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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Joan Brander

I am writing this letter of reference on behalf of Mrs. Joan Brander. Joan has conducted three three hour Pysanky workshops for students at Rideau Park and Thomas Kidd elementary schools during the 1996/7/8 school years. The three groups of 20 - 28 children were members of the Friendship Club which included children from grades 2-5 and 5-7. The workshops provided the children with the opportunity to produce a traditional Ukrainian Easter Egg using authentic tools and procedures. As the children produced their egg they also learned about Ukrainian culture.

Joan has developed a structured sequential workshop that includes samples, charts, a video and step by step instruction. She ensures that the materials are prepared in advance and set up for use prior to beginning with the children. She creates a tone that is calm, friendly and focused on the task at hand. She is clear in her expectations for behaviour thus ensuring that the activity can be handled safely and that children can be successful. She is obviously an expert in this artform can problem solve with a child when an error has been made.

The children seem to thoroughly enjoy the experience and are very proud of their finished product. Parents and staff alike were impressed with the fine detail evident and with the children's enthusiasm. I would recommend this opportunity to schools and look forward to working with Joan again.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Racicot', written over a horizontal line.

Arlene Racicot
Principal