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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Alice Brown Elementary Scholarship

My name is Ben van den Boogaard and I was a student at Alice Brown Elementary from Kindergarten to Grade 7. When I sat down to write this essay, I can honestly say that I had a hard time deciding what my favourite moment at Alice Brown was. After eight years at Alice Brown, how could I choose only one? I decided that I would share with you my “Top 5” memories.

#### **#5 – Christmas Concerts**

I enjoyed performing in all of the Christmas concerts, but the one that stands out to me the most was when I was in Grade 7. I was the “Under Study” for a main part in the play. It was perfect because I was asked to attend all rehearsals, but I didn’t feel the pressure that the main actors felt because I wasn’t going to see the stage, right? To my surprise, it didn’t work out that way! Two days before the concert, “Brian” decided he didn’t want to do his part anymore so guess who had to step up? Did I mention it was a part with a musical solo? The show did go on and thankfully I remembered all my lines!

#### **#4 – Hot Lunch Days**

This was something that all of the students looked forward to. Sandwiches every day became a little boring and it was always exciting when the menu came home and I was able to choose whatever I wanted from the hot lunch menu. I didn’t realize then how much work went on behind the scenes to feed 200+ students and I really appreciate all of the parents who gave up their time to come in and organize this!

#### **#3 – Sports at Alice Brown**

I have always loved sports and the staff at Alice Brown always made sure that the students at our school were able to participate in sports. Whether it was cross-country races at Aldergrove Lake, track & field day at McLeod Park or representing your school on the Grade 6 & 7 volleyball or basketball teams, it was always a good time.

#### **#2 – Evans Lake**

This was a Grade 7 tradition that we all looked forward to. We learned archery, how to paddle a canoe, survival techniques like lighting fires and we also got to do various crafts. We were put in groups and slept in cabins on bunk beds. There were always scary campfire stories at night and the food was delicious. We were all give chores to do but I don’t think any of us were upset about this. We do them quickly so that we could get back to the fun. I am thankful for all of the fundraising that happened to make this trip happen because the memories will last forever.

### **#1 – Sports Days**

This was by far my favourite memory of Alice Brown because it was an annual event! The entire school population was divided into teams, everyone wore their team colour and some of us even changed our hair colour for the day! The day started out with a pep rally where each team chanted a well choreographed cheer and tried to be louder than the team before them. Next, we moved onto the games. Each year the games were slightly different, but they always tested our speed and agility! The Parent Advisory Counsel always provided lunch and there was never a shortage of junk food to purchase! The grand finale was always a tug of war between the teams, the teachers and our parents! It didn't matter what the weather was like, we had so much fun on Sports Days.

As you can see, I enjoyed my time at Alice Brown Elementary. It is now five years later and I will be graduating from Brookwood Secondary in June. I will be attending University in September and I am going to work hard towards earning my Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice) Degree.

I would like to thank you in advance for considering me for this very generous scholarship. If I were to be chosen, this scholarship will lighten my financial burden and allow me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, education. Support like this will go a long way in helping me achieve my educational and career goals.

Best regards,

Ben van den Boogaard