

Class of 1999 – 2000

Durham Fifty Years From Now...

“Durham will be a small city like Brunswick. There will be more people. Durham will have many new roads. We will have a police department. There will be a mall. Durham will have a hospital. There might be a train. They might have pet dinosaurs. My fort will be a hunter’s fort. Durham will have a new school.”

— *Seth*

“Fifty years from now, I will probably see less trees. There might be more houses. I think the cars will change a little bit in fifty years from now. There might be more restaurants to eat at. There might be a flower shop. There might be a larger grocery store. I don’t think the school will be the same. I think the school will be bigger. We might even have a high school. There could be flying cars in fifty years from now. There could make houses bigger.”

— *Whitney*

“I feel that gasoline engines won’t be used as much fifty years from now. Electric motors will save the earth from air pollution. That will make a safer place for my children to live.

The school will be bigger and have a lot more than 1,000 boys and girls in the building. And I feel that fifty years from now, they will have a one hour of daily lunch.

I think that the Shiloh Road will be torn up and blown away and turned into an airport of helicopters, mach 5 jets and a chinook helicopter. And inside the port, maybe a restaurant, a supermarket, and three subway tracks in that airport and sub-station. Maybe it will be named Grand Stage.”

— *Alex*

“I think there will be skyscraper and fast, fast cars. There will be big, big, big stores. There will be lots of houses. I think there will be more toys, lots more toys. I bet they will be cool and the kids will really like the toys a lot. They will be very good I think. They should be really, really great. I will wish I was little again. If I have kids, they might live in Durham. They will like Durham a lot.”

— *Mark*

“We will have a Rite-aid. We will have a big grocery store. We’ll have motorcycles that fly. We will have money that falls from trees. We will have jets and we’ll have sand pits. We will have an airport. We will

have a hotel. We will have a highway. We will have flying cars.”

— *Shain*

“I think there will be more farms. I think there will be more stores. There will be more people and houses. There will be less trees. Durham might turn into a city. We will have street lights on all the roads. We will have a bigger school with a high school. We might have a large grocery store. There might be a new bridge connecting Lewiston to Durham. That way, people would not have to go to Auburn.”

— *Kelly*

“In about fifty years, Durham will probably have more businesses. There might be a computer store in Durham. Maybe by then there will be a mall arcade. The school would probably be bigger. They might also have a high school in Durham. There might not be as many trees or fields. A lot of houses will be build and more people will live here. It will look like a big city. There will be more jobs. Then people will want to move to a quiet little town.”

— *Brandon*

“I think that in fifty years the buses will float off the ground. All cars will float off the ground and so will trucks. There will be a post office in Durham. To call someone, you will use a special microphone that has the person’s name on it. To use it, you turn it on at the red button. To turn it off, you push the black button.

There will be a Durham mall. There will be two ice cream stores. There will a Shop-n-Save. There will be a gas station in Durham. I hope that I will be alive to experience it all.”

— *Lucas*

“In fifty years from now Durham will have more buildings and houses. The schools will have a mechanical hand which lets the teacher rest and the hand will write what the student needs to do on the board. If a person couldn’t talk, a machine would say what the person wanted to say. If you ever wondered what animals are saying fifty years from now, a machine will tell you what the animals are saying.

Fifty years from now every student in the schools will have their own lap-top computer. In fifty years from now, cars won’t need drivers because the cars are run by remote controls. Instead of telephones, people will have cellular phones. Durham will have electric or solar powered cars. There will be fast food restaurants. Durham will have their own high school.”

— *Jacob*

“In fifty years I think Durham will be very different than it is now. I think the school will be bigger. There will be a lot more houses and less trees. The Fire Dept. will be full-time with no volunteers. There will be more businesses in town like a bakery and a pet store. I also believe there will be a doctor and a hospital. I think the Grange Hall will be a community center. There will be more people. There will be more roads. The deer population will be less in the future.”

— Teri

“I think there will be two more schools. There will be more stores because there will be more people. There might be two more fire stations because there will be more houses. More roads will be built for people. All the roads will have tar on them. No more dirt roads in Durham. In fifty years there will be less trees. Durham will have its own police station. There might be a McDonald’s and Burger King in Durham. Durham will have its own dump.”

— Craig

“In Durham fifty years from now there will be more houses and less farms. There will be more roads. The school will be bigger and there will be a high school. There will be more stores and bigger stores. There will be a police station and a full-time fire department. There will a trash transfer area where you bring your trash and sort it out to be recycled. There will be more traffic and more stop lights. Possibly, there will even be street lights and fire hydrants. I would like to see a Y.M.C.A. so that the people have somewhere to go. A movie theater would be a good idea.”

— Jessica

“I think there will be houses. I think it will have a high school. I think it will have a bigger school. I think it will have a mall. I think it will have a football field. They will have less trees. It will have more roads. It may have a post office. A doctor may have an office. It might have a history museum. I think the town might have a motel.”

— Molly

“In fifty years the Durham School will be bigger. All of the jobs will use computers. In fifty years Durham will have a mall. In fifty years there will be a lot more trees. In fifty years there be a lot more boats. In fifty years there will be a lot more people in Durham. Durham may have a Shop-n-Save. Durham may be some clothes stores. Durham may have more light. Durham will have more channels.”

— Crystal-Lynn

“Durham will look much different in fifty years. I think it might have restaurants. There will be lots more people and if there are lots more people, there will be more houses. There could be more buildings. I think there will be more cars and trucks. There will not be a lot of trees left. There is probably not a lot of fields left. There will be some gas stations. There will be more tar roads. I think Durham might have a lot of street lights.”

— *Eliza*

“I think Durham will be really clean. I think Durham will have a law that you can’t smoke in Durham — even if you live in Durham. I think it will have a big business that sells and makes instruments like pianos, trumpets, drums, saxophones, organs and trombones — so that business will bring all the taxes up so Durham will have a really big school that will be like a mansion. The people will have grease boards that are electric. I think that they will make grease boards so whatever you say to it, it will write what you say. I think Durham will have a big park. I think toy guns will become real guns — and that’s what I think Durham will be like fifty years from now.”

— *Kyle*

“In fifty years I don’t think the school will look like this. I think there will be a new part of the middle school. I think there will be some new stores. I think there will be another school. I think there will be news teachers and a modular. The old town hall will not be there. There will be new roads. They will have more tar roads. They will have more playground at this school.”

— *Kristi*

“In fifty years it’s going to be 2048. In fifty years there will be different teachers. In fifty years there will be different babies. In fifty years there will be different dogs. There will be different cats. In fifty years, Mom and Dad are turning old. In fifty years, kids are turning to Mom and Dad. In fifty years there will be more jobs. The schools are going to be together. In fifty years there are going to be different buildings.”

— *Miranda*

“In fifty years the businesses that you would see could not be explosive. The schools would not be the same at all. They would have K through college in the school. It would be a BIG, BIG school. My brother would be 54 in fifty years.”

— *Annie*

“It would have cars that can go in outer space and highways that go to different planets. Kids will play basketball with flying shoes. Chairs would float in mid-air and so would desks. They would have field

trips back to our school. Houses will be underground and so will schools. People would eat pills instead of real food. People would use jet packs to get around. Dogs would eat from bubbles that would refill automatically. Robots would serve everyone. Above ground it would be like before the Indians lived here.”

— *Kendrick*