

NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION, A DIVISION OF LANCASTER NEWSPAPERS, INC. PRESENTS:

LETTERS TO THE FIRST FAMILY



Letters to the First Family

Newspaper in Education (NIE) invited students to write a letter to the new First Family of the United States, (Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, Malia Ann Obama and Natasha “Sasha” Obama) about their hopes and dreams for the future of the country.

We send a special Thank You to all the schools that participated:

COCALICO

Cocalico Middle School

CONESTOGA VALLEY

Brownstown Elementary School
Conestoga Valley High School
Conestoga Valley Middle School
J.E. Fritz Elementary School
Leola Elementary School

ELANCO

Blue Ball Elementary School
New Holland Elementary School

EPHRATA AREA

Akron Elementary School
Ephrata High School
Ephrata Middle School

HEMPFIELD

Centerville Elementary School
Hempfield High School
Landisville Intermediate Center

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LANCASTER

E.R. Martin Elementary School
Hamilton Elementary School
James Buchanan Elementary School
John Price Elementary School
Lafayette Elementary School
Lincoln Middle School
McCaskey East High School

LEBANON

Ebenezer Elementary School

LAMPETER-STRASBURG

Hans Herr Elementary School
Lampeter Elementary School
Lampeter-Strasburg High School
Strasburg Elementary School

MANHEIM CENTRAL

Stiegel Elementary School

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP

Brecht Elementary School
Bucher Elementary School
Manheim Township High School
Manheim Township Middle School
Neff Six

PENN MANOR

Central Manor Elementary
Eshleman Elementary School
Hambright Elementary School

PEQUEA VALLEY

Salisbury Elementary School

WARWICK

J. R. Bonfield Elementary School
John Beck Elementary School
Kissel Hill Elementary School

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Agora Cyber Charter School
Dayspring Christian Academy
Kraybill Campus of Lancaster Mennonite School
Our Lady of the Angels
St. Leo the Great
The New School of Lancaster
Wengerhof School

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Cocalico Care Center
Girl Scout Troop 4907

Conestoga Valley

Leola ES

Grade 3

Teacher: Mrs. Schneider

Hi Mr. Obama,

Do you have to do lots of work? Is it fun being President? Can we have four hours of school? Can we have a month off for Christmas? Can we have an extra month off or two weeks for summer and for Halloween get two days off? Mr. Obama do you like football? My favorite team is the Eagles, what’s yours? What does it feel like living in the white house? I hope you enjoyed reading my story.

Sincerely,

Nolan W. Caci

NIE would like to share some of the letters that will be sent to the White House via Congressman Joe Pitt’s office. NIE is sharing at least one letter from each participating classroom. They are listed in no particular order.

ELANCO
New Holland ES
Grade 4
Teacher: Susan Hurst

Dear President Obama,

It must be so exciting to become President of the United States. I can't wait for you to take power. I know you will never be bored in the White House, your new home, especially with kids. What is it like to live in such a big house with only your wife, kids, and you? There are a whole bunch of problems with our economy. I could write a book about half of the problems. First, we have stores going bankrupt. It's very upsetting to see some of our friends and family close down stores that belong to them. Bankrupt businesses cause people to lose jobs. Losing jobs causes not paying for bills or even buying groceries. I should know. My mom works two jobs just to keep a roof over my head and food in my mouth. You're right! We do need change and I'm positive you can help us. I'm a really big fan! Congratulations Obama! You're the President of the United States! I think you are a great President and wish you the best of luck!

Sincerely,
Rhiannon Bosh

Conestoga Valley
Bownstown ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Mrs. High

Dear Mr. Obama,

Hi! How are you doing? I wish I could live in a house like that. What kind of dog are you going to get? I think a dog would like a big house because it can run around. I'm glad you became president. If I could vote I would have voted for you. I hope you can make our country stronger. Good luck in the White House.

Sincerely,
Braedon Gentry

Conestoga Valley
J.E. Fritz ES
Grade 5
Teacher: Vicki Souders

Dear Mr. Obama,
My name is Candance Jeffreys. I'm eleven, and I'm a fifth grade student at J.E. Fritz elementary school. Our fifth grade classes were assigned to write to one of the members of the first family. So, I chose to write to you as my first choice.

My first question for you is, what would you do to help with our economy?
Our economy is one the main struggles in the USA. If I were the president, I would lower taxes to an affordable price and lower the price of gas.

My second question is, what will you do if anther bad terrorism or any dangerous oppourtunities that would put our country in danger? I would try and stay friendly with any country and with all people to make sure I do not cause a riot, and if anything bad does happen I will have extra support with other countries, but it might not be that easy.

Sincerely,
Candace Jeffreys

Ephrata
Ephrata MS
Grade 7
Teacher: Linda Umble

Dear Mr. Obama,

I am a huge fan of yours. I also picked you as my new president. My name is Jonathan Cruz and I am in 7th grade and I am 13 years old.

My family and I are Hispanic. I have not been with my mom or dad for almost 9 years. We got separated when my parents sent me to the U.S. to get a good education. My mom came once when I was 5, she was pregnant and stayed 3 months more than she was supposed to and went back to Peru to join my father. She wanted to come 3 years later, but she lost the privilege to come for staying more time than she had arranged to so she never visited us again.

One idea I think every night, day and minute is if I will be left in the street because my guardians can't take care of me any longer. I would love it if you could bring my parents back.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Cruz

Ephrata
Akron ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Miss Denlinger

Dear Mr. President,

What kind of dog are you getting? I am soooooo excited to have you as president.

I know you can make the world a better place.

I watched the inauguration, you were awesome and your family too.

Sincerely,
Jordin

Ephrata
Ephrata HS
Grade 12
Teacher: James Vieland

Dear President Obama,

Congratulations on your historic run for the White House, it was amazing to see the unparalleled vote you received from both young and old, majority and minority, and many other types of voters. Truly unprecedented indeed.

Yet, many- including myself, are wondering how you will work with congress and other bodies to help re-align the fluctuating economy that was once so strong, With a federal deficit mounting with run-on spending and pork, what will you do to help slow this near unheard of increasing in spending over the last two decades. Also, how will you deal with the situation in Iraq? I know you vow to end this responsibly and re-station troops in Afghanistan, but at what price? If they leave now, crime will most assuredly skyrocket to proportions we saw between 2005-2007... and we cannot afford that, both in the publicity department and world view as it would make us look downright terrible. I agree with both wars, yet I believe the Iraq war has started to drag on no matter how stable they have become. I think the only reasonable timetable is to not start the withdrawal for at least 2 more years, yet this is just my opinion.

However, at any rate, I firmly believe, and hope you will be making a decision for the better of this country, regardless of party affiliation. Thank you for your time, and once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,
Sean Allyn

Ephrata
Ephrata HS
Grade 11
Teacher: Mr. Dubbs

Dear Mr. President,

Like most of my other classmates, I would like to congratulate you on your victory in the race. I actually claim to be a Republican, but I would have voted for you. I liked what you said and stood for a lot better than your opponent. I hope you do go through with everything that you said in the race. I am very happy that you are in office and that you will be making the changes that you will. So you have my full support and good luck.

Sincerely,
Andrew Ohlen

Ephrata
Ephrata HS
Grade 11
Teacher: Lisa Brimhall

Dear President Obama:

Congratulations on being elected the 44th president of the United States. I can only imagine the overbearing pressures that are flowing through your mind. As you know, for a while our economy has been in a downward spiral. The deficit has been growing to what seems to be an insurmountable amount. Inflation is causing problems for the majority of citizens. Needless to say you have a lot of expectations to live up to.

The national stimulus package that is being drafted is what our nation needs. Also the repair of our health-care system is equally significant. Investments are at an all time low, and the stock market can't get much worse. The nation is with me when I say we are all looking forward to the change you will establish, in your first 100 days of office. I'm confident that you will silence your critics.

Sincerely,
Andrew Donnelly

Ephrata
Ephrata HS
Grade 10
Teacher: Mrs. Mellinger

Dear Mr. President,

First, let me congratulate you on becoming the 44th President of the United States. What an honor it must be to be the first African-American President. This is a great milestone for our country and I am very excited to see what will become of it in the next four years.

Being only 15, the Bush administration is the only administration I can truly remember. Although I have a lot of respect for Mr. Bush, I believe that there is a lot of room for improvement of our great nation. My hope and prayer is that our country can find unity and peace. With stock markets plummeting, people losing their jobs and houses everyday, Americans need a sign of hope, a sign of better days ahead. We need thorough plans that keep the best interests of all Americans in mind. We need patriotism, unity in times like this is crucial. And finally, we need to keep our eyes on the future and on working on making a better country and environment for generations to come. This may seem like a tall order, but I believe that you m Sir, can achieve it.

Lastly, let me offer you some words of encouragement. In the day to day stresses, remember the big picture and your ultimate goals. In times of defeat, remember you have millions of supporters still pulling for you and your success. In the wee hours of the morning, still sitting at your desk, remember that your dedication is greatly appreciated. Finally, always make time for your family, they will help your through the stressful times and be there to make you smile and laugh.

Sincerely,
Megan E. Klinger

Manheim Township
M.J. Brecht ES
Grade 2
Teacher: Debbie Keys

Dear First Family,

How is it living in the White House? Michelle, me and my mom agree that you have the nicest dresses. Malia, I love your bright blue coat that you wore on inaugural day. Sasha, are you enjoying 2nd grade? Barack, I know you will run this country in a good way. Joe Bidin, thank you for helping Barack.

Yours truly,
All Messick

Manheim Central
Stiegel ES
Grade 4
Teacher: Mrs. Gerhard

Dear President Obama,

Are you going to lower gas prices after you are sworn in? If you are can you lower it down lower than one dollar? I would like it lower than one dollar because my mom and dad lose a lot of money from their pocket to get me to and from school. Also, money is scarce in the winter for pavers. That is why I would like you to lower gas prices.

Sincerely,
William Townsley

Manheim Township
Manhiem Township HS
Grade 12
Teacher: Mr. Melnyk

Dear Malia,

Starting a new school can be hard. At first your day is going to seem very different from what you are used to, but you will eventually fall into anew daily routine. All of your new classes can be overwhelming and challenging. Just try your best in all of them and do all of your work. Make sure you allow yourself time to relax and do not stress over the little things. Do not be afraid to speak up when you need help and always ask a lot of questions. Always be yourself so people see the real you. Do not change yourself and your personality just to make friends. People will like you for who you really are, and you do not need to change anything. Get involved with extracurricular activities or clubs. You will get to meet and know more people that way. Also talk to your teachers and friends if you are having any problems with anything. A lot of people will already think that they know you because they will have seen you on TV or during outings with your dad. They will think that they know everything about them, and some might event think that you are something that you are not. Do not let them classify you as anything. Prove their ideas about you wrong. Also, even though you are making new friends, do not forget your old ones. Make sure you keep in contact with them. Make sure that they are still part of your life. During school make sure you talk to everyone. Do not exclude anyone. Also participate in class a lot. Show your teachers you are willing to work hard. Do not be afraid to share your experiences or knowledge about certain subjects. Concentrate on doing your best in school and meeting new people. Do not fall behind on work and offer advice to people and help them if they need it. Just show the real you and you will be fine. Good luck with your new school, I am sure you will fit in right away and make new friends.

Sincerely,
Leslie Kester

Manheim Township
Neff Six
Grade 6
Teacher: Michelle Daugherty

Dear President Obama,

I hope you enjoy life in the White House. What kind of dog do you have? What's its name? You made history you know, by being the first black president.

I was wondering if you could please lower taxes, because millions of people are in debt, some are even losing their homes. I hope you lower taxes because of this American crisis. Did you like the ceremony on Monday, January 19th, 2009 or Martin Luther King Jr. day? They played a lot of American music. I hope you enjoyed the ceremony, and I really enjoyed you speech. I hope you have a great term.

Your friend,
Matt Schnee

Manheim Township
Neff Six
Grade 6
Teacher: Lynne Morris

Dear President Obama,

First, I would like to congratulate you on becoming our country's 44th president. I was following your campaign closely and I look forward to the changes you will make to help our economy and country.

One of the changes that I heard you plan to make is transforming the White House bowling alley into a basketball court. As a basketball player myself, I am in favor of this change. Basketball is a great team sport and is a good fitness activity for you, your family and staff. The basketball court can be used for other sport activities including volleyball, dodge ball or kickball.

I am certain that you daughters are learning at school like I am that physical fitness is very important to being healthy. Sadly, too many people in the U.S.A. are overweight. Being overweight leads to many health problems like heart disease. I know that you agree that being healthy and staying fit is important for our country.

You can stay fit and build teamwork in you new basketball court at the White House. If you need someone to play hoops with you, I would gladly do so. I look forward to hearing from you when the court is built.

Sincerely,
Austin Norton

School District of Lancaster
E.R. Martin ES
Grade K
Teacher: Mrs. Barbusca

Dear Malia and Natasha:

Are you happy that your dad is the new President? Is your dad rich? Does your dad have lots of toys for you?

Sincerely,
Gabriella Ziegler

Lebanon County
Ebenezer ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Lorell Rueppel

My name is Derek Scott Bailey. I am 9 years old. I'm in 3 grade and I go to Ebenezer elementary. It is near Hershey.

I have a sister and a brother. I am the youngest out of the whole family. My sister is the oldest of the whole family.

My favorite hobby is baseball and my favorite team is the Phillies. My favorite player is Chase Utley.

I wrote to you because I hope that you will give us 6 days of school and 12 hours of school.

I have a dog named Max. He is 1 year old. He is still a baby and doesn't know how to behave yet. I have a cat named Blue but my mom and I call him Pupper. When my dog and cat are in the living room they get in fights. I try to stop them by trying to catch my dog.

I hope that we have no days off only on holidays.

Sincerely,
Derek Scott Bailey

School District of Lancaster
James Buchanan ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Mary Jane Kauffman

Dear Barack Obama,

Some of the changes you should make in our world are, I think you should try to make peace in our world, Also I think you should build houses for people who don't have them. Most of all I think you should help the schools raise money.

Sincerely,
Jerralis Soto

Lampeter Stasburg
Strasburg ES
Grade 2
Teacher: Karen Taraborelli

Dear President Obama,

Are you nervous about your job? I think you will be a great president. Did you have fun with Mr. Bush? I think a Labradoodle is a great dog. You should get one.

Sincerely,
Connor (Blantz)

P.S. Your speech was great

School District of Lancaster
Lafayette ES
Grade 4
Teacher: Mrs. Weavergoss

Dear Mr. Obama,

You inspire me to follow my dreams and never ever give up.

I think that Malia, Sasha and Michelle Obama are very lucky to have such a wonderful person in their life.

I think you are a really great person and you have big plans to help America, like focusing on the issues of the military and other hard working people.

Your speeches really connect to other people about their life and about the struggle for people to get health care also about paying taxes. I really think having you as a president is a very great thing to help America and that you will do whatever it takes to make America a better place for everyone.

I am very glad that we have you for a president and I think you are a really great man.

I think I speak for every African-American when I say you've brought a change for how people see us and if we can have an African-American president than we can do anything.

I have one more thing to say, it's a question, "How does it feel to be a part of history?" I would really like to know the answer.

Sincerely,
Aarica Zyah Flowers

Conestoga Valley
Conestoga Valley HS
Grade 10
Teacher: Bridgett R. Mead

Dear President Obama,

My name is Yvette Dejesus. I am sixteen and I am a tenth grader at Conestoga Valley High School. Some of my hobbies include singing, and dancing. CV is fun, but I think we start school way too early. But overall, the teachers and activities make learning fun. I actually enjoy going to school. Our school is different and unique.

I think it is so cool how you are the first African-American president. I also thought it was brave and bold on how you got out of the car and started to walk, especially with how cold that weather was. I also really enjoyed your speech. That was the first time I actually watched any inauguration. By the way your daughters are so adorable.

I think the whole "No Child Left Behind" is a good idea. It actually helped me out to pass through Jr. high School. Also the things you said about giving medical insurance to anyone who needs it is great, because I have to pay for my medical insurance and I hate it.

We can make a change by saving energy. For example use fewer lights. I can do that by turning off all the lights when I don't need them to be on. I can also help by turning off all the lights that don't have to be on. That's how I can make a change.

Sincerely,
Yvette Dejesus

School District of Lancaster
James Buchanan ES
Grade 4
Teacher: Lisa Strause

Dear President Obama,

Congratulations with the big win! I would like to ask if you could help the homeless? There are homeless children and mothers that need shelter and food. Also can you give health insurance to everyone? It costs a lot of money. Please help!

Your American Citizen,
Alexandra Long

Dayspring Christian Academy
Grade 3
Teacher: Mrs. Stauffer

Dear President Obama,

I liked the speech you make yesterday at the inauguration. I'm happy that you are president. I congratulate you for working so hard to be president. I heard Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" speech in school. I have a dream for my country too. I'd like to tell you what I want my country to be like when I grow up. I want there to be no war. I don't want war because I want my family to be safe. I hope that there's no abortion because babies should be allowed to live too. I like that we are the most free country in the world. I'm thankful that I live in a nice house, have plenty of food and can worship God in my country. Thank you for being our president.

Sincerely,
Noah Grossman

School District of Lancaster
John Price ES
Grade 1
Teacher: Mrs. Maher

Dear President Obama,

I want you to help our country by giving the poor more money. Please help them get jobs.

Sincerely,
Josiah (R.)

School District of Lancaster
John Price ES
Grade 1
Teacher: Mrs. Maher

Dear President Obama,

Make our world better and safe and kind. I want you to not let any bad guys in our world.

Sincerely,
DaShawn (B.)

Conestoga Valley
Conestoga Valley MS
Grade 8
Teacher: Suzanne H. Fisher

Dear President Obama,

Congratulations on your election into office. It is not an easy feat to become president, and I appreciate your hard work and dedication to get there. I want to address you about the environment, which is an issue I care about deeply.

Sadly, America is not the most environmentally friendly place. We use too much power, and our car exhaust clogs the air. Perhaps we could use greener methods to power big industries like solar power and geothermal heat. Cars are not healthy because of the gas they consume and the toxins they release. Americans could maybe use left over vegetable oil from restaurants to power their cars. Somehow, the cost of hybrid cars should be lower, so that more people would buy them and go green. Many more people would buy those cars if they could afford them.

The glaciers of the arctic are melting. This causes the oceans to rise and currents to change. Deadly storms will occur, and, as president, I hope you will help stop this global problem. I want a good future for later generations, so please end this issue before it's too late.

Other countries look to us for guidance, and they use us as an example for success. If we go green, then upcoming countries like China will too. As a planet we can come together to stop this universal problem.

I know that you are very busy assuming your new role as President of the United States. Thank you for taking the time to listen.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Soberick

Ephrata
Ephrata HS
Grade 12
Teacher: Cheryl Fritz

Dear President Obama,

As a future student of political science, I would like to congratulate you on your victory and recent inauguration as the 44th president of the United States. I was fortunate enough to be able to travel to Washington the day of your inauguration, and I would say it was one of the most unforgettable events of my life. Although the day was also one of the most chaotic I have experienced I was absolutely thrilled to take part in the day's events and literally experience history.

The past two years, during which time I tracked the progress of each political campaign, have provided me with such an enthusiasm for politics that I now plan on majoring in political science and would someday like to run for public office. You have been extremely instrumental in helping me to realize that anything is possible for me and that no glass ceiling is too high to be broken. Your campaign and its subsequent success have given me a new faith in our nation's political system. Your victory showed me that democracy is a system that works, and the people truly have the power to influence the government. Once again, congratulations and I wish you the best of luck during the next four years. I look forward to watching and studying the actions of your administration and in what direction they will lead the country.

Sincerely,
Katelyn Stauffer

School District of Lancaster
Hamilton ES
Grade 2
Teacher: Deb Fair

Dear President Obama,

I am writing this letter because people need to get along better. I think that would make the whole world a better place to live. People need to get along together. Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,
Hunter Lloyd

Ephrata
Ephrata HS
Grade 11
Teacher: Mr. White

Dear Mr. President,

To begin, I would like to congratulate you for your achievement of getting into office. Although you would not have been my first choice for office, I do believe that you will do many good things.

When this election began, I found myself not understanding much about politics. Sad to say, but I barely understood our current economic state of being. Because of the heated debates and various opinions I began to search to find my own views.

One thing that I have been working on understanding is the closing of Guantanamo Bay. I feel that this will create many feelings of apprehension with these men living in our country.

I hope that as you lead our country in these next few years that I will be able to learn more about governmental and economic issues.

I cannot imagine what it is like to be the President of the United States, to lead a country, and to live each day with stress and worries weighing on your shoulders. I hope that you are able to look at each day with optimism. Remember that each day is a new day where new choices and decisions can be made.

Regardless of what you like or dislike remember to look out for the common good of all Americans-doing what you think is best for the people. I believe that if you look to this view for all of your decisions, then you will be able to take our country to great places and that you will be able to take our current economic stance to a better and more stable place.

I hope that you and your family are able to cope and enjoy life amongst the chaos and worries. As you continue through office, I wish the best for you. Keeping an open mind and finding a continuous balance between changed and old-fashioned approaches will take the United States of America to great places.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Latshaw

School District of Lancaster
James Buchanan ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Judy Martin

Dear Malia and Natasha,

If I compare your lives to my life we are very different. For example you live at the White House and I live at a normal house. You're in Washington, I'm in Lancaster. You have more than 32 rooms. I have 11 rooms. We're also different on the outside. One day I dream of following in you dad's footsteps.

Love
Kailey Rios

Wengerhof School
Grade 4
Teacher: Kristina Wenger

Dear Sasha,

I think it's neat that your dad is President. I always thought that it would be fun to live in the White House. Is it? I hear that you are getting a dog! I want a dog but we have a cat. His name is Cody.

I'm in 4th grade at school. I like Math, Geography, and History. Let me introduce myself. My name is Thaniel (THAN-yell) Wenger. I have a sister, Katia. I have short brown hair, blue eyes, and brown glasses. I am 9 years old. I like to think, look at maps, write, and draw. I am home schooled here in my home town, Lancaster, PA. When your dad was here I got to see him.

Do you like sports? I like the baseball team, Phillies, and the football team, Steelers. Do you have a favorite team? I hope you can write back!

Sincerely,

Thaniel Wenger

Lampeter Stasburg
Lampeter ES
Grade 2
Teacher: Miss Campbell

Dear President Obama,

Will you have more than one dog or one? Will you make taxes higher or lower? Will you stay in the White House for four or eight years? How old will you be when you get out of the White House? Each new year will you have fireworks in your backyard? Where are your kids going to school? I go to Lampeter Elementary School. I used to go to Hans Herr Elementary School. Do you have any friends that came with you? Because I would have all my friends living with me.

Sincerely,
Joey Jordan

Lampeter Stasburg
Hans Herr ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Carey Eshleman

Dear Malia,

My name is Olivia Gard. I live in Lancaster, PA. I wish I could live in the White House with you. Did you know that there is a bowling alley and a pool in the White House too? But there are some things I want to change if your dad can maybe. First, I want to stop people from cutting down the rainforest and ruining habitats there. Second, I hope for less pollution from people, including children littering. Third, is that we need peace on the whole world plus space too. Well that is all I want to say so I'll see you on TV!!!!

Sincerely,
Olivia Gard

P.S. Hope you have an awesome life in the White House!!

Lampeter Stasburg
Lampeter ES
Grade 2
Teacher: Miss Kristen Delaney

Dear Obama Family,

Hello! My name is Lexus and I am 8 years old. I have a dog. Her name is Lola and I play with her a lot. I heard you and your family were thinking about having a dog. Well, I know how to take care of a dog. You need to give him or her a lot of water and you need to give it a little bit of the dog food. You need to take him or her for a walk. It might cry if you do not take it for a walk. And last but not least, you need to take good care of your dog. I hope you take my advice. Goodbye!

Sincerely,
Lexus Carrasquillo

Hempfield
Centerville ES
Grade 2
Teacher: Heather Fagan

Dear First Family,

Hi, my name is Emily Hohenwarter. I am seven years old. Are you well or are you not well? I am fine. When I grown up, I would like to run for president. Do you like being president? Do you like living in the White House? I hope that you and you family have a great four years.

From,
Emily Hohenwarter

School District of Lancaster
Lincoln MS
Grade 8
Teacher: Ms. Kanagy & Mr. Bundy

Dear President Obama,

I have three dreams for this country: lower prices on things that went up, more and better paid jobs, and a better cleaner environment.

My first dream for this country is cheaper prices on things that went up. For example, we need cheaper gas for people to get to jobs and other important events. Also, cheaper airfares to get to far places instead of using a car. In addition, cheaper groceries at stores to be more affordable for families.

Secondly, I hope our country is more improved by being cleaner. For example, we need cleaner parks for kids to play at. Also, I think that there should be more electric and hybrid cars for a cleaner earth to be breathing in. In addition, have group jobs working at parks cleaning up.

Thirdly, I think there should be more available jobs. For example, people that got laid off should get their jobs back to support their families. Also, it's hard for people to find jobs right now. In addition, teens should be able to work to earn their own money and to stay off the streets.

In conclusion, my three wishes for our country are cheaper prices, more available jobs and better cleaner environment. These are some changes you should work on.

Sincerely,
Tony Ruiz

Lampeter Stasburg
Hans Herr ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Mrs. Bitterman

Dear Malia and Natasha,

What is it like to have a dad who used to be a regular old dad, suddenly become President and you are suddenly famous all around the United States of America? Did you know when you were growing up, that you would someday become the President's daughters? Still, maybe you don't like all this change. But you guys get to live in the White House! I think you two look like you would be very nice. Does your dad feel like he's the President to you, or do you think he's like a regular old dad? You are lucky. Living with your dad, the President, must be very fun.

Sincerely,
Alia Puffenberger

Lampeter Stasburg
Hans Herr ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Michelle Martini

President Obama,

I hoped, even dreamed that you be elected president. I hope you make a law saying, "Chop a tree, plant a tree."
Implying the number of trees you chopped that exactly same number of trees you plant.

Sincerely,
Anthony (Malkowski)

Lampeter Stasburg
Hans Herr ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Michele Martini

Dear President Obama,

I have some suggestions for the future. If a student gets a bad grade on an assignment they should get another chance. Also the citizens of America should recycle more often. We should not bring dinosaurs back to life! Each block should have a recycling bin where everybody can use it. We should not kill animals that often, either. And if kids aren't that strong in one subject they should have a special tutor. I want all these things to happen, because I want trees to live longer, have less endangered species and I don't want dinosaurs to kill us all. So if you can make some of this stuff happen I will be happy! I am glad you were chosen to be president.

Sincerely,
Danielle (Eckman)

Hempfield
Centerville ES
Grade 2
Teacher: Mrs. Mary Chesters

Dear President Obama,

You ROCK! I voted for you! Well, almost...I'm only in second grade...but, I was hoping you would win! I sort of voted because our school voted. Well, not a real vote. It was just to see who our school liked best. You won our school vote! I was happy! By the way, you don't have to answer this, but can you widen desks in schools? It's hard to fit ALL that stuff on a little desk! Well, not that little, but our desks are small at least! I hope you're a good President!

Your HUGE fan,
David Winner

St. Leo the Great
Grade 3
Teacher: Irene DeSolis

Dear President Barack Obama,

Here are some suggestions that should stop in 2009. Stop the abortion. Pick up stuff on the ground. Don't litter. Help the poor. Let the immigrants come to our country. Help with the environment. Don't litter in the ocean. Let the gas prices go down. Make sure everyone sees a doctor even though they can't pay. Don't fight with the Republicans. Keep our country safe from terrorists. Have more builders. Help schools. Don't waste energy. Turn off lights when you're not using them. Make sure jails are secure. Try and get along with other countries.

Sincerely,
Amy Alton

Lampeter Stasburg
Hans Herr ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Jim Stutzman

Dear Obama,

Are you getting a collie or a Newfoundland? Here's some advice for your kids when you move. Take everything you want to bring and most importantly don't be shy!

Sincerely,
Cooper Brown

Lampeter Stasburg
Hans Herr ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Cindy Baker

Dear President Obama,

Congratulations on becoming the 44th president of the United States of America! I am confident you will do great. Also, you are the man that made Martin Luther King Junior's dream come true.

I wish you would lower gas prices, so we can use our left over money on food for people in Africa. My parents pay \$30.00 per tank of gas. I hope wars end in peace. If you could end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, millions of people will live. I hope you have a great time in the White House.

Sincerely,
Ryan Floyd

Hempfield
Landisville Intermediate Center
Grade 5
Teacher: Lois Ann Reed

Dear Mr. Obama,

It has come to my attention that you are now the President of the United States of America. Congratulations! But, alas, that is the easy part. By now you are already probably working on 2 big things: the economic crisis, and the war in Iraq. This is a huge responsibility Mr. President. This war is long and tiring and I fear another depression may be on the horizon. Not only that, but you are only the 2nd president to be sworn in at war. Plus, you have to please the people, your family, countries that are allies to the U.S.A., and the Legislative and Judicial branches! What more can one man do? In lighter discussion, I hear you are getting a dog. That will be challenging, but I think the White House needs a taste of man's best friend. I bet Malia and Sasha are excited to be the President's daughters! Are they excited about their new school? Do they like the White House? Do they walk around D.C.? Please Respond.

Sincerely,
Marco John Sardi The 3rd

Lebanon County
Ebenezer ES
Grade 4
Teacher: Darci Fink

Dear President Obama,

I am glad you are president because you made history to be the first African-American President. I've watched your speech and I thought it was so good. It thought it was the best speech ever. I saw the crowd and it was so big I thought you were like Martin Luther King. I have read you letter to Malia and Sasha. I knew in the letter there was a message to every child in America. I have learned something important in that letter.

Your fan,
Salvatore (M.)

School District of Lancaster
James Buchanan ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Virginia Gillespie

Dear Obama,

These are my hopes and dreams for others. My first is that all different colored people come together (like an ice cream sundae). My 2nd is that people in Kenya stay healthy. (I have a pen pal in Kenya). My 3rd is that people help the environment, also to help the economy. My last is that for your family to stay safe.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Boben

P.S. I went to the inauguration.

Hempfield
Centerville ES
Grade 6
Teacher: Heather Grimm

Dear Mr. Obama,

Hello Mr. Obama, How are you? I want to ask you what you are going to do for the struggling economy and if you are going to keep your promises? Mr. Obama, this may sound strange coming for a kid, but I really hope that you can make a change in this world and make this world a better place. So I hope that you can have the strength and power and wisdom to change America and make it a better place. By the way my name is Alex Dihn.

From,
Alex Dihn

Hempfield
Centerville ES
Grade 6
Teacher: Nick Kouros

Dear President Obama,

My name is Sarah Brown. I live in Lancaster PA. If I could choose one thing I would have the war in Iraq end. I want the troops to be home. I would like that because they have been there for a long time. And when I hear about a mother, father, daughter, son, brother, sister, best friend, and more who has died although they are not related to me it still makes me very sad. I would really like if you could help change by sending the troops home to their families. That is what I would like to change. And also tell you wife and kids I said hi!!! I hope that you have a ton of fun in the White House and being the President of America.

From,
Sarah Brown

P.S. Have fun with your dog!!!

Hempfield
Centerville ES
Grade 6
Teacher: Wendy Hallowell

Dear First Family,

Congratulations! You've inspired many people and good luck being USA's new First Family!

I heard you guys are getting a new puppy but still are deciding what type. I recommend a Labradoodle. My friend has one and it's very sweet and a great family dog.

Has it been hard for Natasha and Malia to switch schools and a new house? I hope you have a great time settling in to the White House.

I hope you will stop the war and bring peace to our country. Good luck being our new president and our new First Family.

Sincerely,
Nadia Glatzhofer

Lebanon
Ebenezer ES
Grade 4
Teacher: Margie Hall

Dear Obama Family,

Barack Obama, can you please come to our school. Because you inspire me and I really look up to you and what you say about never giving up.

Malia and Sasha, I just want to know what you like to do. Do you like to collect stuff or do you play with Barbies?

Mrs. Obama, are you afraid for your husband? There are some people that do not like him. I hope President Obama stays safe, please write back.

Sincerely,
Skyler Garmen

Our Lady of Angels
Grade 6
Teacher: Teri O'Donnell

Dear First Family,

Welcome to the new job! I am writing this letter because my class is participating in the Newspaper for Education.

My dreams for the country... I dream for the environment to be care for more so that all the plants would look healthy and nice. I also want people to stop abusing animals because it is rude and sad. I really love animals and I want people to start caring for them more. I have a few questions to ask you. Will you please help the environment in our great nation? Would you help all the animals find homes? How are Malia and Natasha adjusting to their new school? Have you though of a name for the dog yet?

Good luck! I am sure you will be a great President. You are in my prayers.

Sincerely,
Alyssa

Hempfield
Hempfield HS
Grade 12
Teacher: John Bradley

Dear President Obama,

Congratulations on your successful campaign. I can not imagine how it must feel to make history the way that you already have. I would like to take this opportunity to ask you how it feels to have over three hundred million people counting on you to put this country back together after the vast complications it has suffered since 2001? I believe you are the most qualified person to make changes for this country but I understand how incredibly difficult of a challenge you have undertaken. The fact that so many citizens will unrealistically expect automatic change is the pressure that you will have on your shoulders from day one. What are your feelings on this?

The Iraq war has had an impact on Americans in so many ways, which you are aware of. How will you resolve this conflict and what are your plans for the Iraqi people? With this country being, without a doubt, one of the most well developed countries in the world we help the great number of other countries who can not overcome their differences and live together in peace. Along with Iraq, what role do you believe the United States should play in the conflicts involved in foreign countries such as Palestine and Kosovo?

I feel so fortunate to have experiences your amazing impact on Americans and American history thus far, even before being sworn in. I only wish that it had been a year later so that I would have the opportunity to vote and play a part in the most historical election in the history of our country. I wish you and your family the best of luck in your new home and your new lives

Sincerely,
Svetlana Vitor

School District of Lancaster
McCaskey East HS
Grade 10
Teacher: Ms. Mouzon

Dear Mr. President,

I just want you start off by congratulating you on your victory. I also want to let you know I'm confident that you will serve, and protect our country well, and you will give us the help that we need. I wasn't old enough to vote but I made sure my mother and grandmother voted, because it's so important.

I know that everything isn't going to change in a week but I know that you're going to bring the change that we need badly. I support every decision that you've made so far, just keep doing the right thing and I'm sure everyone else will support you also.

I'm excited that I had the chance to see history being made, and I hope in the future better things will come for the next generation. I wish you luck on everything, and I'm sure you'll get reelected in four years.

Sincerely,
Janieca Rivera

Lancaster Mennonite Schools
Kraybill Campus
Grade 8
Teacher: Mary Bucher

Dear Mr. President and First Family,

There are many hopes and dreams that I have for our country, America. I have one especially strong hope, though, and that is that my country would be able to treat every person and country as we, ourselves, would want to be treated. I feel as though so many times we, as Americans, are considered to be selfish, greedy and just not concerned about others in general. So, my hope is that during these next few years that you, President Obama, are in office other countries would change their opinion about us, and that we would start treating everyone with love and humanity.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Stoner

Lampeter-Strasburg
Lampeter-Strasburg HS
Grade 10
Teacher: Mrs. Kunkle

Dear Mr. President,

Congratulations, Mr. President. On behalf of my classmates, I wish you the best of luck fulfilling your more than 500 promises. I have a few questions for you.

I would like to know, if it is okay with you, what kind of protection do you wear? Do you just wear a bullet proof vest or do you have Kevlar clothes you can wear under your suit? I know since you are the first African-American President in U.S.A. history, your security measures have to be crazy. Does this affect your time with your kids or your free time?

I have always wondered if the President's car is the most secure in the U.S.A. Does it have bulletproof glass, or spikes that fly out of the back bumper? Now if you get shot at in the car, will steel windows pop up or do you lay flat and drive away very fast?

My final question for you is what is your motive for becoming President? I know you wanted to become President to change people's lives. You want to help people out, but do you have another reason like to be the first African-American President in U.S. history?

Sincerely,
Johnny Reverón

Cocalico
Cocalico MS
Grade 7
Teacher: Kelly Gracey

Dear President Barack Obama,

Congratulations on your win! My name is Rachel Hayes and I am thirteen years old. First, I would like to say that if I was over eighteen, I most definitely would have voted for you. I believe you will do a great job in office, and can lead our troops out of this war. I personally do not have any family or friends in the army, but I still feel that it is unnecessary for us to be over there. One thing I am very interested in is what you are going to do to save the ecosystem. One big problem is the drilling in Alaska. By continuing this it would harm and kill thousands of animals. I recently read an article that said fixing the damages that the drilling would cause, would take months or even years. I understand that not drilling in Alaska will cost the government a lot of money, but so will trying to save all the species. I am pleased to hear that you are using more solar and wind powered electricity, so we don't have to rely on the use of oil.

Sincerely,
Rachel Hayes

Cocalico
Cocalico MS
Grade 8
Teacher: Mrs. Fulmer

Dear Mr. President,

I am really glad that you are president, because you are the first black president. If Martin Luther King was alive he would be very proud of you. How does it feel to be the first black president in American history?

You have inspired me to go and reach my goal in life which is to be a general in the infantry. Also you have inspired other people to change stuff like the name of their school to Barack Obama School. Also you have inspired many other people to fulfill their dreams. Thank you Mr. President.

Sincerely,
Chris Scott

ELANCO
Blue Ball ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Jane Beam

Dear President Obama,

I really want you to try to keep us from getting into a war again. Our people are dying and so is our population. So please try to stop wars.

Sincerely,
Kair H. Lewis

Conestoga Valley
J.E. Fritz ES
Grade 5
Teacher: Tara Meyer

Dear Mr. President,

Since I'm only a kid, I don't know much very much about Congress and stuff but, I do know that the gas prices are going to be skyrocketing if we don't start getting oil from the USA. If we keep getting oil from Iraq and Iran (the people we are fighting) they are going to stop giving it to us. We, as citizens, need your help to stop this crisis.

Also, we need change. Which you, I hope are going to do to our country. But if you change our country with laws and policies, I think you're mistaken. We need to be free, but still with limits. We need to walk the streets without fear of being threatened.

This war in Iraq is getting crazy. I know that you want to end the war no matter what happens. I think you should keep sending reinforcements until we win this war.

Sincerely,
Preston

Cocalico
Cocalico MS
Grade7
Teacher: Kelly Gracey

Dear Malia and Sasha,

I hope you are getting settled in the white house ok. I know it is hard to move away form a place that you grew us at but you will hopefully like your new home. I know it is also hard to start at a new school and that you won't know anyone there but if you are nice to people they will be nice to you and you can become friends. I think that it will be easy for you to make friends because you seem really nice. When you are all settled in I know your dad promised you a dog and I would go with a Portuguese waterdog because my aunt has one and they are really nice. They also are really fluffy and have soft fur. I think it would be the best dog for you. I hope you can get your dog soon because I hear that you are ready for it and you have everything you need.

I think you are both really lucky to have a father as a president. It is probably hard that you have to travel a lot of places but that will slow down when your dad is in the office. Now that he is president you will get to do and go more places than you would if he wasn't president. You will probably meet a lot of people because your dad is always doing speeches and meeting fans. I think that you will get to go lots of places with your dad and you will be able to see new things.

Sincerely,
Lanie Strause

Manheim Township
John Henry Neff Sixth Grade
Grade 6
Teacher: Kim Barr

Dear President Barack Obama,

Hi, I am a student at Neff 6 and I am loving it. Get it... It's the McDonald's motto! Now before I forget, Congratulations!!! I am sooo happy that you are our President, and McCain was no match to you. You would win , and you did.

I am a huge fan of animals. I love them so much, I can't stand seeing them being abused. They are being abused right now. Hundreds of them are being euthanized and they didn't do anything but get abused. Can you tell the pound or the ASPCA to expand the kennels so they have at least a change for them to live!! They deserve to live.

We got a fact sheet about you and McCain. I heard you got a monkey. That is so cool. Hope you get another one!!

Sincerely,
Laurence Busque
P.S. Neff Six Rules!!

Ephrata
Ephrata HS
Grade 12
Teacher: Jennifer Eshleman

Dear Mr. Obama,

First of all, I would like to welcome you and your family to the White House. I believe that changes can be made and will be made to make our country a better place.

However, healthcare is a concern of mine because of the rising costs which lead to thousands of citizens not being able to afford health insurance. Many people acquire health insurance through their jobs; conversely, employers are having rough times providing health insurance because of the high costs. Health insurance is a very important thing to have in today's society; yet, with the high costs not everyone attains it.

People who have lost their jobs and no longer are provided with health insurance will not purchase it and just hope for the best, that they will not have any medical problems. They don't fathom the importance of having health insurance. However, things happened when you least expect them and all of the sudden they could be involved in a tragic accident and become paralyzed, unable to work, with enormous medical bills. How will they pay them off? They can not work, yet they have huge medical bills that need to be paid off.

For the future, I hope that the healthcare costs will be affordable to all of the people in our country. I believe that the healthcare costs can go down and that you will lower healthcare costs.

Sincerely,
Laura Pstrak

Manheim Township
Caleb W. Bucher ES
Grade 5
Teacher: Anu Sudan

Dear First Family,

How does it feel to be the first family of America? Also how many rooms are in the White House? How many rooms do Sasha and Malia use? If you are wondering who is asking you these questions, well I'll tell you.

Hi, I'm Desirae. I am in 5th grade and almost eleven. My birthday is February 13th. When are your girls' birthdays and how old are you? Do you all like living at the White House?

Sincerely,
Desirae

Ephrata
Ephrata Ms
Grade 7
Teacher: Jackie Nolt

Dear President Barack Obama,

Out of all goals that are in need of help, the one I worry about most is the Iraq war due to the fact that my uncle was deployed on January 2, 2009. So, Mr. President Obama, can you please stop with war and send our troops home?

Dear Malia and Natasha Obama,

In your journey going from an ordinary house to the extraordinary White House, good luck. Before 7th grade, I did research on the White House. You should enjoy your life in the White House. Try not to get terrified of the press and reporters. Good luck again.

Dear Michelle Obama,

As your husband takes office on January 20th, you may not have much time with him due to some economic crisis and other problems. He will be very busy and may need your assistance with some decisions. Wish you luck.

Good Luck Obama Family

Best of luck,
Bryan Rohrbaugh

Warwick
Kissel Hill ES
Grade 4
Teacher: Linda Brooks

Dear Pres. Obama,

Hello! I am a fan of you. You should help Darfur and Myanmar. We have students and parents from Myanmar who lives in Thailand. Can you help taxes? How about the feeling of running against a woman?

So long,
Michael

Manheim Township
Milton J. Brecht ES
Grade 5
Teacher: Heidi Becker

Dear Mrs. Obama,

Congratulations to you an President Obama. My name is Katy Hollinger. I'm a 5th grader. First, I want to know which of the dresses you like better. The yellow one you wore why President Obama tool the oath of office? Or the white one that you wore to the inaugural balls? I liked both of them, but I want to know what you think.

I would also like to know how often you see him when he's working. Do you get to spend more or less time with him now that he's the President? If I were you, I'd try to visit him during the day.

Finally, I want to know what issues you're most interested in. Global warming, the war in Iraq, or many other issues. I'm most interested in global warming because I care a lot about the environment.

Thank you for reading my letter and please respond if you can.

Sincerely,
Katy Hollinger

Penn Manor
Central Manor ES
Grade 2
Teacher: Barb Snyder

Dear Sasha and Malia,

My name is Jordan. I am 8 years old. Congratulations on moving into the White House. I herd your dad is going to get you a dog. That is a good gift. You could name your dog President, America or Martin. I would want a dog! Good luck

Jordan

Manheim Township
Manheim Township MS
Grade 8
Teacher: Megan Ginder

Dear Mrs. Michelle Obama,

My name is Jessica Loose and I am an eighth grade student at Manheim Township Middle School in Lancaster Pennsylvania, and I am writing to speak highly of your family in hopes that you will do your best to help America.

I participate in a Social Studies class and have learned about great men and women over the years. I believe that you, your husband and your children will fit perfectly in with those men and women and lead America out of the turmoil that we have been stuck in for quite some time leading us in the direction of a better tomorrow.

I would like to congratulate you on your roundtable for military spouses at Fort Bragg. It's such a great thing to be a part of and I'm sure well appreciated. Helping military families is just the kind of thing that America needs and it's great that you already have a jump on trying to make the United States a better place to live.

As John F. Kennedy once said 'This will not be finished in the first one hundred days. Nor will it be finished in the first thousand days, not the life of this administration, nor even perhaps in our lifetime on this planet. But let us begin,' and I believe that America made a choice to begin and took the first step towards a better future by electing your husband and your family into the United States history.

Sincerely,
Jessica Loose

St. Leo the Great School
Grade 8
Teacher: Ellen Tucker

Dear Natasha,

Congratulations to the big win for your father! I bet it is very exciting to live in the white house. Your dad can now finally make the big changes in the world now. I'm very happy for you and your family. I hope you are proud of him!

I know it is probably hard for you and your sister to get used to this life. I am surely telling you it will be the best for you and the country. I hope you will be able to live a normal life.

Yours truly,
Shannon Cruz

Dayspring Christian Academy
Grade 3
Teacher: Sally Armstrong

Dear President Obama,

I have a dream for our country that people are able to pray freely. We need God's word. I hope you have a good day because this is the day the Lord has made. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Simeon Stevens

The New School of Lancaster
Grade 2
Teacher: Liz Krantz and Maura Kinnare

Dear Mr. President,

What kind of dog do you want? If you want my opinion, I think you should get a chocolate Labrador. You could name him or her Brownie. Here is a tip: build a little stable big enough so it can play.

Sincerely,
Sarah Stambaugh

Manheim Township
Manheim Township HS
Grade 11
Teacher: Mr. Melnyk

Dear Michelle Obama,

In 1920, women across America fought for their right to vote in political elections. Through hard work and determination, women leaders proved their adversaries wrong and gained the right to vote for women nationwide. In today's world women are closer to establishing equal rights with their male counterparts. Women are able to hold most of the same jobs and positions as men in the work force. Despite their won equalities, still some men incorrectly believe they hold inferiority over women. Our country needs strong women leaders to encourage other women to stand up for their rights and to persuade women to not allow others to downgrade them based on their gender. Strong women in powerful positions serve as inspirational role models for other women and teenage girls as myself.

Serving as the first lady of the United States, Mrs. Obama, you have the potential to become a highly influential woman for others. All women should be paid the same and have the same opportunities as fellow men coworkers in companies. I hope you use your influential power and media attention as first lady to fight for women's rights in the workforce, promoting equal pay for equal work, and serve as a role model for women nationwide in your next four years at the White House.

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn M. Ball

Penn Manor
Hambright ES
Grade5
Teacher: Laurie Weitzel

Dear President Obama,

Hi, I'm Jayla. I'm in 5th grade. I am glad you won! It's exciting that you're the first African- American President. Your speech was amazing. I loved it.

I think you should get a boxer for a dog. They are very sweet, cute and nice dogs to have. They will take care of you and they know when you are sad. They come and lick your face and that's why you should get a boxer. I'm so happy you are president.

Sincerely,
Your #1 Fan

Penn Manor
Fred S. Eshleman ES
Grade 3
Teacher: Mrs. St. John

Dear President Obama,

How is it at the White House? I want to go there someday. I would like you to be as kind as you can be, please!
Can I come to the White House?

From,
Hunter Long

Penn Manor
Hambright ES
Grade 6
Teacher: Beth Wagner

Dear Mrs. Michelle Obama,

Welcome to your new home! I hope the next four years in the White House are great. I don't know if you've been to D.C. before, but I know some things you can do for fun. I enjoyed visiting the Vietnam Memorial because it had names of the brave soldiers who fought for my safety. Some other places I recommend your family to visit is the Natioanl Museum of History, the National Mall, the Washington Monument, and the National Air and Space Museum.

I heard about your daughters wanting a dog. I really want a dog but I have allergies so I have to get a hypoallergenic dog. Experts recommend poodles for allergies since their hair is like human hair, also they are really playful. Well, I hope you have a great time as first lady.

Sincerely,
Ndegwa McCloud

Penn Manor
Eshleman ES
Grade 6
Teacher: Linda Bear

Dear President,

Thank you for caring about the people in the United States of America. I know being our president is a tough job, but I want to write to you about these important issues. I would like to talk to you about electricity. You should lower electric bills so people will not have to pay as much. That way they can save up if they are in debt.

If there were more electricians, there would most likely have to be more inspectors. People could have fewer items plugging into their outlets and their bills would not be so high. A lot of people do not have a lot of money to pay other bills off because of the high cost of electricity. People need electricity because you might not have hot water or heat.

Now I would like to talk to you about jobs. First off we need more jobs. All the jobs do not pay good money. The economy is bad and there is nobody that is hiring. Without jobs people are losing money and homes.

There are some miscellaneous things that I would like to talk to you about also. Would you think about lowering the price of college? What will you do about the environment? Also what will you do about the economy? I hope that you will consider all the things I mentioned. Also I hope you can fix the economy and help clean up the environment. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,
Savannah Marie Weiler

Penn Manor
Eshleman Es
Grade 2
Teacher: Linda Bear

Dear President Obama,

My name is Austin Cosby, and I am in 2nd grade at Eshleman School. I hope you and your family enjoy the White House. While you are president I hope you will keep whale pirates from killing whales. Thank you for working for the people of the USA.

From,
Austin

The New School of Lancaster
Grade 4
Teacher: Gloria Patterson

Dear President Obama,

My name is Will. I am 9 soon to be 10. I am glad that you are the President of the United States of America. Please stop the war in Iraq as soon as possible. Also are you going to name the first dog "first dog?"

Yours truly,
Will Margerum

Penn Manor
Eshleman ES
Grade 4
Teacher: Beth Rosenberg

Dear Mr. Obama,

I really like the note you write to your daughters in the PARADE Magazine. It was very sweet, nice, awesome and thoughtful.

I hope our world will be more responsible. There are some ways we could make our world better. First, saving trees and the environment because we need a lot of trees to breathe and to eat. Please lower gas prices because a lot of people don't have a lot of money since Christmas just passed.

Your #1 Fan,
Seth Wile

Penn Manor
Hambright ES
Grade 6
Teacher: Lisa Roth Walter

Dear Mr. Obama,

Congratulations on becoming our new president! You are my hero! When I first heard you, I was like, “yeah he’s ok,” but when my mom turned on ever one of your speeches, I was like WOW! What you said about health care, economics and so on, I was so touched by everything you said. Even though half of the time I didn’t understand in a way I kind of did. When they said, “Our new president is... Barack Obama,” my heart was pounding so fast!! I was just so happy! I just wanted to thank you for all your hard work! Thanks!

Sincerely,
Katrina Deptula

Pequea Valley
Salisbury ES
Grade 4
Teacher: Vicki Goehring

Dear Obama Family,

Congratulations on being the new president, first lady, and the president’s daughters. I know you’ll have fun with going to the presidential bowling alley and the secret passage ways. I hope you check out the sites to see in D.C. It’s beautiful. Did you ever consider having your birthday at the White House? It helps not to be homesick if you add a homey touch.

Sincerely,
Mariel Stoltzfus

