On being committed

The Scoop

MABLE HASTINGS

Some of the “thank you” letters that Mansonville elementary students wrote that they delivered last Friday.

Still something magical in a “Thank You”

moments, the banging of snow filled boots and the sound of giggles and then, a knock on my door.

Laura Teasdale, whose claim to fame ranges from drama and music teacher to actress and all-around wonderful person, stood smiling with a troop of beaming youth all around her. Laura explained that she has been working with the students at Mansonville Elementary School on a project that focuses on “community.” As a finale, she encouraged the children to write to people in the community that they feel make it a better place.

“Today,” said Laura, “We are delivering the letters the students wrote, in person to the kids that the people in Potton to that the kids chose to write to and, you are one of those people.”

With a cheerful good-bye and smiles wider than those they were wearing as they scurried down the hill, they were off to deliver other such letters, their laughter blowing in the November wind with the snowflakes as they fell.

A hat on my head, I now sit with the letters given to me. In the letters I am thanked for dancing with the youth, for writing the stories, for paper and putting in stories and photos about “them” and others in my community. I am told I work hard and make a difference in contributing to making Mansonville being a great place to live! One of the students even thanked me for the difference I am making in the World!

And, while sometimes it feels the world expects a lot and that work can be demanding, one student added a “ps” to the bottom of her note that was oh so respectful bringing a smile to my face...

"Please write me back... if you have the time."

My teacup is almost empty now but my heart feels full. Happy tears fall from what can best be described as Mr. Scrooge getting a second lease on life. The demands of a work day, the realities of life’s everyday priorities can all be soothed by a “thank you” and when it comes from some beautiful kids, well, for me...that is just a bonus!

Thank you Laura Teasdale and the students at Mansonville Elementary School for making my day! I will do my best to “pay it forward” but most of all to remember to count my blessings as I continue to make a difference not only in Mansonville but in the World as well!