

# *Hawthorne Village Public School*

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Dear Aaron,

Thank you so much for the truly awesome presentation you and the White Pine Dancers provided for staff and students at Hawthorne Village Public School in June, 2008. We had hoped that students would have the opportunity to experience our rich Canadian heritage from a First Nations perspective. Your stories, songs and dances fulfilled that expectation in such an exceptional way. There were times during your stories that you could have heard a pin drop, even though the auditorium was packed with 1,000 children from kindergarten to grade 8. Staff and students alike had enthusiastic, positive comments to share after the assembly.

The grade 6 students were very fortunate to spend the afternoon with you completing a dream catcher craft. The response of the students demonstrated how captivated they were by everything they experienced. The patience and skill of your team made the task a success. The students also really enjoyed the stories you shared about learning to have patience. They were intrigued by the task you gave your daughter to help her develop this quality. Since your visit we have included a similar patience-building activity in our classrooms.

Your visit here was certainly a highlight of our school year. Your program met and exceeded curriculum expectations, making First Nations culture come alive with costumes, drama, dance, songs and legends. We feel fortunate that all our students were able to experience a program of this calibre. I would be pleased to recommend your program to other schools. Thank you again for sharing your talents with the students at Hawthorne Village Public School.

Sincerely,

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