

WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BRINCKERHOFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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FISHKILL, NEW YORK 12524

PRINCIPAL

May 8, 1997

**Ruth Pelham, Director
Music Mobile, Inc.
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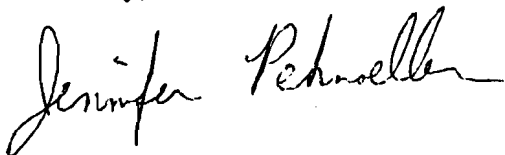
Dear Ruth,

WOW! What a wonderful experience our students had in the Musicraft Workshops you presented on April 14th and 15th. Your excellent organizational skills in preparing prepackaged instrument materials was astounding. This allowed the workshops to get underway on time which was no easy matter. All of the children in grades K - 3 were talking about the instruments that they made and played to accompany you, for a long while.

Especially enjoyable was the way you presented yourself - professional yet "down to earth". It was a pleasure to watch the students get wrapped up in singing the clever songs you led them through and to see how age appropriate you kept the songs. Even the parents were engaged in the joyful singing, clapping, and playing. The teachers were happy that their students were given an avenue to share their creativity with the 4th graders during the in-school concert. I understand that it was a real toe-stomping performance!

You are in incredible person whose vitality motivates others to really enjoy music. Thank you for sharing your talent with us at Brinckerhoff Elementary School. It's been a privilege to have worked with you. I hope we will see you next year for a songwriting residency.

Sincerely,



**Jennifer Pehmoeller
PTA Programs Co-Chairperson**



Schenectady City School District
Zoller Elementary School

Jane Poklemba
Principal

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February 14, 2004

To Whom it May Concern:

Yesterday my four kindergarten classes had the wonderful, 'Music Mobile' experience. As always, Ruth Pelham quickly engaged students in her series of songs and interactive routines. Joining in on one of the classes, I was not surprised to see the students smiling, clapping and hugging each other in response to her suggestions.

We ended Ruth's visit with a family concert and invited all our primary grades, their teachers and parents. What a wonderful way to close out the school week! Everyone joined in to sing along with lyrics like "love is all around" and "peace the whole world round."

In thanking Ruth for her time and energy at the end of the day, I reminisced that I had now known her for 22 years! I first encountered the Music Mobile at the NYS Museum. My four-year-old daughter and I were visiting the Sesame Street Exhibit (new at the time) and there was Ruth, making guitars from cardboard and rubber bands with a group of preschoolers. My daughter immediately joined in the fun.

As an assistant principal and then principal at three different elementary schools in Schenectady, I have made it a point to be sure that my students had the 'Music Mobile experience'. Ruth has never disappointed. I think I enjoy her every bit as much as the students. Rest assured, you will too!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mrs. J. Poklemba".

Mrs. J. Poklemba
Principal

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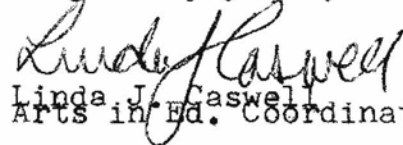
Ruth Pelham
P O Box 6024
Albany, New York 12206

Dear Ruth,

I would, once again, like to take the opportunity to tell you how much I, the students and their teachers enjoyed your program. Your music, and style is so upbeat, warm and loving. These are things we try to instill and you supported our school philosophy of nurturing children so nicely with your music.

Your technique of a holistic approach, also ties in very well with our educational philosophy. We are looking forward to having you back at Margaretville in the very near future. Keep up with your songwriting and music making. Have a good and healthy year.

Very truly yours,


Linda J. Caswell
Arts in Ed. Coordinator



**St. Jude the Apostle School
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March 30, 2001

Ruth Pelham
PO Box 6024
Albany, NY 12206

Dear Ruth,

I am writing to you in hopes that you will forward this letter to whomsoever oversees the foundation that funds your musical program.

The faculty, students, parents, and certainly this administration here at St. Jude the Apostle School, were absolutely delighted with all aspects of your performance here. Your attendance at our faculty meeting prior to your scheduled school visitation provided staff with a complete awareness of your objectives and with the materials needed to achieve those objectives. You were certainly able to whet our appetites for things to come!

In talking with our children, they all expressed how much they enjoyed the stories and messages interwoven in your music. The highlight of their experience was in being able to actually construct their own instruments and use them to perform in the presence of their parents at the evening concert.

As you know, St. Jude's is definitely a family-centered school. The evening concert, which allowed parents, staff, and children to inter-act in a most unforgettable musical experience, was very much in keeping with one of our school missions---namely, to strengthen the family unit.

We all found you to be a very personable and talented person. You went to great lengths to ensure that your performance would not just entertain, but would also be an avenue for delivering some powerful moral lessons about our need, as individuals, to be caring, loving people in our dealings with others. I commend you for your efforts and extend an invitation for you to return every year, if possible.

On behalf of the staff, our students, and the parent-community here at St. Jude's, we wish you God's continuous blessings as you go about doing such fine work.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara A. Bennett
Principal

Hoosic Valley Central School

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Ruth Pelham
The Music Mobile
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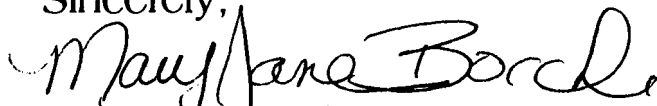
I wanted to send my sincere thanks for the wonderful job you have done at our school for the past two years. For two consecutive years you have presented your "musicraft" workshops with our first graders. The children, teachers and parents have immensely enjoyed working with you and learning about music and instrument making. The children were especially excited about your visit well after your day at Hoosic Valley ended. They often referred back to your visit and loved to play their instruments and listen to your songs.

The culmination concert was certainly a huge success and as always enjoyed by all. Other grade levels and parents were able to enjoy seeing their child on stage singing and performing with their instrument.

The First Grade teachers and students are looking forward to your return to Hoosic Valley for yet another music-making day.

Thank you for all your efforts into making music come alive for children and adults.

Sincerely,



Maryjane Bocchi
Arts in Education Committee