



GLENBOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are currently in our third year of Equine Learning opportunities for our students and it is such an amazing program! The exposure to this unique learning environment has had a profound impact on each of the students who have been involved. We are constantly looking for new ways to help our students learn about themselves and develop their abilities and Equine Learning definitely stretches our students in ways that no other learning program could.

The horses mentor the students in communication, patience, bravery, trust and friendship. Each student that has had the opportunity to be a part of this program has come out with new skills in at least one of these areas if not all.

The staff at Spirit Winds are highly trained in helping each one of the students benefit from the program in their own different way. The staff are extremely accommodating and comfortable with whatever challenge we bring to them. With this in mind, the students that attend the Equine Learning program are often our highest needs students with a variety of learning challenges ranging from numerous types of behavioral needs through numerous types of emotional, social and academic needs. Never once have we ever had any staff member or horse refuse to rise to the challenge we present to them.

We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to take part in this wonderful program and would love for this to continue to enhance the learning repertoire for our students for years to come.

Sincerely,

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