



Chalk Talk

TEF is Plum Crazy

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Whenever I start a sentence with my grandchildren that goes like this – When I was growing up... - I'd get an immediate reaction, "Oh grandpa, things are different now".

Old memories still trigger "remember when" thinking. Holidays, people, places, even certain music can elicit fond memories.

For instance, Valentine's Day. I didn't understand the origin of the holiday back then, but I liked it. I liked people being nice to me and I was nice to them too. I liked the candy hearts that said "Be Mine" and "You're Great". I liked decorating a Valentine's Day box even though I never won the prize. For some reason the girls always won. But, we all enjoyed giving a valentine to classmates and the teacher.

Now I see these gestures as expressions of gratitude and appreciation. Cards and notes that showed friendship, kindness, caring and, a little "love".

"Love" comes in many forms. School classrooms are filled with "love" shown in the form of caring,

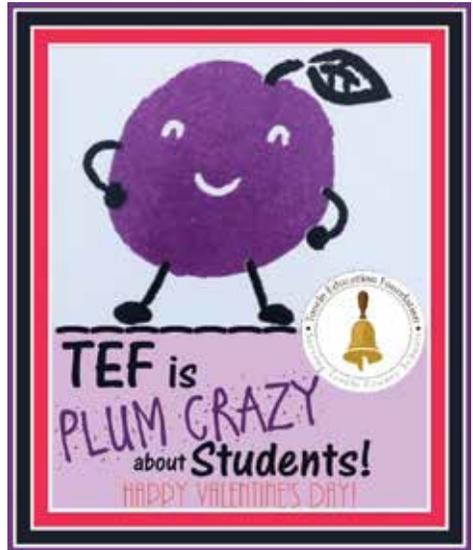
concern, high expectations, cooperation, service, and the desire to help that is shown through hard work. It flows from teachers to students, students to students, and students to teachers. For the most part, no one ever says "I love you." They just show it through acts of kindness and firmness.

Education Foundations live and die based on donations and I've found, donations are an expression of love. People see needs, they care and help. One way to "love" is to give.

Here are some examples of recent donations to the Tooele Education Foundation that have proven to be extremely big. This is but a small portion of TEF donors. In up-coming issues of Chalk Talk I plan to recognize many more.

Today, I'd like to acknowledge and thank the following recent TEF "Bell Ringers". These are expressions of "love" and those who shared it:

- **BPHS Transition Student** – Business Partner Dinner – Tooele Rotary Club and transition teachers
- **Reflections Award**



Ceremony – PTA leaders, parents and teachers

- **Fruit for Kids** – Cargill, Morton Salt, Live Fit and school lunch ladies
- **Eye Glasses for two students** – un-named donor, homes liaison and an alert teacher
- **Gift Cards for Kids / Quarters for Christmas** – KSL and Larry H. Miller Charities
- **Christmas Wreaths** – Stampin' Up and Peterson Industrial Depot
- **Clean Schools** – school custodians and student sweepers
- **Nutritious lunches** – Food Services department and lunch room ladies

If ringing a bell or passing along a Valentine's Day card can be seen as symbols of "love" I want to ring it loud and clear. TEF is Plum Crazy about our donors, teachers and students. Happy Valentine's Day.

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