

BARRY W. TULL, HEADMASTER

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Dear Laura,

There are no words to express how thankful and appreciative I am for your two visits to Worcester Preparatory School during this school year to share the values and insights imbedded in your wonderful books. Your visit in the fall to discuss *An Invisible Thread* with our upper school students and just a couple of weeks ago to talk with our lower and middle school students about *Angels on Earth* has had a profound impact on their lives, and on the lives of those of us who work with them every day. Looking back, I am so happy that we incorporated *An Invisible Thread* as required summer reading for our upper school students. Your visits brought to life in a realistic and livable way our year-long focus on kindness.

Your beautiful message of looking for ways to demonstrate empathy and kindness, and your wonderful way of taking that message to students personally, is touching young lives in ways that are probably incalculable. While you were with each group of our students for only a short time, your books set the stage for our teachers to incorporate the concept of kindness within their lessons well before you arrived. And your visits served to reignite the spark and generate continuing discussions and expressions of kindness among our children. I've had a number of parents tell me that your books, and visits, have initiated many conversations at home about kindness—I love it!

I can't thank you enough for recording your experiences in your books and for sharing your message with our children. It is a message that spans all ages. Please know how much I treasure your mission and value our friendship.

Sincerely,

Barry W. Tall, Ed.D

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