



J.E.B. STUART MIDDLE SCHOOL

4815 Wesconnett Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32210

(904) 573-1000
Fax: (904) 573-3213

Mr. Gregory D. Bostic
Principal

Dr. Arvin Johnson
Vice Principal

01/05/2009

To: Mr. John Forrester and Members of Bright Holidays
~~24532 Deer Trace Drive~~
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fl 32082

I am writing in response to the generous support provided to the family of one my dear students at JEB Stuart Middle School. As a public school administrator, I experience the callous reality of students come to school without their basic needs being met. Many are oblivious and even apathetic to the obstacles that many students face very early in life. Many of these students have hard working families who, for various reasons, experience temporary or prolonged hardship. These experiences have tremendous implications for students who are charged with mastering an academically demanding curriculum, high stakes testing, and becoming socialized in a manner that orients them to a free, capitalistic, and democratic society.

Thanks to you and your organization, one of my students and her family had a better holiday season. It genuinely warms my heart to know that individuals and organizations such as yours care enough to help less fortunate students and their families. I commend you on this considerable effort. I truly believe that if every capable citizen contributed only a modicum of support to children who are in need, we would have no students coming to school without their rudimentary needs being met.

Gracious individuals and organizations, such as Bright Holidays, help make this a better community for all. Again, thank you for supporting my student, her family, and the overall community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Arvin Johnson
Vice-Principal

JEB Stuart Middle School
904-573-1000 Ext. 117
johnsona10@duvalschools.org