

JW Leary Junior High School letters to Queen Elizabeth II and President Obama

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JW Leary Junior High School
Massena, New York 13662
January 20, 2009

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Mr. President:

I am a student. I may be autistic and might not know how to speak or talk to people very well but this is what I have to say. In Massena, New York on the St. Lawrence River, there has been a lot of history. Ships from all over the world have sailed through our locks. We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Seaway next summer. Please join us for a celebration.

Sincerely,
Kristian Fino

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HMS Queen Elizabeth II
Buckingham Palace
London, England SW1A1AA

Your Royal Highness:

I would like to invite you to the very important 50th Anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway. The celebration will take place this summer in Massena, New York. Our community is very excited about this event. It would make it special if you would come to help celebrate. The St. Lawrence Seaway is looked upon as the fourth coast of the United States and we are proud of being part of world trade.

Massena is a small community but is one of the best places to live. I work as a teacher's aide with special education students at JW Leary Junior High School. It is a middle school with 7th and 8th grade students.

It would be such an honor if you came back to Massena. It is hard to imagine it has been 50 years since you were here last. It will also draw attention to one of the most incredible engineering feats in history that we share with our neighbors to the north, Canada.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Susan J. Menkes

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Dear Mr. President:

As a fifteen-year-old Mohawk boy from Akwesasne, I am inviting you to Massena, New York for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway and power dam. Over one million union workers celebrated the opening of this huge construction project many years ago. It would be an honor if you could come to Massena for the big event.

Sincerely,
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Your Royal Majesty:

As a 14 yr. old boy from an Indian reservation called Akwesasne, (that means Land Where the Partridge Roams), You are invited by the North Country and probably some of Southern Canada to the 50th anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway in July of 2009. We would be honored if you came here and celebrated with us.

Sincerely,
Joe "Anetsionkie" Smoke

