

**A Thank You from Division 1
Latimer Road !**

“To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of the children... To leave the world a better place... To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Balsor,

Hello! My name is Paige, I am 12 years old, almost 13, and I go to Latimer Road Elementary School. I wanted to write this letter to you on behalf of the children who enjoy the donation you gave to them for food for the lunch program. My teacher, Ms. Pesce, found an article in the newspaper talking about your donation and inspired us to write letters to you, to thank you for what you have done. Those children really appreciate what you have done for them. Even though our school does not have the lunch program I know that the 2 000 kids you helped, in over 95 schools, thank you for your \$100 000 donation because it helps them get through with weeks or even months of food.

I felt so comforted, when we read the article, that you gave so much even though you didn't have to. I wish that there were more people in this world like you both, who are willing to freely give. Although, some people are like you who want to give so much but can't because of their economic situation. Our class would like to help you with the lunch program by collecting donations and donating food to the program. I hope that our class donation will help out largely in the lunch program. I know that we will not have a whole lot of money to give to you but at least it will be enough for a couple of breakfasts for these hungry kids. It is sad to think that children even here in Surrey are still hungry and they cannot do anything about it. But they can, when they come to school in the morning. And that is why I want to help because I don't want to see any more people hungry and begging because they don't know what else to do.

If I were a student that was on the lunch program I would definitely be very, very thankful for what you have done for me. I wonder why the other children that do get the lunch program don't write to you do get the lunch program don't want to go public about being hungry. I hope you continue with your efforts to make a difference in this world and inspire other people to make a difference (like us). Once again, thank you soooo much for what you are doing to help other children to enjoy a good day at school! Keep up the good work in feeding "Billy". Gandhi said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Sincerely,

Paige Adams



P.S.-Don't forget to give them some candy every now and then. 😊

October 17, 2012

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Balsor,

Hello! My name is Payton and I am a Grade 6 student at Latimer Road Elementary. My Classmates and I had Read a Newspaper article about The Surrey Firefighters nutritional snack program and how you donated \$140,000 over the past 2 years. I think it is really genourosus of you both to donate to children in need.

When I read about this, I felt happy that some people are doing something but I felt sad about kids needing food and that more people aren't donating. "I was inspired by the firefighters and their dedecation. It felt like a good program to be involved in." I think that is a great quote and I'm relieved someone stepped in. I'll bet kids in need are very grateful. (I ... ")

If I were a student in need of the lunch program, I would say Thank you. For all the stuff you have done. I would be grateful that people would care for me by giving me food. You have probably touched many kids hearts. Including mine

Sincerely,
Payton.

"Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need"- Khalil Gibran.



Dear Mr and Mrs Balsor,

Hello! My name is Avery and I am a grade 7 student at Latimer Road Elementary. Right now our class is learning about the Surrey Firefighter hot lunch program. Not very many people donate that much money to charities or programs like this, but you two did. That was very generous and our class is hopeful that you are taking care of hungry children in our community.

Latimer Road doesn't really need the hot lunch program, but I am grateful that people are willing to donate a big amount of money for schools that really do need the program. If I were a student in need of the program, I would tell you that your donation has made a difference in our community.

I hope that your actions inspire other people to donate or help in our community. Once again, thank you for your kind donation and for being so generous.

Sincerely, Avery

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Dear: Mr. and Mrs. Balsor,

Hello, my name is Maddy. I'm a grade seven student at Latimer Road Elementary. I heard about both of you when my class and I read an article about The Surrey FireFighters Food Nutritional Program and how you donated 100,000 dollars! Through previous years, you've donated others amounts of money to the program and I think it's great.

I feel excited and extremely happy that the children that don't have a lunch or food to eat now have that thanks to you and the fire fighters. I'm very impressed on how you both donate so much money every year and I wish I could do the same. I truly believe what you're doing is a wonderful thing. My classmates, teacher and I would like to say thank you for all you are doing.

If I were a student in need and I got some food from the program I would be so, so grateful to you. Even though I'm not part of the program, I still would like to say thank you. My teacher, Ms. Pesce, brought up an article

for us to read about the program and you both simply having the kind heart to donate. Again, I would like to say thanks you for all you have done.

You both are truly great people who show your concern for those who don't have money for food. You have made a difference in our community and in my heart. "Money is helpful and only goes so far, but kindness is infinity and beyond." - Me 😊

Sincerely: Maddy



October 17th, 2012

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Balsor,

Hello! My name is Riley and I am a grade seven student at Latimer Road Elementary. My class and I read a newspaper article about the Surrey Firefighters Lunch Program and thought what you did was great! I feel personally, that you are extremely generous for donating \$100,000! Both of you are very caring, and selfless.

When I read about the program I thought it was an awesome thing! But when I read that you donated \$100,000 I was amazed! I think you are both very caring because you gave enough money for 1500 kids in need of lunches. What you have done for Surrey schools everywhere is jaw-dropping because of how kind you both are!

If I were a student in need of a lunch and I got a lunch from the program, I would be very thankful. I hope that your actions inspire others to donate food and money. Maybe even inspire some people with a lot of resources to donate some big amounts to! Once again thank you for all your kind action. You are both considered heroes for generosity in my book!

Sincerely,
Riley

"Generosity lies less in giving much than in giving at the right moment." - Bruce C. Bruyere, Jean De Lu

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Balsor,

Hello my name is Morgan McColl and I am a grade seven student at Latimer Road Elementary. My teacher Ms. Pesce brought in an article about your donation to the Surrey Firefighters Nutritional Snack Program, for \$100,000 dollars. My class wanted to write these letters to thank you. We think about what you did was very nice for the community.

When I read this article I felt so proud that you would watch over children that are hungry and that go to school with empty stomachs. I think you both are very caring people who want to help the community. Our class has been talking about ways in helping our community. What you have done has inspired my whole class to think about ways to help raise money.

If I was a student in need of the lunch program I would want to tell you thank you for helping me to get healthy meals every day. I hope that your actions inspire more and more people to walk in your foot steps. Once again, we are very grateful for what you have done for our community. I am also grateful that you are aware of the hungry children that go to school everyday.

work hard be kind and amazing things will happen ~ Author unknown

Sincerely, Morgan McColl

October 17th, 2012

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Balsor,

Hello! my name is Ben and I am in gr 7. I am a student at Lotimer Road Elementary. We as a class were reading an article about how you both donated \$100,000. I think that it is amazing what you both have done for all of those kids in need of food and don't have any food to eat. Both of you have made a huge difference in our community and in our hearts.

When I read the article about how you both changed the lives of those kids. You both are such a good example for kids like me. I can't imagine how happy you both made all of those kids. You should be proud of yourselves for making a difference. I hope more families start fund raising to make this food program spread around B.C.

If I were a student in need of food I would really want to thank you in person for what you have done and how you had changed me. When I am older I really want to be as generous as you. Our class has been talking about what you have done for all of the kids and the schools you've help. I want to thank you for what you have given to all of the kids.

Sencerly, Ben A futur

If you keep what you have your only helping one person, you.
my own quote

October 17, 2012

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Holson my name is Luad. I'm in grade seven at Btimer Road elementary School in Clarendale. I heard that you donated \$100.00 to kids with no lunch. This letter is to thank you.

I feel that was a great thing to do with your money. Thanks to you both a bunch of kids can eat for a while. With that money they will have a better life because they can concentrate and feel good at school. If I was one of those many hungry kids I would be so grateful. Thank you.

hoped you liked my letter. once again for helping to feed those kids.

Sincerely, Luad
nothing will work unless you do.

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Balsou, 2012

Hello my name is Gordon Brackett I am in grade seven. I am 12 but almost 13. I go to Latimer Road elementary school, Surrey B.C. Our teachers, Ms. Perce and Mrs. Bruster, have come across an article in the newspaper and wanted to thank you. We are going to donate money and food to help support you with your quest to help kids in need of food.

I hope that you have inspired other people too. I am going to donate to your cause. I will tell all of my family to donate food and money. I hope other schools will do what our class is doing. If we all give a little, we can make a difference.

YD:J
October 13

I hope that this cause will
continue to help children in need. I
was just wondering if you could
write back to us and explain what
made you donate so much to the
lunch program.

Sincerely,

Gordon Brackett

October 17, 2012

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Balsor,

Hello! My name is Rebecca and I am a Grade 7 student at Latimer Road Elementary. Our class has been reading about the Surrey Firefighters Lunch Program. Our teacher Ms. Pesce read us this article and told us how you both were helping kids that didn't have a proper nutritional lunch. Its very generous of you both to donate money and food to children that need a lunch.

When our class read about the Surrey Firefighters Lunch Program, I felt happy when we read the article because its so generous that you both are helping children and making a difference. It's sad to think that children don't have lunches. Now you both are giving, to help these children. I think you both are very kind people and you both are also very dedicated to helping our community.

If I were a child in need of the lunch Program I would want to tell you that I'm so thankful for you generosity and your willingness to all of us children. I hope your actions will inspire people to try and donate just a little bit to help

children. Once again Thank You so much for donating money to the Surrey Firefighters Lunch Program. I am so grateful!

Sincerely,
Rebecca

"If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded." ~ Maya Angelou

October 17, 2012

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Balsor,

Hello! My name is Kelvin, I am in grade seven, and I am a student of Latimer Road Elementary. Our teacher Ms. Pesce found an article about the amazing donation of money you gave for food for the hungry children and she read it to us. I was happy to hear that people do things that help kids in their bad moments. You two have made a big difference to those hungry kids' stomachs and our hearts.

When I was listening to my teacher reading the article, I thought you two are such a great example for other people. If one person donates just a small donation makes a difference, I think because of you two, there will be more donations in the future.

If I was a student who was in need of food and you two helped me, I would be interested to meet you two and thank you on behalf of those you two have helped. I hope you two consider coming to our school to meet our class. Our class wants to help fill little Billy's stomach too.

Sincerely, Kelvin

Sharing is caring



October 17, 2012



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Balsor,

Hi my name is Grace and I'm in grade six I am 10 years old and my teachers are Mrs. Brister and Mme. Pesce. I would like to talk about the amazing thing you did in this letter. Here's what I have to say...



I think you're both very generous and kind to donate one hundred and forty thousand dollars. Over ninety five schools of kids get to have food because your helped the cause. One thousand five hundred to two thousand kids use this program so they can have a healthier life. Our class was inspired to donate. We will be donating to a cause like that. Thank you for inspiring us to do kind deeds. Your helping kids around B.C. to be healthy.

Thank you for helping out. Your setting a good example for kids when they grow up. You both are very helpful and I hope you enjoyed reading this. When I read this article it made me thankful for my house, food, clothes and a family. Thanks again for supporting the cause.

Sincerely, Grace

