

 **SANDS
MONTESSORI SCHOOL**
A Cincinnati Public School Alternative Program
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January 24, 1994

Ruth Pelham
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Dear Ms. Pelham:

"That program was one of the best programs we have ever had at Sands Montessori," is a quote from one of the Instructor Assistants at our school. The children and the staff at our school were drawn into the program immediately; you inspired everyone to sing about families, tolerance, loving and caring for the Earth and for each other.

The older children were mesmerized by your description of how the Havasupi Indians live and what these Indian children did, with you, to keep their culture alive. After the slides, songs and presentation about the Havasupi tribe, one of the teachers reported that he was inspired to dust off and update his Native American lesson plans for his class. He and other teachers were impressed with the response from the children to your work. The children asked good questions and were very interested in learning more about the Havasupai.

We would love to have you come back to our school for another assembly or even as an Artist-in-Residence. You brought a real feeling of warmth and cooperation to our children.

Sincerely,



Rita Swegman
Principal

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LOUDONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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February 12, 1991

Ruth Pelham
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Dear Ruth:

Many thanks for your wonderful presentation about the Havasupai Tribe. It was a great combination of song, culture and soul. Both the musical kind of soul because certainly the Native American music has that, but most of all, showing the children a part of the Havasupai heart and soul - their love of their land, water and tradition and their drive to save all of it from modern day destruction. Not a concept most of our children have been exposed to, especially in such a moving way.

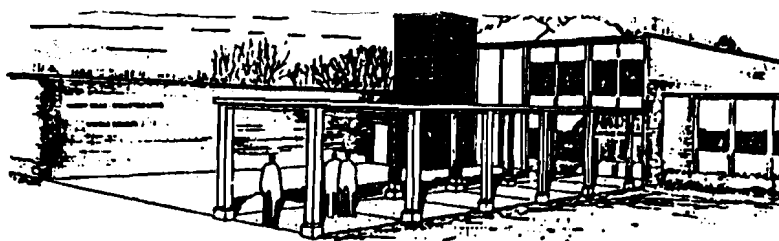
I know it reached them as I have asked a bunch of kids about it. They really were touched by it. A group of them in my carpool sang and motioned to "No Uranium Mining" all the way home, and just today my daughter sang "Waya Ging." The slides made it all real for them, too.

I have sent your information sheet on the program to an interested friend in Guilderland School District. I hope you have many opportunities to present this inspiring program. It is an important insight into what still happens in America today.

Sincerely,



Betsy Forsland
Learning Enrichment Day Committee



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December 14, 1990

Ruth Pelham
Pat Garber
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Dear Ruth and Pat,

I wanted to formally thank you for an outstanding program that you presented here at the Middle School on December 3, 1990. Your slides, songs and interactions with the students concerning the Havasupai Indians and their attempts to stop the drilling of a uranium mine near their homeland were enjoyable, fascinating and educational.

I have rarely seen seventh graders as excited and enthused about a presentation as they were about the one you did. Many of them have talked to me about the possibility of really doing something to help the Havasupai. Many of them have spoken to me about the enjoyment they felt with the music you did with them. It was obviously a good day for the students and teachers who were involved.

Here at the Middle School we have taken your ideas a step further. Classes are now planning specific actions to not only get more information about the current problems of the Havasupai but to support their cause as well. One of my classes is doing some letters to people who may be able to help this cause. Another class is putting on a presentation to prove their support. A third class is going to spend an hour at a local supermarket talking to patrons about the problems of the Havasupai and the uranium mine. Lastly, I have a student group that is presenting to about 150 elementary school students about the effects of the mine.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to have my students be involved in a cause. They have been very excited about all of this and have worked very hard on the activity that their individual class chose. I hope that together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Reynolds
Chairman
Social Studies Dept.