



Dear Parents,

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to pair up with Paws4People, which is an organization that focuses on getting certified therapy dogs in the education setting as well as pairing service dogs with veterans, and people with disabilities. An education assistance therapy dog can make a difference in your child's education by offering motivation, having a calming effect, and offering support when a student is having a bad day. I have had a therapy dog in my classroom and home now for 6 years and have seen all the wonderful effects these dogs have on a child's life.

We have one dog that can be used in my room, currently. BELLA is an 8 year old English Pointer mix who was trained in West Virginia at the women's federal prison. She has worked in my classroom for 6 years with this being her 7th year. She is a very happy dog who loves to play. Bella loves to come to work and spend her day with the many students and staff. She is current on their vaccines and is groomed on a regular basis. Not only does she work in my classroom but she is also my pet and my children's pet.

I am excited that they are able to work in my classroom again this year. I feel that we will see many positive benefits that BELLA offers to the classroom. While in the classroom she will have a sectioned off area that is there to insure that only students who want to interact with her can. Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions or if you would like further information on Paws4People. Thank you so much for your continued support in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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Please sign and return

_____ Yes _____ has permission to be around the dog

_____ No I do not give permission for my child to be around the dog

Parent Signature _____

date _____