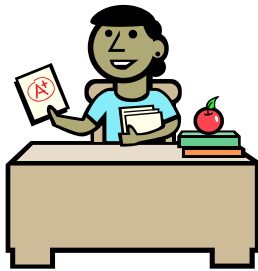


*Happy
Thanksgiving...*



From Lorna,
**Superintendent
of Outstanding POB Schools**



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To: The POB Staff and
Their Families



*Thank You For Moving Mountains
To Create a Magical
Place For Learning.
#POBproud*

A small congregation in the foothills of the Great Smokies built a new sanctuary on a piece of land willed to them by a church member. Ten days before the new church was to open, the local building inspector informed the pastor that the parking lot was inadequate for the size of the building. Until the church doubled the size of the parking lot, they would not be able to use the new sanctuary.

Unfortunately, the church with its undersized lot had used every inch of their land except for the mountain against which it had been built. In order to build more parking spaces, they would have to move the mountain out of the back yard. Undaunted, the pastor announced the next Sunday morning that he would meet that evening with all members who had "mountain moving faith." They would hold a prayer session asking God to remove the mountain from the back yard and to somehow provide enough money to have it paved and painted before the scheduled opening dedication service the following week. At the appointed time, 24 of the congregation's 300 members assembled for prayer. They prayed for nearly three hours. At ten o'clock the pastor said the final "Amen." He assured everyone, "We'll open next Sunday as scheduled. God has never let us down before, and I believe He will be faithful this time too."

The next morning as he was working in his study there came a loud knock at his door. When he called "come in," a rough looking construction foreman appeared, removing his hard hat as he entered. "Excuse me, Reverend. I'm from Acme Construction Company over in the next county. We're building a huge new shopping mall over there and we need some fill dirt. Would you be willing to sell us a chunk of that mountain behind the church? We'll pay you for the dirt we remove and pave all the exposed area free of charge, if we can have it right away. We can't do anything else until we get the dirt in and allow it to settle properly."

The little church was dedicated the next Sunday as originally planned and there were far more members with "mountain moving faith" on opening Sunday than there had been the previous week!

Some people say faith comes from miracles. But others know: **MIRACLES COME FROM FAITH.**Anonymous

When we chose our theme of "Moving Mountains", little did I know that it would generate such heroic acts of faith across the District. I see us "Moving Mountains" of kindness and generosity each time a member of the POB family is in need, or a student needs that extra attention to get over the next hurdle. Through the magic of your labor, you cause the impossible to become a reality.

Families are leaving us to celebrate this Thanksgiving season with the assurance that we have done our very best to make POB Schools a magical place for learning.

In addition to having the most dedicated staff in my life to work miracles on a daily basis, I am also giving thanks for my first Thanksgiving with my grandson Luke. Such blessings!

When you are all gathered at your Thanksgiving table, take a moment to realize that no matter how difficult the challenge, the people surrounding you are the miracle makers in your life. Embrace them!

From my table to yours, I wish you a Thanksgiving of abundant joy and gratitude for your blessings.

*Gratefully,
Lorna*