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Mr. Dennis McLoughlin
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Dear Denny;

What a difference your workshop has made at our school!

Everybody is just "arffing" away. The spirit is upbeat, the teacher's are into relationships with each other as well as the kids, and most importantly the kids are responding differently than in previous years to the start of a school year. Dave Jones, our principal, has said that this seems to be the quietest start of the year we have ever had; in other words, no problems. The counselors have reported that the kids are not biting at the bit to change classes or teachers as they usually are during the first week of school.

Our first faculty meeting had a different tone than previous meetings; it was spirited and lively. We were more respectful of each other and honored each other's opinions more. It has been wonderful to observe teachers referring to "arffing", "good thinking", "meeting kids at the door", "building respect", and "teaching as a performing art". The only problem we have as a faculty now is that of trying to find someone to *beat your act* for next year's faculty retreat. It is going to be a very difficult assignment for our Staff Development Committee.

Thank you for all your insights and shared wisdom! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! What more can we say?

Sincerely,



Linda Crúce-Robin
Staff Development Chairperson 1995-1996

P.S. One reported act of "spitting" was quickly curbed and the correction was respectfully accepted. One victory won!