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Dear LBI PTA:

I would like to take this time to thank everyone involved in helping to make this year's *Survivor Field Day* such a great success. Not only does the PTA sponsor this activity throughout each school year but they also provide presentations, which are part of our theme days, carnivals, National Teachers' Recognition events, fundraisers and the list goes on and on. We couldn't do it without you because our budget cannot sustain this burden. It is through people and organizations such as the PTA that make all of these extra activities, which are critical to our school children, possible.

Through the cooperation of the Field Day Committee headed by Dr. Dawn Kennedy Little and our staff, Field Day 2013 was well organized, engaging, and fun. The many volunteers from the PTA helped to make it so. The children certainly had a wonderful time and will be talking about it for years to come.

Theme day presentations were arranged by Mrs. Kahl and what fun we had discussing these events. The schedules of activities were coupled by our District Professional Plan that had a specific focus (e.g., ocean, study skills, math, literacy, etc). We had fun in assisting in orienting our students to the academic themes chosen by the committee of teachers. Ann and her committee did a fabulous job hunting down all of the presenters and the children loved each one, especially the dinosaur show.

Carnival just screams fun...fun...fun...and what fun the kids and adults had at the EJ School. I, myself thoroughly enjoyed working at the Duck Pond. I have to say that I ran out of prizes due to the great turn-out that evening. Mrs. Compitello and the Committee did not miss a beat with everything they prepared for this night. Kids were talking about this for weeks and commented, "...can't wait until next year!"

Hospitality is another committee that just keeps those gifts coming and coming and the food is never-ending. We thank them as well and know how much time goes into preparing for something like this several times throughout the school year. It is true that the way to get to a person's heart is through their stomachs and the PTA emphatically does that through this committee and with everything they lay their hands on. I am proud to work with such dedicated, caring and thoughtful parents. You make our job easier!

I could go on and on and know that this letter of recognition could never do justice to all that you do for the LBI School Community but please know that we are grateful for the many phone calls you made to help with the modular classroom, playground and building endeavors. We can never duplicate what a band of parents can accomplish in such a short period of time but know that everyone here at LBI loves all that you do and compliments your unyielding efforts and dedication always. Please keep up the great work that you do EACH day for the students and staff of our district.

Again, we thank you for all your hard work to ensure that our children have interactive, educational, and informative age appropriate programs available to them. Each of the activities that the PTA endorses is always complemented by volunteers that make learning fun. We applaud and appreciate all that you do now and always!

Sincerely,

Karen McKeon

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