

My name is Ariel and I am very intelligent, creative, outgoing and strong! My talent is dancing and although I don't do much of it now, when I was little, I would dance everywhere, especially at the grocery store. I like to dance because I think it's entertaining and allows me to be creative. I am also good at writing, and look forward to using my Youtube channel or blog as a way to communicate with people and share my journey. While I enjoy dancing and writing, I decided to write a meaningful message for those girls and women who are getting bullied an/or having trouble liking themselves for who they really are:

I know who I am. I am a strong black young lady. I am adventurous and fun. For the women out there who let things get to them, know that you have the power to break that habit. Know that you can be sensitive and still strong enough to never let the words of others take you down. As women, we all have the same body parts and experience many of the same things. Although our hair may be different, our skin color may be different, and our likings may be different, we are still very much the same. For that reason, women need to stick together and stop being mean to one another. When you work together, you have a greater chance of building something better. Every woman should feel confident about her body, skin color, accent, and the person they are becoming. Be strong.

Dear Congressman Dwight Evans,

My name is Ariel and I am starting the 7th grade this September at an elementary school in Mt. Airy. In my free time, I like to go bike riding, play basketball and visit new and interesting places. During the summer, I played golf and I was very honored to be the only girl. For this upcoming school year, I hope to run track. Additionally, I hope to continue holding leadership roles and find ways to inspire my classmates to become leaders too. One of the many ways I serve as a leader at my school is by being a school safety. Safeties are responsible for helping the school staff protect the students and create order and structure in the building during admission, dismissal and lunch/recess. For an example, school safeties hold the door for classes to enter and exit the building safely and help out younger children during fire drills. Also so we no what to do in case of a real fire, also safety's hold the door for the classes in the morning, Additionally, school safeties make sure students transition in the hallway by walking safely. Many times, safeties help the younger children get to their homerooms safely after being dropped off by a parent/guardian. Furthermore, I am also the Student State Representative of Pennsylvania for anti-bullying. As the Student State Representative, I have to complete a task and challenge every month and record a video to provide feedback regarding my experience. I enjoy doing this and look forward to challenging my classmates to complete various tasks and challenges that promote safe, accepting, and friendly learning environments. Lastly, I volunteer my time and assistance during lunch and recess. During this time, I help

teachers by working with younger students that may be having academic challenges. Sometimes, I work one on one with a child to help them stay on task and complete their work so the teacher can move on to the next lesson. All in all, something I would like to hold at my school is an anti-bullying art show where students or classes design their own art work that shows what being “Bully-Free” means to them. During the art show, everyone’s work would be displayed and hopefully, we can award a winner although everyone is a winner.