



DAYTON

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A NEW DAY IS DAWNING!

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Dear Deb,

I couldn't let this day pass without pausing to remember your work and your benevolent efforts with the Crayons To Classrooms program. Our staff was excited to the point of being "fired up" to come shopping last week. Imagine how much fun they had at school on Friday, putting their new things away, getting ready to teach with them today and assigning them to specific students! When the kids came to school today they were delighted to discover their new learning tools! Today I heard the words "Look Ms. Owens. I have a new..." so many times!

I hope that you and your colleagues feel inspired by the response that you received from our staff and I pray that through our words, you can feel the warm and appreciative responses of our students. Years from now, they may not remember what you gave them that helped them learn but I know without a doubt that they will always remember that *you gave* and that *your giving helped them learn!* My only regret is that you didn't get to see them and their excitement because, as I'm sure you would agree, it's all about the kids!

I hope that every school yet to come visit Crayons To Classrooms will be as pleased as we are. I can not tell you BIG enough how much we appreciate everything that you do!

Again, thank you so very much! God Bless You, Deb!

With Gratitude,

Cheryl
Cheryl M. Owens, Principal