The Columbia was returning after orbiting the Earth while doing a series of experiments. Many schools were tracking the shuttle and the astronauts.

One thing that I thought was interesting was that Ilan Ramon, the Israeli on board Columbia, brought a painting on the mission made by a child who was killed in the Holocaust. The picture showed what the child thought the view of Earth from the moon might be – and this was long before man landed on the moon. When Ramon went back to Israel, he was supposed to tour the country with it and talk about the fulfillment of dreams. Instead, both Ramon and the painting are gone forever.

This tragedy deeply saddens me. It makes some question the safety of sending people into space, but I still believe that NASA's space explorations are a great idea. There are rarely disasters such as the case of the Columbia, and we learn so much by exploring space and doing experiments.



Q&A

By Taylor Chang

The *Buzz* interviewed Stephanie Reyes, the newest after-school-care teacher.

Q: What does it feel like being the newest addition to Brookfield?

A: It is the most fun job I've ever had, although it can get rough at times. Also, the kids are a blast.

Q: Where did you work before this job at Brookfield?

A: I was a camp counselor at the Girl Scout camp, Camp Menzies.

Q: Was there a big difference in the job change?

A: There was a huge difference in the climate change, and only girls attended the camp. I also had to live there over the summer. Working with kids is basically the same every where you go, a fun, thrilling, exciting, and wind-in-my-face experience.

Q: What were your first impressions of Brookfield?

A: It seemed like a well-organized school with many well-behaved students.

Q: Compared to your old school when you were the students' age, how are the two schools different?

A: I went to a Catholic school all my life. The schools I went to were similar to this one because they were both small private schools and we had to wear uniforms. But for the most part, they were different.

Mystery Teacher

By Taylor Chang

Who is this familiar Brookfield face?

Hints:

-This teacher was born and raised in Fresno, California.

-This teacher is of Irish and Scottish descent.

-This teacher was a gymnast for a Czechoslovakian Organization.



Last month's mystery teacher was Mrs. Brinsky.