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To the Herzberg Family,

Words simply cannot explain the gratitude I have for your son. I know you get these letters every year, but I want you to know that Eric really is changing hearts and minds at Mona Shores Middle School. I am sorry to say I won't be attending the D.C. Trip, but, I promise you, I will be carrying Eric's hope, bravery, and strength with me as I walk down the hallway to my next class, or as I'm walking through a place as simple as the grocery store. As I was researching about Eric and his life, I came to the conclusion that he was different, yet he was ordinary. IF I'm speaking honestly, it was almost the "ordinary" that appealed to me rather than the "different". You see, Eric was a kid like me once. He loved sports and bugging his siblings. He loved music and playing video games. It got me thinking, if Eric could be that courageous, than I could too. So, needless to say, Eric's passing was more than horrible, and I am so sorry for your loss, but he did not die in vain. We need more people like Eric. Without them we will not be able to have the freedoms we so graciously enjoy. Eric has taught me and so many others that freedom is indeed not free. I will think and pray for you often.

With thanks,

Nora Sandison