

THE SENDING PETALS PROJECT

sendingpetals.com was started in March 2010, with the goal of sending one letter of appreciation each week. Since then we've written dozens of letters; to the best businesses, terrific teachers, great groups, sweet strangers, brilliant bands, fabulous friends, and inspiring individuals.

In September 2010 we decided to start a new aspect of sending petals. We're leaving the blogosphere behind, and venturing to a place where we know we'll meet a lot more cool people: schools. We're calling it *The Sending Petals Project*.

The goal of *The Sending Petals Project* is to have 365 letters of appreciation sent in one year. We can't do it alone, and that's why we're putting on workshops in schools. We offer a workshop that ties in the letter writing components of the curriculum with an awesome art project and our philosophy of showing appreciation and saying "thanks", and we have a pretty good time during the whole thing to!

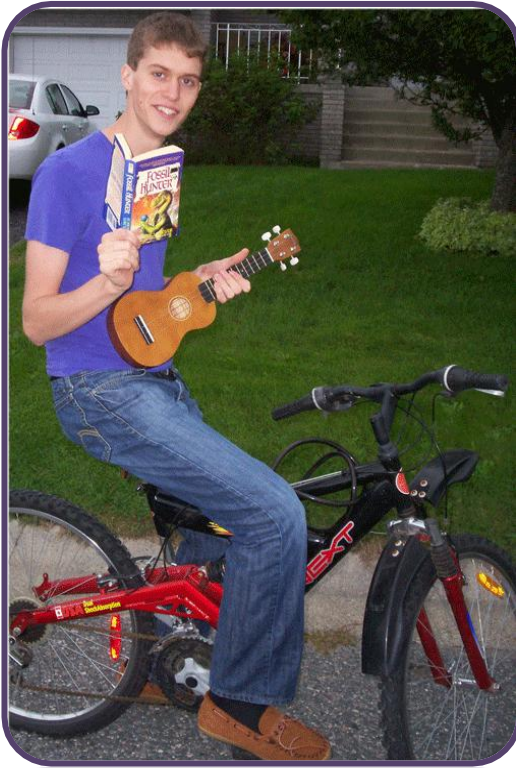
Each student will get to write a letter, which will count towards our goal of 365, and see their letter posted online. They'll be able to stay up to date on our project, and track our progress online with our "flower counter".

I'd love to come and work with some of the young writers and artists at Rockcliffe Park. If you're interested, please, give me a call at 613-883-8084, or email sendingpetals@gmail.com. For more detail just scroll down and check out the rest of the Sending Petals kit, where you'll find a biography, a breakdown of the workshop, and more!

Looking forward to working with you,
Ali Schwabe

WHO'S SENDING PETALS?

Howdy! We're Ali Schwabe and Marc-André Simard, creators of sendingpetals.com; just a couple of university students who like writing letters. Ali is studying history at the University of Ottawa and Marc-André is in systems design engineering at Waterloo University. She likes baking, painting pottery, and reality T.V., he likes playing the ukulele, riding his bike, and reading sci-fi. They have a shared interest of putting on workshops for students!



Ali gives the workshops in English, while Marc-André gives them in French.

THE WORKSHOP BREAKDOWN

I arrive to your classroom and start setting up. I put on some music, write my name on the board, and hand out supplies to students so they can make nametags.

Dear Students, Hi, my name is ... – 25 minutes

1. Introductions.
2. Icebreaker.
3. Explaining the Sending Petals Project!



Letter Writing – 60 minutes

1. Learning the basics of letter writing.

The entire class participates in composing the example letter which I write on the board. The example includes curriculum components such as date, salutation, signature, and forming paragraphs.

2. Writing individual letters.

First students write a rough copy, and as they finish you and I will circulate and help them correct any mistakes. Then they write out the final copy.

3. Decorating letters.

I'll bring the art supplies and the students bring their creativity, as they decorate their letters.



Stamping and Sincerely Yours, – 15 minutes

1. Admiring each others' work.
2. Sealing the project with a stamp.
3. Goodbye, thanks for having me!

Total Length – 100 Minutes

YOUR GARDEN GROWING CHECKLIST

Before my arrival please...

- Read my letter to the class
- Each student finds an address
- If possible, we could use a projector connected to a laptop with internet, and CD player.
(If not, we'll still have an awesome workshop!)

When I'm there you can hang out...

- I just need 100 minutes with your class!
- I'd love your help correcting rough drafts
- You'll be able to have fun and maybe even write your own letter

When I'm gone you can...

- Plant the seeds I'll give you somewhere sunny in the classroom!
- Check the progress with your class online and leave us comments about the workshop
- Keep us updated if your class receives letters in return, writes more letters, etc.



Thank you, hope to see you soon!

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