



**PRINCIPAL CORNER for May 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Lily's Brother**

Lilly is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. In the piece below, she wrote about her younger brother (and only sibling) who is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. They are both SCCS students.

Encourage

The person in my life who has made the most difference to me encouragement-wise is my brother, Julien. He encourages me in many ways. It actually quite amazes me now that I think about all the things he has done for me! He does big things to encourage me, but what he does that is most encouraging are the small gestures that he makes. He will give me a hug when I feel sad, or encourage me to not give up when I'm frustrated about something.

Just yesterday, I was feeling tired and sad and he walked up to me and gave me a hug. Even though I wasn't the nicest to him that day, he still gave me that hug which made the entirety of my day better. I felt encouraged to keep going with what I was doing and to stay with it even though I didn't necessarily want to. I thought that this was an incredibly kind gesture because it may my day so much better.

If I were to tell Julien that I appreciate his encouragement in my life, I would say it to him along with a big hug. But more than that, I will start to encourage him and lot of other people in my life because I know it will make their day better, just like it did for me.



I am happy to share that Lily will be a freshman at West Sound Academy in the fall.

With joy,  
Susan Kilbane