

# *Pine Estates Elementary School No. 250*

**"Where Excellence Is The Expectation"**

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Mr. John Forrester  
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Via email: [jforrester@brightholidays.org](mailto:jforrester@brightholidays.org)

Dear John:

On behalf of the entire faculty, staff and student body at Pine Estates Elementary, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for Bright Holidays' generosity during the 2008 holiday season.

For more than three years now, Pine Estates has been a recipient Bright Holidays' support and the number of lives touched by Bright Holidays has been simply amazing. More than that, on arrival to deliver gifts, we have always been greeted with a warm welcome and a heartfelt attitude of thankfulness. It has been touching and memorable.

This year, due to the nationwide economic hardship, many individuals expressed their honest lack of the basic necessities; many were in need of food and clothing. It was a humbling experience to hear the unfortunate stories and experience the tearful outbursts of fathers or mothers who had recently lost their jobs. For many, these are indeed difficult times but the gifts provided by Bright Holidays appeared to give a tremendous amount of hope for better days in the future.

I have enclosed one letter from a mother who had recently lost her job and a second letter from her two children. I am sure you, too, will find in the sentiments of the letters, a simple "thank-you" seems inadequate for an organization that has done so much.

Again, I express my heartfelt appreciation for your generosity during the holidays and continued support for our students at Pine Estates Elementary School. I look forward to working with you and the Bright Holidays Organization to provide more hope for our children and families.

Best regards,

Violetra C. Ward, Principal  
Pine Estates Elementary

Ps. We also appreciate Bright Holidays' funding of school lunch accounts through [mylunchmoney.com](http://mylunchmoney.com).