

Joyful Exchange

A poem of gratitude by the 2015 TATIP class

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My heart led me here
to be inspired to inspire, to teach and to hear
the wisdom in your words.
My heart led me here to connect with other hearts.

Flowing from a ridge of care
you give to others what you'd give your own selves,
creativity, teaching, community, as cloud, river, lake--
new water you add to the cycle of good exchange.

Team Magic: your bright spot is the light (in/sight/free/flight)/
when you measure each other's energy/
with wit/curiosity/generosity/
it colors us in community/successful/opportunity.

"How can we change the world?" we asked.
"Bring your passionate selves into all you do," you answered.
And then without effort or presumption,
you led by example.

With graceful listening and patience,
you humbly asked and commanded,
"Lean in.
Claim what is yours."

Our minds collaged, became a mural of teachable moments.
Brushed strokes, composed
through the art of collaboration
and a community of creativity.

A poetic weapon.
Voices run- unchained, a world changed.
I now know what it means to grow,
live in every onomatopoeia.

You've given our voices the confidence to say
words that inspire and edify in every which way.
We know your wisdom and knowledge are contagious
and we're so very thankful for all that you've gave us.

Emotional taxi, sensory poetry, graffiti walls, and creative elements.
Pedagogy, experimentation,
and a community to reflect with and learn from.
Thank you, for the compass, the confidence, and the passion.

Networking with others outside,
providing food for thoughts.
Congratulations on a job well done in seven months--
We will come again.

Truth. Our work with today's children shape tomorrow's leaders.
To our teachers, teachers of teachers,
Thank you for highlighting keys to achieving new visions for a just world.
Through the arts, and our collective creativity, the world shines brighter.

Teaching learners learning to teach is not a small thing--
it is enormous.
Thank you for modeling this work that is magical
and can be difficult to describe.

Teaching is an
Artform.
Thank you for sharing us your
Masterpiece.

Glowing, endless gratitude for the fire of your hearts and your art,
and for the passing of the torch - the wisdom warmth, the spark
so that the city may see, casting your light into the dark.
Thank you so much for all that you do.

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gratitude is my attitude.
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