Dublin Pride

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There are a lot of **perks** about Dublin, but my favorite is our community. So let's talk about that.

But before we do that, I want you to ask yourself, *"What does the word "community" mean to you?*

Almost every single school has a mascot to **represent** their school. Dublin is **identical** to a school. As a **community** we have the Shamrock that identifies us as Dublin. Dublin is unique, in the way, that it includes our entire community by way of different events/parades. We have the Dublin Pride Parade, Dublin Pride Week, St. Patrick Day Parade, and the Homecoming Parade!   These different parades represent everything about Dublin. Dublin prides itself to make everyone feel welcome & included and that is what I love about this fantastic city.

Another thing that I love about Dublin is our schools. I have been to two schools so far: Springfield & John Green. In both these schools I have learned a lot about Dublin Pride. **All** schools in Dublin are named after someone from history that is deeply connected to our roots. Like Fallon Middle School, Dougherty, John Green, Kolb, etc.
I currently go to John Green, and I really can't explain how much I love it.   I learned that Charles Medley Dougherty, who is the son of James Witt Dougherty, established Dougherty. Cool right!?

When we talk about community, we should also talk about how a community comes together to help each other. Every year, our city hosts a Dublin Pride Day, where the city invites the community to help make Dublin even more beautiful, clean and proper. My school will be hosting one as well and I will be going to help clean our school. We plan to pick up trash, clean our lunch tables, and remove weeds. I am so excited to be doing this family activity. Have you thought of volunteering for Dublin Pride Day? There is something for everyone to do.

Our community helps people outside of Dublin as well. My mom told me about a Dublin mom who started a donation drive to help the children and families in Ukraine. I think that is pretty awesome.

I researched some fun facts about Dublin. Did you know that Dublin is 40 years old? Dublin's birthday is on February 1. Our twin city is Bray, Ireland. The first settlers of the city were Native Americans. If you want to learn more about the history of Dublin, visit the Heritage Museum.

We also have amazing First responders in the city of Dublin. I have had the opportunity to visit the Dublin Police, Camp Parks, & the fire station through my girl scout troop. They showed us around and talked about the work they do. They help keep our city safe. Thank you to our first responders.

As you can see, it takes a village to make a community and I am proud that I am a part of the community of Dublin.

Happy 40th Dublin!