



Mail to the Chief!

Letters of Advice from America's Children to the New President of the United States

Dear Parent or Educator:

Join our campaign to spark children's enthusiasm for written communication and civic participation.

This January 23, 2009, we are celebrating the presidential inauguration and National Handwriting Day (NHD) by inviting children to write letters of advice to their new president. The letters may be up to two pages long. We encourage children to give advice and express their hopes and dreams. The only requirement is that the letters be handwritten.

We will hand-deliver all letters directly to the White House on January 23!

Why *handwritten letters*? Handwriting is more than a style—it's a thought process. It's the primary way elementary students communicate. Handwriting promotes an organized approach to communication, maximizes thinking time, and boosts creativity.

Here's how your class can be part of history:

- Email us at NHD@hwtears.com to let us know if your child or class will be participating. If you are with a school, tell us the number of students in your class and the name/location of your school.
- Go to our National Handwriting Day website: www.hwtears.com/handwritingday.
- Download the NHD fun sheet for your grade level to send home with children.
- Download copies of the grade-appropriate stationery paper for your students to use for their letters.
- **Mail completed letters to Handwriting Without Tears® by December 15.**

Be sure to check the NHD site frequently for letter excerpts and progress reports from across the country.

We look forward to your letters and to sharing in the excitement as thousands of America's children make history.

Best Regards,

The Handwriting Without Tears Family