

From: Lance Mackey
To: Jessica S
Date: 2/14/2009 6:07:38 AM
Subject: Re: Thank you

It was my pleasure Jessica, thank you for teaching them about the sport of mushing and the Iditarod. I'm glad I could be a part of your class. They are some of the best e-mails I have received from students.

Unfortunately, I can't do the skype thing, I live off the grid and our internet is as slow as a snail. But you can count on me thinking of Celeste all the way to Nome. What a great bunch of kids you have.

My best

Lance

On Thu, Feb 12, 2009 at 1:26 PM, Jessica S<
wrote:

> Dear Mr. Mackey,

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> My name is Jessica Stembridge, and I teach technology in Celeste, TX.

> I just wanted to thank you for responding to my kids' emails. I hope

> you have not been too bombarded by emails. We started this project to

> go along with the kids reading Call of the Wild . (The English teacher

> and I are working together on this project.) I stumbled across the whole

> Iditarod thing by accident, but the kids have absolutely fallen in love

> with it. We have made an Alaskan survival guide, worked with some of

> your race data in spreadsheets and used the Internet for research, among

> other things.

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> Celeste is a tiny Texas town, and some of the kids don't really know

> about the world past the city limits. Getting to experience

> communicating with you has opened up their worlds. I can't express to

> you how it feels to watch kids that struggle with school absolutely

> light up and give this project their all. When the kids checked their

> email yesterday and today, they came together as a class like never

> before. As a teacher, I want to thank you for that.

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> I know you're busy preparing for the race now, but if you're

> interested, we'd love to try to Skype with you (www.skype.com). It's a

> free video conference service. We used it earlier this year to talk to a

> relief worker in Africa. All you would need is a webcam. No pressure,

> though. You've done plenty for us already!

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> Thanks for your time, and for making this project come to life for my

> kids. Best wishes on the race!

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> Jessica

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