A LETTER TO A TEACHER Judith B. Carlson

Dear Teacher,

As you begin the new school year and face the challenges in our modern culture and the struggle for decency, I share some bits of wisdom with you. May these thoughts guide you each and every day.

- ~ You play a major role in the overall well-being of students, though it may not seem apparent.
- ~ Behind every successful person is a good teacher.
- ~ Your impact goes well beyond focusing on test scores.
- ~ Challenge your students to be curious, think critically, and communicate effectively.
- ~ Let your students know they are special. They, too, need safety, warmth, nurturing and love.
- ~ Enhance your relationships with fellow teachers, students and parents.
- ~ Keep your batteries charged! Maintain your health & well-being.
- ~ Model patience!
- ~ You are needed.
- ~ You are stronger than you think.
- ~ You make a difference every day.
- ~ May you be recognized for striving to go above and beyond expectations.

WE CELEBRATE YOU. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!