

Watson Road Elementary
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Dear Holly,

It's been two weeks since you left our school and your beautiful songs are still ringing in our hallways. **WOW!** What a tremendous impact your Voices of Nature program has made on our students, both in song and in their thinking. I've heard more mature, thought-evoking conversations in the past three weeks than I've heard in my entire teaching career. You found a way to touch our senses and probe our collective conscience: Teachers and students alike are reflecting about important environmental issues that we can no longer ignore.

You'll be happy to know that my two compost bins, which have been out of commission for half a year due to yard construction, were promptly rebuilt the weekend after your concert. Your message that "Big Change Starts Small" was an effective, non-confrontational way to remind us all that we each have a responsibility to take care of this planet, and it needs to start now.

I was especially impressed at the way you approached the logging issue. As Kelowna is a community that relies heavily on the forestry industry, you obviously knew that you were addressing a sensitive topic. Your direct yet compassionate lyrics were brilliant.

Holly, I can't express how important your visit was to our school. You promised the "Greatest Show On Earth" and you and your Artist Response Team certainly delivered. The musicianship and passion displayed by yourself and the Dream Band was second to none, and our students had an experience that they will **never** forget.

A HUGE heart felt thank you from our school, our community and our city, you are a shining example to us all.

Sincerely,

Katherine Key

(and the staff and students of Watson Road Elementary)