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My Summer

This summer was very interesting and exciting for me. For two weeks, I went to the village to visit my grandfather. There, I went fishing, went to the forest to pick mushrooms, and went swimming in the river. But I also had to work in the garden or help my grandfather. In the summer, I visited the capital of Russia. There, we walked around Red Square and Moscow City, and went to the Moscow Zoo. Another trip I made in the summer was to Tashkent; it was very hot there, but I gradually got used to it. What I liked most in Tashkent was the water park. It was very large and had many different sites and pools. Also, in the capital of Uzbekistan, there is a large bazaar called Chorsu. It is one of the largest bazaars in Central Asia. The trading area is located under a beautiful blue dome. On ordinary summer days, I would go for walks with my friends. During the day, we would walk in different places, and in the evenings, we would play football. Despite the fact that this summer was quite rainy, I had a very good time.

Sushentsev Kirill, 8G

I am currently a tenth-grade student, and this summer was quite eventful for me. The beginning of the holidays was stressful because I had to pass my school exams. I studied very hard and felt super relieved when they were finally over. Right after the exams, I started hanging out with my friends almost every day. In July, I went to the countryside to visit my grandparents. The weather was really hot, so I spent a lot of time swimming in the pool there. Fresh air and swimming helped me completely forget about school for a while. Later, I packed my bags and went to a summer camp. I was excited to meet new people and take part in different camp activities. Unfortunately, in the middle of the camp session, I got sick with a high fever. Because of that, I had to pack my things and go home early. At first, I was upset, but I recovered quickly once I was back home. During the rest of the summer, I mostly walked around town with my close friends. We went to local parks, ate ice cream, and talked for hours. Even though things did not go exactly as planned, I still had a great break. Now I am well-rested and fully ready for my studies in the tenth grade.

Ulyanenko Anastasia, 10A



Last summer was probably the best one in my life because my family and I went to Vietnam. The flight took nine hours, but it was definitely worth it. We spent two amazing weeks travelling around the country. Most of the time we stayed in Nha Trang, but we also visited Dalat, a beautiful town in the mountains. The weather was hot and sunny almost every day, which was perfect for our adventures. I swam in the warm sea and loved the feeling of the waves. I also tried a lot of unusual food that I had never tasted before, and some dishes really surprised me. One of the most exciting things I did was riding a huge elephant. I even got to feed a tiger and some playful monkeys at a special park. We also visited several peaceful Buddhist temples and learned a lot about the local culture. To get to Vinpearl Land, a famous amusement park, we took a very long cable car ride over the sea. The view from above was absolutely breathtaking. We stayed at the Vinpearl hotel, a five-star resort where the service was excellent and the rooms were really luxurious. I had so much fun on all the rides. In the evenings, we walked around the night markets and bought souvenirs. I took hundreds of photos to remember every moment. All in all, it was the best summer of my life, and I really hope to go back to Vietnam someday.

Lokhneva Daria, 10A



This summer I spent almost all my time in the countryside, helping my parents with the household chores. To be honest, at first it seemed to me that the holidays would be boring, but I was wrong. Over these months I mastered many new things: I learned to saw trees, shred branches, and mow the lawn evenly. Every day the work became easier, and I even started to enjoy it. It was especially nice to see how the yard was transformed thanks to our joint efforts. The biggest project was building a banya, in which I also took part. Our whole family worked hard on it, and when it was finally ready, our joy knew no bounds. We also went to Lake Baikal, and that became the real highlight of my summer. The vast lake and the harsh nature made a huge impression on me. Now I understand that the summer was not wasted: I became stronger, learned to work with my hands, and came to appreciate my loved ones more. I will never forget this summer.

Zakhvatoshin Alexey, 8V

This summer was very interesting and fun. I spent a lot of time with my family and friends. In June, I stayed at home and went for walks with my friends. We played games, rode bikes and watched movies together. In July, my family and I went on a trip. We visited a beautiful place and saw many interesting things. I took lots of photos and tried some new food. The weather was warm and sunny, so we spent a lot of time outside. In August, I relaxed at home and prepared for the new school year. I also read books, listened to music and met my friends. I really enjoyed my summer holidays. I had a great time and made many happy memories. I hope next summer will be just as good.

Bekhtereva Sofia, 10A

This summer, my holidays were all about swimming. Instead of just relaxing on the beach, I spent three weeks at a sports camp with a modern swimming pool. The camp was surrounded by green hills, and the air there was so fresh that it felt like every breath gave me more energy. Every morning started early: we did warm-ups, then jumped into the pool for technique drills. Our coach pushed us to be precise — every stroke, every turn had to be perfect. In the afternoons, we focused on endurance and speed, swimming lap after lap until our arms felt heavy. It was tough, but I loved the feeling of getting stronger. Besides training, we had team games and rest time. Those evenings around the campfire, talking and laughing with the team, were some of the best moments. The pool at the camp was perfect for practicing different swimming techniques. I improved my skills significantly, and it was great to see how much progress I made. Now, looking back, I'm proud of how much I improved. My turns are faster, my breathing is better, and my stamina has grown a lot. These holidays weren't about lying in the sun — they were about pushing my limits and growing as an athlete. And I wouldn't trade that for anything else.

Sidorova Anastasia, 8B



This summer was very interesting for me. I passed all my exams and graduated from high school. In mid-June, I moved to a different neighbourhood. It was a little sad for me, but I tried not to worry. But my birthday was fast approaching. We flew to Moscow to celebrate my birthday. I was very happy at that moment. I visited many interesting places in Moscow that I really liked. I went to the popular cafe "Lovin" and liked the food there. I also celebrated my birthday there, and they gave me a delicious milkshake. When we went to the airport, I saw many interesting airplanes. It was very important to me because I like airplanes. In early August, I met up with a friend whom I hadn't seen for a very long time. We went to a concert by her favourite band together and were very happy about it. Also, I spent more time with my friends, and we went to lots of places. I really liked my summer.

Klevtsova Olesia, 10A

Unveiling September

My School



This year the first of September was very unusual for me because I spent it on a plane. My family and I were flying home from Vietnam to Yekaterinburg. The flight was really long and hard for me. I could not sleep at all, and by the end I was completely exhausted. While my friends were starting school, I was still somewhere over the ocean. It felt strange to miss the first day of school, but there was nothing I could do. We landed in Yekaterinburg only late at night. So my real first day at school was the second of September. I was a bit worried about starting at a new school, because everything there was unfamiliar to me. I did not know how my new classmates would treat me, and that made me a little nervous. But my new class teacher turned out to be very kind and friendly. She greeted me with a sweet gift and congratulated me on the start of the school year. That small present made me feel much better and less worried. My new classmates also welcomed me and helped me settle in. I told them a little about my summer in Vietnam, and they were really interested. By the end of the day I already felt much more confident. So even though the first of September was spent on a plane, the start of my school year turned out to be warm and memorable.

Lokhneva Daria, 10A

The first of September was a very important and exciting day for me. This year, I entered the tenth grade through a competitive individual selection process. Because of that, I had to move to a brand new school. On the first day, I was naturally nervous before coming to the festive assembly. The school building turned out to be really big, modern, and bright. Everything here feels completely new, unfamiliar, and curious to me. My new classmates were welcoming, and we started talking right away. The teachers also seem kind, passionate, and very professional. The classrooms are well-equipped, and the whole atmosphere is inspiring. To be honest, I really like absolutely everything about my new school so far. However, deep down I still miss my old school and my former classmates. We shared so many great memories together that it is hard to let go. But I realize that moving on is a necessary step towards my future goals. Studying in the tenth grade will definitely require a lot of dedication and hard work. I am truly looking forward to making great friends and achieving high results here. I believe this academic year will bring me plenty of memorable moments.

Ulyanenko Anastasia, 10A

September 1st is a very important holiday, after which the school year begins. For some, it's the first day at school, and it's full of expectations, while for others it's the last September 1st at school. On September 1st, all the children come dressed up and looking beautiful, with bouquets of flowers. On this day, a solemn assembly takes place. The assembly begins with the playing of the National Anthem of the Russian Federation and the raising of the flag. Then the headmaster and teachers deliver speeches about the start of the school year. After that, according to the program, there are performances and students reciting poems. And perhaps the most interesting part of the lineup... A high school student puts a first grader on his shoulder, and she rings the bell, heralding the first bell. Then the high school students take the first graders by the hand and lead them to the classroom. This is how they see them off into their new life. After that, there is a class hour, during which they often have a tea party, and the teacher talks about the plans for the year. This is how September1st is celebrated in Russian schools.

Sushentsev Kirill, 8G

The First Day of School September 1st is a special day for many students. It is the first day of the new school year. On this day, students go to school after the summer holidays. They usually wear nice clothes and bring flowers for their teachers. The school is decorated for the celebration. Students meet their classmates and teachers again. New students get to know their classmates and their school. There is often a special school assembly. The principal and teachers give speeches to the students. Everyone listens to music and takes photos. The first school lesson is usually short and interesting. Students talk about their summer holidays with their friends. They are happy to see each other again. September 1st is a day full of excitement and new hopes. It is the beginning of a new school year and new adventures.

Bekhtereva Sofia, 10A

Happy Teacher's Day

In early October, when the first cold and rains are already falling outside, a little miracle happened within the walls of our school. This year, the traditional Self Government Day, schedule to the main holiday of all teachers, Teacher’s Day, took place on October 2nd. This day became a real breath of warm air amid the grey autumn weather, allowing us to swap roles with those who open the doors to the world of knowledge for us every day just for a day. The morning of that Friday started in a completely unusual way. Instead of the usual silence and sleepy faces, the school hall was full of incredible bustle. The central area of the school turned into a natural area of smiles and genuine joy. The students from the Senior Students’ Council and the Leaders’ Team took their honourable posts early in the morning to greet every incoming teacher and staff member. In their hands, the kids held not only small but very touching gifts made with care, but also the warmest words of gratitude.. The atmosphere was so charged with positivity that it seemed like this wasn’t an ordinary school day but a real holiday. Our usually strict teachers’ faces glowed with genuine surprise and happiness. However, the festive bustle wasn’t limited to the morning greetings. We wanted to prove that our teachers are not only brilliant professionals but also incredibly creative and talented people ready for any experiment. Besides the traditional lessons that seniors hold every year for the younger students giving the little ones a taste of being grown ups, this year the teachers got a real surprise The real highlight of the day was an unusual lesson, not for the students, for the teachers themselves. Turning the usual scenario upside down, the girls from grades 10A and 11A, Alina Ananyeva and Anastasia Chezganova, took on the bold and responsible role of tutors for our teachers. They hosted a creative workshop for our adult and very serious “students”. Instead of the usual gouache and drawing paper, their canvases and paints were ordinary instant coffee. Under the attentive guidance of the senior girls the teachers dived headfirst into a creative process. You should have seen those focused faces! Armed with brushes, our artists mixed coffee shades with incredible enthusiasm, bringing patterns to life on paper. The results overcame all expectations: the paintings turned out to be truly deep, cozy, and aromatic. Once again, it became clear that a talented person is talented in everything and inspiration knows no bounds. But perhaps the culmination and the most emotional moment of this eventful day was the concert held in the assembly hall. It wasn’t just a performance, it was a real kaleidoscope of talents. Not only students and the noisy senior organizers sat there holding their breath. Among the audience in the seats of honour we proudly saw our dear veteran teachers, those who had given decades of their lives to school. That day the stage had a life of its own. It literally exploded with energy during the energetic dances, fell silent during the heartfelt poetry readings and drowned in the spotlight during the vibrant vocal performances. The hosts delivered touching wishes that brought tears to

many teachers' eyes, tears of pure, sincere joy and pride in their students. Every act was so full of sincerity that it felt like even the school walls were listening, holding their breath. Those children's smiles, those bright voices, and the genuine emotions of the audience managed to chase away the clouds of the rainy October day in an instant. They gave everyone present such a powerful burst of energy and warmth that it would keep us feeling that heartiness for a very long time. In conclusion, I'd like to say a huge Thank you. Thank you to our dear teachers for their endless patience, wisdom, and the light they kindle in us. And, of course, thank you to all the students, from the first graders to
the seniors who took part in creating that magic. As well as to Tatyana Vladislavovna Kasyanova, the deputy director for educational work, who organised the whole event. It was you who gave us this unforgettable celebration filled with light and kindness. This day proved once again that our school is not just a building, it's one big, friendly family.

Tchuiko Kira, 8V











Teacher's Day is one of the most beloved and respected holidays celebrated in Russian schools. In Russia this meaningful occasion is officially celebrated on the fifth of October every single year. The main purpose of this holiday is to honor our educators and express deep gratitude for their hard work. Teaching is truly a challenging profession that requires endless patience, dedication, and kindness. On this day, school halls are always beautifully decorated with colorful balloons, ribbons, and hand-drawn posters. Students arrive early in the morning holding bright autumn flower bouquets and festive gift boxes. Many classes prepare heartfelt greeting cards and sweet treats to surprise their favorite mentors. A wonderful tradition in many schools is holding an annual self-government day. During this event, senior students take over the role of teachers and conduct actual lessons for younger children. In addition, schools usually organize lively celebration concerts featuring songs, short comedy skits, and dances. Pupils warmly recite touching poetry and thank teachers for sharing their knowledge and life guidance. This holiday strengthens mutual trust and creates a genuinely friendly atmosphere between students and teachers. It reminds all of us how much effort teachers put into shaping our characters and future careers. Even school graduates frequently visit their former classrooms on this day to say a warm thank you. Overall, Teacher's Day brings bright smiles, sincere emotions, and a lot of warmth to everyone involved. I truly believe that our teachers deserve high respect, endless appreciation, and care every single day.

Ulyanenko Anastasia, 10A

This year Teacher's Day was a very special day for me. Our school celebrated it on the second of October, and on that day older students usually give lessons instead of teachers. I was chosen to teach Russian to the second grade, and I was really excited about it. At first I was a little worried, because I had never worked with such young children before. My presentation was about Russian proverbs and popular sayings. To make the lesson interesting, I prepared bright slides with pictures and simple explanations. The children were very active and tried to guess the meanings of the proverbs. We discussed what they mean and when people use them in real life. I was surprised how quickly they understood everything. They also asked me a lot of funny questions, and we laughed together. After the lesson, I realized that being a teacher is not easy at all. It takes a lot of patience, energy and love for children. At the end of the day, we congratulated our teachers on their holiday. We gave them cards and warm words of thanks. I said thank you to my favourite teachers personally. It was a pleasure to see how happy they were. This day helped me understand how much work teachers do for us and now I respect their profession even more.

Lokhneva Daria, 10A

Teacher's Day is an important holiday nowadays, helping to show teachers our respect and gratitude for them. Every year it is celebrated on October 5th in more than a hundred countries around the world. However, few people know that the history of this celebration goes back to the distant 1960s. For the first time in our country this holiday was established by a decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR on September 29, 1965. Initially, the date was floating, and teachers received congratulations on the first Sunday of October. Almost 30 years later (in 1994), the situation changed thanks to a decision by UNESCO. It was then that this holiday was officially proclaimed World Teachers' Day. The thing is that on October 5, 1966, an intergovernmental conference was held in Paris, where the first international document on the status of teachers was adopted. This document, known as the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, for the first time clearly defined the rights, duties and working conditions of educators around the world. The Russian Federation supported the initiative of the international community and by its decree fixed the celebration on a permanent date. Since then, October 5th has become the official day when we can express our gratitude to our dear teachers. On this day, schoolchildren traditionally give flowers, organize concerts and even try themselves in the role of teachers during self-government lessons. Let us also not forget to congratulate our teachers on this wonderful holiday!

Zakhvatoshin Alexey, 8V

Dear teachers of our school, I congratulate you on Teacher's Day. Thank you for teaching us everything new and important. Also, thank you for your dedication and for your ability to explain complex topics in a way that is interesting and understandable. We also thank you for your patience, diligence, and calmness. Thank you for helping us better understand the material or improve our grades, even outside of lessons. I wish you more calm and favorable lessons. May the students listen to you and respect you. May your work be enjoyable for you, without any particular difficulties. May every workday bring you many good emotions. Thank you for your work.

Sushetsev Kirill, 8G



My Region

The Ural Region is a beautiful place in Russia. It is famous for its mountains, forests, rivers and lakes. The Ural Mountains are one of the oldest mountain ranges in the world. They stretch from the north to the south across a large area. The nature of the Urals is very beautiful and diverse. There are many forests where different animals and birds live. The region is rich in minerals and natural resources. Many interesting cities are located in the Ural Region. Yekaterinburg is one of the largest and cities there. The weather in the Urals can be cold and snowy in winter. Summer can be warm and pleasant. People in the region have many interesting traditions and customs. I like the beautiful nature and landscapes of the Urals. I am proud of the Ural Region and its history. The Urals will always be an important part of my homeland.

Bekhtereva Sofia, 10A

I ive in Yekaterinburg, the capital of the Urals. Over the long history of the city, many famous people were born there. Yekaterinburg has been the birthplace of many outstanding scientists and inventors. One of them is Ivan Polzunov; he was an inventor and the creator of Russia's first steam engine. He also built the world's first two cylinder engine. The city also produced outstanding athletes. One of them is Yulia Lipnitskaya, an Olympic champion in Sochi.. The city also gave birth to talented writers such as Pavel Bazhov. e is the author of"The Malachite Box," which contains tales about the Ural craftsmen. This is just a small part of the famous people from Yekaterinburg.

Sushentsev Kirill, 8G

I live in the Urals, which is one of the most unique and picturesque regions in Russia. My hometown is Yekaterinburg, the bustling modern capital of this amazing area. It sits right on the border between Europe and Asia, making our location truly special. The local nature here is famous for its ancient Ural Mountains, dense pine forests and quiet rivers. At the same time, Yekaterinburg itself is a lively megacity with an exciting atmosphere. Our city boasts a rich history, remarkable constructivist architecture and many well-known landmarks. Many travelers visit Plotinka, an iconic historical spot located right by the city pond. The scenic embankment and central squares always attract both locals and curious tourists. In recent years, Yekaterinburg has grown into an increasingly popular travel destination. I genuinely love walking around the streets and exploring different cozy neighborhoods with my friends. We often hang out in sunny parks, grab a coffee and take colorful photos of urban views. Every single season brings a fresh vibe and makes the city landscapes look different. In summer, the waterfronts are full of lively street musicians and outdoor events. In winter, the snow transforms our squares into a magical northern fairytale. There are always lots of cultural festivals, art exhibitions, and fun spots to discover. I am truly proud of my native Ural region and happy to call Yekaterinburg my home.

Ulyanenko Anastasia, 10A

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