

kids@computers



"Quotes"

...from the kids, applicants, recipients and supporters.

Every day we receive letters from children, parents and teachers sharing with us the impact that the kids@computers program has made on themselves, their families and their students. The quotes found below come from just a few examples of these letters.

Before, the kids say:

"Today at school everyone got to go on the computer. When we were finished the teacher asked who had a computer at home, I was the only one with my hand down. When I got home I asked my mom why I can't have a computer and she told me she could not afford one for me..."

- Taevon, scholarship applicant

"Without a computer it is very very hard to do homework. We don't have enough money to get one and I'd like to express myself even more, I'm trying to do the best I can...please help me get a computer so I can do a better job at school and doing homework..."

- Jamie, scholarship applicant

"If I had a computer at home I could complete my assignments at home and not have to go to the library at night or stay after school as much."

- Scholarship applicant

"I think I need a computer because I'm the only one who doesn't have a computer in my class. I also need a computer because my mom can't really pay for it right know."

- Shamar, scholarship applicant

After, the kids say:

"I'm writing to thank you for the amazing opportunity you have given me. The computer and printer allow me to do my homework in the comfort of my own home... previously I had to go to the library to get my homework done. I am grateful and appreciate the gift you have given me."

- Michelle, scholarship recipient

"Before I got the computer it was very difficult for me. Now it is much easier."

- Cassandra, scholarship recipient

"I use it for homework and searches on Google. The whole family gets to use it. My mom gets to keep in touch with family that isn't in this country, so she is happy."

- Amina, scholarship recipient

What parents say:

"Using the computer helps Jonathan memorize things. He is learning to focus much better since he got it and he likes school more. Jonathan is in an autism class."

- Norma, parent of scholarship recipient

"Before we got the computer, I didn't know anything about them. Since we got it, my son has taught me all about using computers and it is very helpful to know these things. My son uses it for his homework every week."

- Guerline, parent of scholarship recipient

"I just got a call from the teacher who told me my child's grades have greatly improved since they received their computer."

- From a phone call from a child's parent, Alberto

What educators say:

"It has been proven that computers help motivate children, not only with school work but also how they look at the world, and what they can do to make a difference in the world... this gives them more incentive to want to change it and make it better."

- Teacher from TCDSB from Holy Child Elementary School

"I find that having computers available to our students and families are invaluable. Teachers require that assignments be typed and printed out and will often require that students use the Internet to conduct research. Even a single computer in the home is used by all family members to further everyone's education, whether young children who are now becoming acquainted with the technology in the information age, students completing assignments or parents themselves who are furthering their own education at the post-secondary level. Availability of and accessibility to technology brings some of our most at-risk students closer to a full and just participation in society. Accessibility to computers promotes equity in education."

- Pathways to Education Director, Owen Christopher Hinds

"Thank you for the excellent work that you and your organization are doing in the community. A student came back to report her excitement at having received a computer from your organization. I express my sincere thanks and gratitude to your organization for this."

- Teacher from TDSB from North Kipling Junior Middle School

"Weekly computer classes and access to technology at school are important in fostering "real world" skills. At school, our students work using the Windows platform. Word processing, internet searches as well as programs such as Comic Life, Read & Write Gold, Co-Writer and MS Office using Power Point are all parts of our daily studies."

- Teacher from TDSB Guildwood Junior Public School