
Dr. Crisp Elementary School

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Robin Abodeely School Nurse

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SEPT, 19, 2006

Dear Wayne,

Thank you for calling to follow up regarding your recent "Read The Label" program at Dr. Crisp Elementary.

The show was a big hit with our students! The music and skits were a great way to get our children to think more

about what they eat. The children loved having the opportunity to play instruments and sing along!

I heard from teachers at 1st and 3rd grade levels who said that the kids "get it"!

Specifically, the 3rd grade students are starting to count the number of ingredients in their food/snacks.

This is taking place in other grade levels too. The information you provided on "one ingredient foods"

was another great way to promote healthy nutrition.

We started a Wellness Challenge on Monday, September 25th and it will run thru Friday, September 29th.

We are giving raffle tickets to any student who brings a 1 ingredient snack to school.

At the end of the week we will pick names and give out some small prizes.

I am also looking into coming up with something like "The Golden Apple Award" to give to the class that has

the greatest # of students bringing healthy snacks to school.

We appreciate your suggestion that a smaller group may be better for future performances.

We would like to suggest that you compile a CD with all of the nutrition related songs that you sing...

we would be first in line to buy some!

Thanks again for providing a program that goes along with our promotion of a healthy school environment!!

Sincerely,

Robin Abodeely, R.N.

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MAY 31, 2007

Wayne,

I would like to share the following comments I received from the Bicentennial staff regarding your performance in Nashua on Thursday, May 31st 2007

"I think Wayne from Maine was one of the most engaging shows we've had all year. To get the kids up dancing is such a great way to involve them. It was so much fun."

"The children and I loved the performance. The children were actively engaged and everyday lessons were included. I hope we can get him back next year."

"I feel the audience participation was terrific. They had everyone's attention...allowed for movement. The message was great! The fewer ingredients the better. Music is always a grabber...but his terrific sense of humor grabbed me the most. No wonder they have been around for a long time."

"Wayne from Maine had simple and memorable message for the students. The program was energetic and students were engaged through interacting with the performers. Even though some of the show had to be altered due to laryngitis of the drummer, it was a hit. musically appealing and upbeat."

"I really enjoyed the show...the children came back and were still excited about it. They loved the interaction and the ability to dance and enjoy themselves. Would love to see it again."

Thanks for a great show...it was a hit!
Kyle Langille, Principal of Bicentennial

June 6, 2007

Barnstead Elementary School

Dear Wayne,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and Jimmy James the "Koonga Boonga Man" for an amazing assembly performance of Read The Label. This nutritional program was not only fun, entertaining and enjoyable for children in grades K-3, but it was also very educational and informative to all. Your songs and theatrical performances reinforced the very important concept of reading about what is actually in the foods we eat and how children can make healthier choices by becoming more aware of what they put inside of their bodies. The fact that you engaged the children in the performance by inviting volunteers to come up on the stage and play instruments also made it a memorable experience for all.

In a time when our children are faced with an increasing epidemic of obesity, it is necessary to educate them about the importance of nutrition and wellness at a young age. Your performance did just that and most importantly made it fun! The children also had a great time reading labels at home with their families in preparation for your performance. Your show really made an impression on the students and equipped them with valuable information that they will use in the future. We truly enjoyed having you at our school and look forward to inviting you back again sometime soon. Thanks again!

Heather DeLuca
Health Teacher
Banstead Elementary School

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June 10th 2007

Dear Wayne and Jimmy,

Wow ! I am still amazed at what an energetic-fun show you both gave us last week. Just wanted to thank you again for coming to Wilton. I've had so many kids, parents and teachers stop and tell me what a great show it was. Thanks for delivering an important message in such a fun way. Looking forward to seeing you both again soon.

Warmly,

Karen Bourn

PTO/Florence Rideout.

DOOLITTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Dear Wayne (and JimmyJames!)-

Thank you so much for your lively and educational performance last month!!

I've never seen our students so enthusiastic about vegetables before-
-but your energy and excitement were clearly contagious to even the most finicky eater! I received several comments from teachers that your healthy eating message had definite "take-away" value, and that children can sometimes be overheard comparing their "one ingredient" morning snacks.

It was a wonderful way to end our program year, and we will plan to have you back again to inform and delight a new "crop" in the future.

Sincerely,

Janet Ray, PTA Cultural Events Chairperson

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January 4, 2006
Wayne from Maine
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Dear Wayne from Maine,

Thank you so much for two stellar performances on November 15TH, 2005 at Willett School in Attleboro. We asked you to the *Read the Label* show since nutrition is an area we have little time to address. In a short hour you and Jimmy James the “KoongaBoonga Man” not only enthralled our audiences but also imparted important messages about nutrition. As a second grade classroom teacher I witnessed their retention of the material immediately following the performance.

The next day a parent e-mailed an unsolicited letter of praise as her child bounded into the house talking non-stop about the *Read the Label* Show. That has never happened! My students were giddy with anticipation as they went home to order your CD and check out your website. Your CD, which I purchased, is a favorite in our listening center.

I wholeheartedly would recommend *Wayne from Maine* to any school requiring highly professional performers who can engage their audiences while effectively conveying important messages. I have worked as an enrichment coordinator for almost 20 years. Everything about your show puts you in the top 3 % of the scores of performers with whom I've worked.

Best Regards,
Claire Mallette
Clair Mallette
Enrichment Coordinator
Willett School

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Perley Elementary School

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**Wayne from Maine
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Hi Wayne from Maine and Jimmy James!

Thank you for coming to our school today (March 29, 2007). We really enjoyed your show!!!

You were not only entertaining but very educational and age-appropriate for our children. I am a teacher in the cooperative classroom. Besides having children with special needs, we have a number of children on the Autism Spectrum. Over the past twenty-one years, I have attended many performances with my classes. Usually with the special needs population that I work with, someone is always needing to leave the performance due to one thing or another. I'm proud to say that not one child needed to leave the show! They were all well engaged into the different songs and dances you have shared with us today! Having the different songs and dances mixed in with the vocabulary and information you provided within your program made it so successful!! When the children came back to the classroom and began to eat their snacks, they would come up to me and say "How many things are in my snack?"

Thank you for sharing! Hope to see you again in the future!

Sincerely,

**Heidi Begin
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March 19th 2007

**Wayne from Maine
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Dear Wayne;

As a school nurse I am always challenged to find ways to foster healthy eating habits at Sanbornton Central School. I strive hard to find meaningful, fun programs for students and staff to promote health and fitness, but string beans and broccoli can be a challenge! Gratefully, you were able to take the message and “Kick it up a Notch”; in fact, you and Jimmy booted it right out of the ball field! The kids rocked, sang and stomped to the rhythm of veggies without suffering any ill effects!

Thank you for such an energetic, colorful performance with music and a message that we will long remember

Sincerely,

Cheryl Woundy

Cherly Woundy, R.N.
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April 2006

Wayne and Jimmy did everything a school assembly called for. They were on time; professional, very cooperative with the total school staff, were child centered, extremely entertaining and very educational.

Their "Read the Label" program was the perfect match for elementary aged students and I would love to have them back for a return visit.

As I stated at the end of their program, "Wayne from Maine and Jimmy are our new friends", at Porters Point School in Colchester, Vermont.

Fred Moses

Fred Moses
PPS Guidance