

**SAMPLE-Thank You
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Clay Elementary School
School Lane
Ephrata, PA 17522
October 10, 2008

Senator Michael Brubaker
301 E. Main Street
Lititz, PA 17543

Dear Senator Brubaker,

On behalf of the staff and students of the Clay Elementary School, I wish to thank you for your memorable visit to our school library on _____. Your animated reading of Peter and the Wolf still has students chattering! I have enclosed some photos taken by _____ during your visit and a copy of the article that appeared in the Ephrata Review. I was glad that I had the opportunity to show you the books our school was able to purchase with the LSTA funds administered by PDE and Commonwealth Libraries in the competitive Collection Development grant.

As you make legislative decisions on educational funding bills, please keep school libraries in mind. There are huge disparities among schools even in our county in terms of library staffing and amount of resources and technology that students have access to in their libraries. It is the hope of the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association, of which I am a member, that all school children have equal access to quality school library collections and a trained school library media specialist to teach them how to find, evaluate, and use information in its many forms today. The research that I shared with you in the School Libraries Work! booklet provides abundant evidence of the correlation between higher reading test scores and quality school library programs.

Again, thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to visit the Clay Elementary Library and read to our students. They truly enjoyed it. I hope that you can come visit us again sometime.

Sincerely,

Sally Perry, School Librarian

cc: _____, Superintendent
_____, Principal
_____, President, PTO