

## Student Ambassador

## Karla Llamas Silva

Torreón, Mexico



"Everyone knows each other and it's a safe place where you can live with no worries at all. The people here are really friendly and honest. The best of this is that you can make friends easy."

Whistler Secondary 2012

Karla Llamas Silva decided to come to Whistler because she liked the idea that it is a world-renowned tourist destination and has a lot of activities. She also liked the idea of being in one of the best resorts in the world to go to ski or snowboard.

When asked what she thought of her new home she said, "The community is beautiful. It is a small town and in winter, all of Whistler is covered by snow and it looks like if you are in a Christmas movie. Then, in spring everything is so green, and the views you have are gorgeous, the mountains, the lakes, the trees, everything is beautiful."

Karla loves her new school and the different classes she is taking. As she said "School in Whistler is great; it has a lot of interesting classes. I am taking art, outdoor experiences, textiles, working with wood and more than that; subjects that are not

common in my schools in Mexico". Karla likes the different experiences she has in the Canadian school system" My friend is in Drama and I had the opportunity to work on the set with her.

While Karla is not a big sports fan she did learn to snow board. "I started practicing snowboard with my friends. I got my season pass and I had a special student discount that the school gives to me."

We asked her how things were with her host family and she said; "I love my host family! My host mom is a teacher and she helps me a lot with my English, she is really patient and she cooks amazing, also she is a great person. My host dad is really funny, he is always making jokes and that's really nice, it helps to have a nice relationship. The house is adorable, I love it, it's so modern and big. My room has a lot of space. I'm very happy living with them

because they make me feel like part of the family."

We asked Karla about returning home to Mexico and she said; "I would love to stay in Canada. I'm going to miss my friends and family here in Canada, and I'm going to miss everything, the style of life that I have here, the town, the snow, the mountains, the weather and all of the things that I don't have in Mexico. But I can't say I'm not excited to go home because I'm really excited."

