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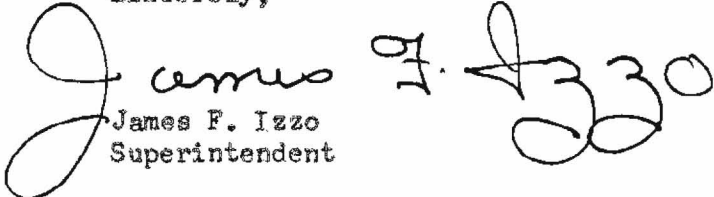
Dear Ruth:

What an exciting and inspirational way to start our day! You set the tone for the remainder of our K-8 "Wellness Day" and your performance can be summed up perfectly by a comment made by one of our middle school students who said, "Wow, she was great!"

This was the first time our small, rural school district had attempted anything like this and it was important for all of us that it be successful. Well, it was extremely successful and was so as the result of the mixing of many human ingredients. I can honestly say that you were the wheat for our bread; the grapes for our wine. For this we are sincerely thankful.

I wish you the best of luck in the continuing performance of a valuable service to the young people of our area. Should you be in our area, please stop as you are always welcome.

Sincerely,


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Superintendent

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May 15, 1986

Ms. Ruth Pelham
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Dear Ruth:

I want to express my deepest and most joyful thanks to you for the good performances you gave in our schools on April 22, 23 and 24. How fortunate we were to have you here to help us celebrate Peace Week 1986!

First of all, your songs reinforced beautifully our curricular emphasis, particularly in the elementary grades, on individual differences, interpersonal relationships and participation in the human family. "Under One Sky" could be our global awareness theme song -- and may well become just that!

Secondly, your slides and comments on your visit to the Soviet Union were especially timely, given the ups and downs of Soviet/American relations, the recent Chernobyl disaster and the ever-present nuclear threat to both populations. I think you could tell from the questions the children asked that they were anxious to learn about Soviet people and that, with every answer, you dispelled stereotypes and increased understanding.

Finally, the way you related to the children reflects your strong commitment to their growth and learning as human beings. Your respect for their inquisitiveness at some age levels and their attempts to cover it up at others was a model for all of us as educators. Thank you also for listening to teachers' comments and modifying your presentation in light of them. Your flexibility and good humor were both helpful and greatly appreciated.

At a recent meeting of the Teaching Toward Peace Group, a teacher remarked: "It was Ruth Pelham's being at our school that really got teachers thinking about peace and doing things in their classrooms." I can think of no finer compliment we could give you for the time spent with us in April. Please accept our gratitude and our best wishes for your continued good work.

Warmly,

Ruth

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November 16, 2001

Ms. Ruth Pelham
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Dear Ruth:

Thank you for coming to our school on November 5 and providing us with a wonderful kick-off concert for our Parents As Literacy Supporters (PALS) program.

The evening was enjoyed by parents and children alike. The energy and enthusiasm you bring to your music is contagious. You really made it easy for all in attendance to join you in singing, signing and doing the motions for the songs. We also appreciate the way you wove our reading theme into the lyrics.

Thanks again, Ruth, for a very enjoyable and uplifting evening of music and song.

Sincerely,



Barbara Goldstein, Principal
on behalf of the students at GWS



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June 10, 1997

Ruth Pelham
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Dear Ruth,

On behalf of the Arts in Education Committee, I'd like to extend our appreciation for the wonderful performance you put together with our kindergarten through 4th grade students. Each class, with your guidance, created a musical tribute to the Hudson River. The children hand-crafted unique instruments to accompany their original songs.

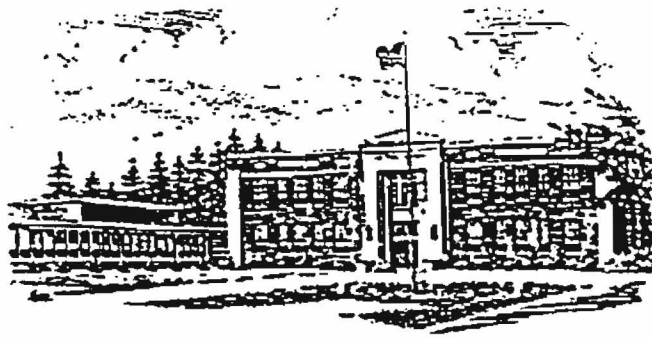
Your inclusion of the community audience was well received and elicited many favorable reactions. Your mention of Dr. Fennell was a tasteful and fitting tribute to her memory. All in all, it was a perfect day for our "Hudson River Fest"!

Through the years you've never let us down. Again, thank you for the large part you played in making our celebration a success.

Sincerely,



Sue Grimm
Co-Chair, AIE Committee



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Dear Ms. Pelham,

Thank you very much for providing WAJ with an excellent concert. The 300 students in attendance had a wonderful time. Many of the teachers also told me about the wonderful time they had. I especially liked the way you integrated our Parents as Reading Partners theme into the songs you sung and the stories you told. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Michael Raso
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PARP Coordinator