

On a recent release day at Lansdowne Elementary, one suggestion was that it was important to have a positive working environment. The teachers were asked to take on leadership to build positive morale in the building. **Whitney Allen**, one of our newest teachers, has stepped up and made a difference by sending a daily upbeat message. Whitney's e-mails are insightful, informative and positive. I look forward to each new reflection as we all can benefit from counting our blessings and enjoying our work day. Here's an example from Whitney: "Here's my happy thought for the day: There were lots of worms out on the sidewalk as I came to school today. What a sure-fire sign that spring is here! It takes me back to my bus stop when I put a worm in a silver Pop-Tart baggie to take to school for show and tell (as if my teacher had never seen a worm). But it was important to me and my teacher recognized that. Recognize that something your children think is amazing – that you may think is mundane – is always a teaching opportunity." As a seasoned educator, I so appreciate Whitney's refreshing understanding of children and learning.

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