



It's a  
**GREAT DAY**  
to be a  
**PUMA**

It was Paul's **first day in school**, and while eating lunch in the cafeteria, he saw a girl named Piper drop her tray, and "**Ka-blash!**" Her lunch spilled everywhere. Rather than get upset, Piper pronounced, "Well, this is a **great day** to be a **puma**," and proceeded to pick up the mess. A boy named Patrick **stepped in to help**. She smiled, and said "Thanks!"



Later, while playing at recess, Paul saw Piper **trip** and **skin her knee**.

He could tell it hurt, but was surprised by Piper's reaction.

After brushing a tear from her cheek, she said, "This is a **great day** to be a **puma**." Then a girl named Penelope came up to her and said, "You should get a **bandaid** on that. Let's go to the **nurse's office**."

Piper smiled and said,  
"Thanks!"

On the bus ride home, Piper's backpack **unzipped**, and everything **fell out** on the floor. Again she said, "This a **great day** to be a **puma!**" This time Paul stepped in to help pick things up, then he asked her, "Piper, I've seen **three bad things** happen to you today, and each time you say 'This is a great day to be a puma.' Why do you say that?"



Piper replied, "Here at this school, we are **all pumas**. We have **puma friends**, and we all care about each other, and help each other. **It's the puma way**. So no matter what happens, I know I have friends who **care**, and will **help** me. That makes every day a **great day** to be a **puma!**"

After all of her things were gathered up, Piper smiled and said,  
"Thanks for your help! Isn't it a **great day** to be a **puma!**"

