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Kimberly P. Johnson, educator, children's author and motivational speaker, was the keynote speaker at the 5th Annual Mayor's Character Breakfast in Lee's Summit, Missouri. She addressed a widely diverse community audience. The purpose of the character breakfast is to inspire and honor

Ms. Johnson was the highlight of the event. Her message, Driven, was perfect for the 425 attendees. I have seen her speak three times and each time I marvel how her audience is swept up by her enthusiasm and her positive approach to issues. It was evident to all that attended that Kimberly lives the words she speaks. Her emphasis was on "I am, I can and I will" followed with a positive affirmation. She involves the audience in her presentation whether it is on stage with her or standing at their own table. She brings the audience together through interaction and the close proximity of her activities. I especially enjoyed her poem, Teamwork.

Ms. Johnson is a must have keynote speaker. The audience held on to her every word and at the conclusion they were on their feet. I heard more positive comments about her appearance than any other speaker we have had. Long after her exit the impact of her words have continued to sustain me.

We appreciate the fact that Ms. Johnson made time in her schedule to speak at this event. I highly recommend her as an exceptional motivational speaker.

Sincerely

Roby Little Director

Lee's Summit CARES



To: Whom It May Concern

Re: Motivational Speaker; case of Kim Johnson

This letter is to serve as a recommendation as a result of the tremendous job Ms. Kim Johnson did in motivating our employees with her powerful and educational presentations.

I can tell you with candor, that I was somewhat apprehensive about booking her for this engagement. I just didn't know how a children's author would: one, be accepted by a seasoned group of employees, and two, have the motivational techniques to move those in a business setting. Of course those fears were quickly laid to rest after observing those in attendance while she gave her presentation. The roars of laughter, the nods of approval, and the attentive stares told me immediately that she was the right person for the right job. We could not be more pleased.

Her "show" had the right mix of audience participation, laughter, wit, and anecdotes which made for the perfect "attention getters" during the key educational points which were interspersed throughout. She also hit on all the major topics which we wanted to get across.

The reaction has been overwhelmingly positive. The junior employees, whom I particularly wanted to target, can't stop talking about it. The more tenured employees, likewise, have had nothing but rave reviews about the experience. The best compliments that I enjoyed hearing were from the employees who came up to me afterward saying that they had not wanted to attend this training at all, but were ever so grateful that they did. Ms. Johnson has made an impression and a difference for them.

In closing, let me again highly recommend Ms. Kim Johnson, as she certainly conducted a most successful training evolution for Marine Federal Credit Union.

Sincerely,

C. M. Collins, III, CCUE Executive Vice President

LtCol(ret)

USMC





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Northeast Family Child Care Conference Committee

Dear Kimberly,

Thank you very much for being the Keynote speaker at our Annual Northeast Family Child Care Conference. Over 113 child care professionals attended the conference in Greenville, and the response to the overall conference were very positive.

The child care professionals were inspired and motivated by your challenge to keep reaching for higher goals and to view themselves as the professionals that they are. This conference could not have been the success it was without you.

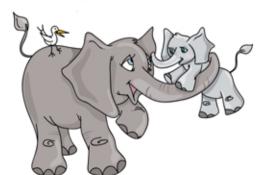
Thank you for all you do for the children, families, child care professionals and communities throughout the country. You are truly inspiring. I feel so blessed to have met you and I look forward to our continued friendship.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Č. Douglass, Director

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Easton Elementary School

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I sat in awe as I listened to this very exciting and dynamic speaker. Mrs. Kimberly P. Johnson captivated the audience with her style and expertise in the field of education. I was so inspired I was afraid to move for thinking I would miss something this young lady had to say. She was the keynote speaker for the Educators in Excellence Awards Luncheon sponsored by Beta Lambda Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Mrs. Johnson gave us the meaning of the acronym for the word "S-U-C-E-S-S!" This young lady took us back to the good ole days when your grandparents gave you advice you could take to your grave. She encouraged educators to stay the course, curb criticism, expect the best from your students, and to continue to instill love and respect in the children we teach. Mrs. Johnson used her personal life as a testimony to remind us about the children we teach. As she shared real-life experiences, we delighted in her bubbling personality and synergy she projected that flowed from breast to breast. We could only nod in appreciation as we were caught in her web of reaching and teaching.

On another occasion, I had the opportunity to hear Mrs. Johnson interact with students in grades K-5 at Easton Elementary in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She motivated our students with excitement as her synergy passed along to the children a love for writing. The writing techniques and strategies she shared with the students gave them an extra piece to hold in their minds as they write stories and poems. The information she shared is aligned with the "Write From the Beginning" model used in the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System. We can only imagine how our children could have soared in writing had they had Mrs. Kimberly P. Johnson as their writing teacher all

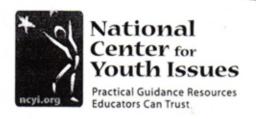
year. She is the "Fairy Godmother" of writing!

Sincerely.

Paisy O. Squire

Curriculum Coordinator

Easton Elementary





Dear Kimberly:

Thank you for your participation and contribution to the 8th Annual Tennessee Conference Celebrating Healthy Choices for Youth in Franklin, Tennessee. Your presence and excellent presentation helped to make this conference a tremendous success. We appreciate your willingness to do the Keynote Presentation on Sunday evening on such short notice.

We admire your talents, skills, and the positive messages you convey. Keep up the good work; America's children and youth are counting on you!

Warmest Regards,

Robert D. Rabon

President

National Center for Youth Issues





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Dear Kimberly,

Your presence at our first annual Building Brighter Futures Conference was a major factor in making the day a wonderful success. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Many child care providers have called to say that they were refreshed and motivated to continue caring for our youngest citizens. Thank You!

You Kimberly, are blessed with such a gift for uplifting those around you. You impact those you touch in ways that you may never see. I know that you must get weary at times as you are human like the rest of us, but you must keep doing what you do for as long as you can.

Thank you so much for the copy of your new book, I will treasure it always. We hope that you will return soon to give us an encore presentation. Some of the participants were so excited after hearing you that they have requested that we provide a conference every six months. Well as you can guess my response was a resounding, NO WAY!

Most Sincerely,

Pat Morrow
CCR&R Director,
Craven Smart Start, Inc.





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MR. DENNIS J. PITTMAN

Dear Kim,



Several teachers shared their thoughts and comments with me after your visit. All comments from staff were positive. Following are some of their thoughts about your visit:

"I felt Kim's presentation was full of enthusiasm and held the interest of our second graders."

"She was right on target with our work on writing – trying to get the children to have more focus on a topic and using more descriptive words. We also loved her books. I felt it was the best presentation we have had from a visiting author."

"I found Kimberly's first grade presentation to be age-appropriate. She was animated and energetic! Student participation and involvement were nicely incorporated into the presentation."

"Students responded enthusiastically to both the author's presentation and to her books! Students enjoyed identifying the positive behaviors and the lessons from her stories. A wonderfully positive and fun learning experience. A very nice job all around!"

"Kimberly's presentation was fabulous. She had excellent large group management skills. She was able to get her points across to the students in an organized presentation. I wish I had her talent and enthusiasm."

"I felt the activities that the fourth grade did on the use of dialogue and the use of transition words to move a story along were very well done. She presented the activities with enthusiasm and our students responded in kind. Also, I really appreciated the fact that she was here to present to the students and not to sell her books to the students. She ended her time with a positive message on working hard at something you love to do to make your dream a reality."

Thank you, Kim, for the wonderful job you did during your visit at College Square. I wish you success and happiness in your future.

Dennis Pittman, Principal

College Square Elementary School

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation for Ms. Kimberly P. Johnson, a children's author.

Ms. Johnson was the guest speaker for our Convocation in August and spoke on the importance and impact of reading. She was well received by our teachers and staff. Her books are also being utilized by our teachers in their classrooms. Our teachers were very eager to have her follow-up in their classrooms. Ms. Johnson did return to Hertford County to see how her materials were being used, and if she could be beneficial in helping with the use of the materials.

Ms. Johnson is very friendly, energetic and dynamic with a deep commitment to literacy development. I found her presentation to be exciting, entertaining, captivating, and highly beneficial to our teachers as we attempt to motivate our students to be readers and writers.

I am very pleased to recommend Ms. Kimberly P. Johnson to any organization whose purpose is to work with young children. Her presentations would be beneficial to staff and very useful to students.

Sincerely.

Dennis M. Deloatch Superintendent /

DMD/sjg



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Dear Mrs. Johnson,

Please let this letter serve as our highest praise for the presentation you made during our Head Start Preservice. Your words were truly encouraging and are visible within our halls even today, see attached photos from a bulletin board outside a classroom and another one within. Staff has thanked us for bringing you to our agency as they felt you to be a true motivator and someone who really understood the mission they as teachers have undertaken. Your enthusiasm captivated us and prepared us for the year ahead, so that we could go forth with purpose and vision. Thank you for renewing our spirits and warming our hearts!

Our best to you in all you do!

Sincerely,

Heather Hurd

Disabilities/Mental Health Coordinator

Huid, PICSW



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Virginia Child Care Association

Kimberly Johnson

Dear Kimberly,

I would like to thank you for your participation in this year's VCCA Training-Conference. Our attendance this year was the best it has ever been. Upon reviewing the conference evaluation forms, your inspiring keynote presentation as well as your informative workshop, Creating a Classroom Book, provided the attendees with invaluable information that I am certain they will be able to apply to their daily routines. Thank you for your contribution to the tremendous success of this year's VCCA Conference. I look forward to working with you again next year!

Sincerely,

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Dr. Rosemary Burton

