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Dear Deli,

When someone said something about the Holocaust before you visited our school, I thought I knew what it was: Hitler killing Jews and other people. I knew it was bad and it was a horrible time. I never truly knew how horrible it really was until I got the privilege of listening to you speak about it. Now I understand a great deal better what you and millions of others had to go through during the Holocaust. Listening to you has changed me as a person in many ways, and I have been trying to make myself a better person. Thank you so much for visiting our school, Deli. You made a regular school assembly seem like something so much more.

I would like to tell you what an amazing person you are. I know you probably get that a lot, but it is the truth. A person has to have a lot of courage, hope, strength, and perseverance to make it through what you did. I could never imagine being able to keep going when you knew you could lose your life at any moment. What is even more amazing is that after all of this you kept a good attitude and changed a horrible thing into something positive by speaking and teaching others about your experiences. You are a great person, and I want you to know that listening to you enlightened many people including me.

Throughout this assembly, I got angry that something so horrible had to happen to you and many others. My sister and I always get mad over little things and we fight. I realize now that who wins a game of Monopoly is definitely not something to get mad over. I need to cherish my loved ones while they are still here, and try to make the best of the time I get to spend with them.

Another thing I learned from you was that I have it pretty easy. Sometimes I think I have things tough because my mom expects me to clean before I go out at night, but this isn't even close to tough. Being in concentration camps and being torn away from your family was tough. Lately, I have been trying to clean and do other chores without complaint. If I begin to complain, I try to think of you and what you said it was like to be in concentration camps. I try to be glad that all I have to do is clean up, and I try to go on without complaint.

After hearing you talk to our school, I decided I wanted to be a better person. I have been making goals to be nicer to people and try to be more kind, giving, and understanding. You told us that it was up to us to make sure this nothing like the Holocaust ever happens again, and I thought, "Why not start now?" Having a better attitude toward others as kids, will help us have better attitudes toward others as adults. I think that this may be a big factor in making sure that nothing like the Holocaust ever happens again.

Once again, Deli, I'd like to thank you for speaking to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Governor Mifflin. I will never forget you or this assembly. I think many people in our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class were taught by you to be more tolerant and kind. I know that many kids who never pay attention in other assemblies remember everything from this assembly. You have taught so many people, including me, to be better people and to be more understanding and tolerant of others. You are an amazing person. God bless you, Deli.

From,

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