



AMERICAN SCHOOL OF BOMBAY

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Marc Levitt
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Dear Marc:

As the Superintendent of the American School of Bombay, I wanted to write a short message extending our appreciation for your time spent with our children and faculty. As I expect you will share this letter, I will attempt to navigate a thank you with a letter of reference.

ASB is a private, co-educational day school operated by an association with the Consulate of the United States of America. The School is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the International Baccalaureate Organization. ASB is a fully accredited IB World School, offering the PYP, middle school and IB programs. It is also a member of the Near East/South Asia, and Council of International Schools. We serve 560 students representing more than 43 nationalities.

Your visit to ASB only lasted a few days, but the legacy will remain. Students, teachers and parents were significantly influenced by your presentations. You approached our school visit with the goal of influencing the writing process with passion and enthusiasm, which you skillfully transferred to students and teachers. The students and teachers were inspired by your ideas and passion for writing. Examples of student writing generated by your presentation already adorn our bulletin boards throughout the Elementary School.

In addition to the work with our elementary school, you also spent time with our middle school students, whom you held captive with your masterful storytelling ability. I was fortunate to listen to several of your sessions, and with a hectic schedule, found myself waiting till the end! On your first day at the school you shared stories with eighty middle school students for thirty minutes. Within a minute or two, you had an antsy, adolescent audience riveted, attentive, and amazed. You talked about things that mattered to our students – growing up, romance, fears, and friends. You have a gift for certain storytelling chutzpah that allows students to see your passion for life, relationships, and places. Further, you know schools. Not only were you flexible about how we scheduled you through classes, you were also eager for more student contact – a hungry educator and well worth every rupee you earned while at ASB.

Marc as the first of two authors that have inaugurated the ASB "Authors' Festival", you couldn't have done a more effective job. I do hope next year, I can join you for dinner or spend some non-school time getting to know you a little better. Please don't hesitate using this letter for schools considering a visit by you to their school.

Warm regards,

Dr. Paul M. Fochtman
Superintendent