

Dear Mr. Grossman and the Generous Friends at Pencils and Paper ~

Your kindness could not have come at a better time for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Half of our student population are refugees and resources are very limited for them. Some of our most important school supplies are consumable and thus are typically depleted mid-year. Pencils, dry-erase markers, notebook paper and tissues are just a few of the items we can never seem to have enough of, until Pencils and Paper.

I would like to applaud all of the volunteers at your organization. The facility is welcoming, bright and very well-organized. I was approached multiple times to see if I needed any assistance. I also enjoyed speaking with a few of the St. John Fisher students in the educational programs.

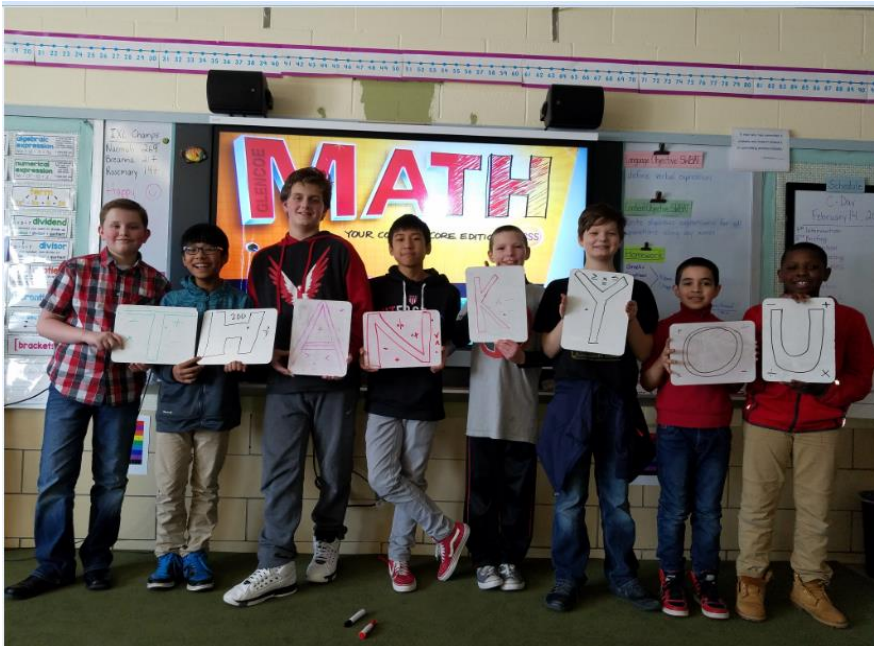
Our students started using the supplies the following morning. They were especially elated and grateful for the dry erase markers, as we use those daily in Math class (to solve problems on mini whiteboards.)

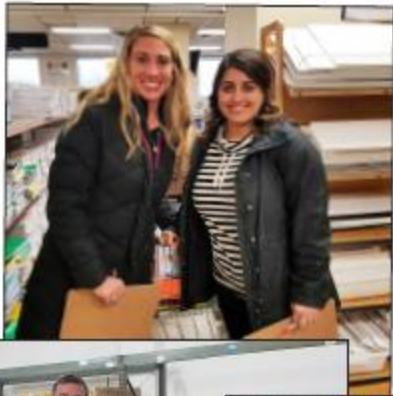
Please share our sincere thanks to all the organizations involved in providing this wonderful resource. I shared my lovely experience with a few colleagues, so you'll be meeting more staff from The Children's School of Rochester #15 soon.

Much appreciation,

[Theresa Moraldo](#)

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January 24, 2018

Dear Pencils and Paper Donor,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the supplies. I cannot even begin to explain how appreciated they are and how thankful I am. I am currently a reading teacher in the Rochester City School District. I work with students who are struggling readers. I work with about 40 students every day. If I am lucky and there is money left over in the school budget I get \$50 to spend each year to purchase supplies to use with all of these students. As you can guess this does not even come close to covering what I need. I do not have any students bring supplies with them at the beginning of the year because I am a supplemental resource and most times these students cannot even afford to bring supplies for their classroom.

I have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader and a preschooler of my own. My 3<sup>rd</sup> graders school supplies have averaged about \$60 per year and that is with teachers having a classroom budget of around \$300 to spend on their supplies. My preschooler's supplies were about \$20 this year. In addition to purchasing my own children's supplies I have to purchase for my class. I typically spend \$200-300 a year on supplies (pencils, crayons, markers, dry erase markers, construction paper, notebooks, binders, etc). That does not include the books and other supplemental materials I purchase during the year. Being able to go to Pencils and Paper and receive so many of those supplies for free has allowed me to use the money I saved to purchase other things for my room that I have not been able to (seat sacks, organizational materials).

I brought the supplies to school the day after going to Pencils and Paper. I laid many of the materials out for the students to see. They were beyond excited and so surprised that people would be so kind as to give us supplies to help in their learning venture. It may seem silly, but just from having a new set of crayons, pencil, eraser, markers they have a renewed excitement when working in reading group. They are very excited for the reading crafts we are going to be able to create. They checked with me every day to see if I had mailed out their thank you cards because they wanted everyone to know how appreciative they were. I was very excited to see there were also supplies like a stapler, hole punch, folders, etc.

It is so wonderful to have Pencils and Paper in the Rochester area to support our students and support us as we support our students. It is no secret that schools with a high percentage of students living in poverty often do not have the same resources available to them as schools with a minimal amount of students living in poverty. All that has been provided to me through Pencils and Paper has helped close that gap. I am very grateful.

Thank you so very much,

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October 2, 2017

Dear friends,  
Thank you for giving us  
writing book, tissues, and  
gluesticks. These things will help  
us to learn English. You are nice for  
giving us supplies for our classroom.

Your friend  
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