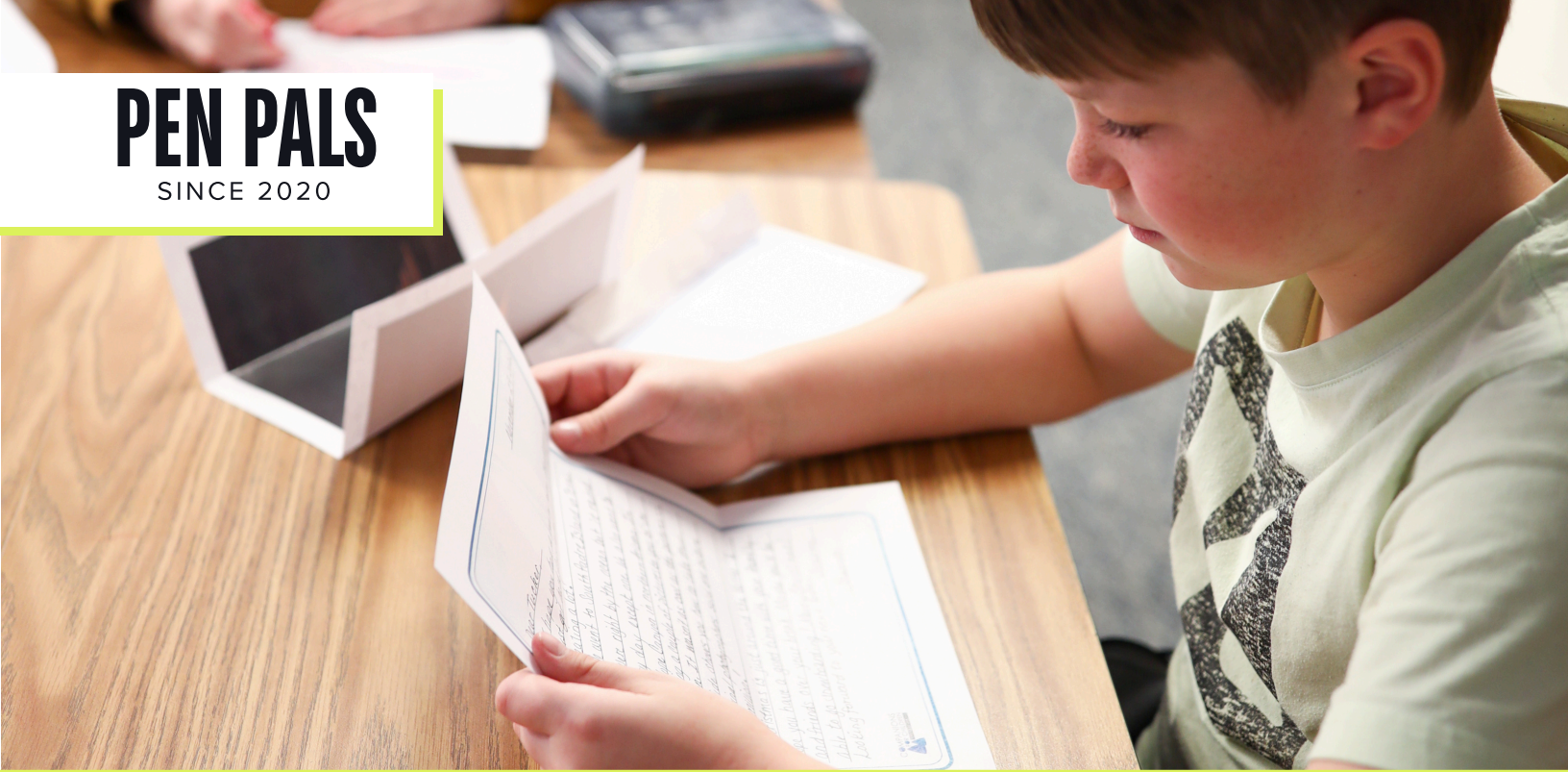


PEN PALS

SINCE 2020



WHO

Mentees - Students in participating 3rd–5th grade classrooms at local elementary schools.

Mentors - Local adult volunteers (age 18+) who have completed Companions for Children's screening process and can commit to volunteering for at least one full school year (August–May).

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WHAT

Pen Pals is a simple but meaningful way to build a mentoring relationship through the written word. Mentors and Mentees exchange letters throughout the school year, creating connection, trust, and encouragement—one envelope at a time. All correspondence is handled through the school and Companions for Children, keeping things safe and fun for everyone.

WHEN

Letters are exchanged monthly during the school year. Mentors have one week to respond and can write from home, work—wherever! Letters can be dropped off, mailed, or scanned and emailed to Companions for Children. Students reply during class time.

WHY

A Pen Pal relationship helps students build academic skills, boost self-confidence, and develop a stronger sense of self—empowering them to reach their full potential.



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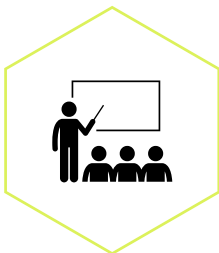
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PROGRAM COSTS

There are no costs to the school or teacher for their classrooms to participate, making sponsorships imperative to this program's success. Sponsorship dollars help purchase materials, holiday and beginning/end of year celebrations, and support staff to manage the program, act as the "mail man", and safeguard letters.









RECOGNITION

Business sponsors are recognized through logo placement on all printed materials and on the classroom mailbox. Volunteer Mentors are provided a program themed t-shirt with all business sponsors listed on the back. In addition, businesses are recognized through "tags" on social media throughout the year.


 September 7th, 2023

Hi Cooper!

Happy new school year! What is your favorite part about school? I used to enjoy school and still enjoy reading and learning new things. I am married and have 2 cats and 2 dogs. They are small dogs and chunky cats. I went to college to learn about business and finances but now at work I help small town water operators and city clerks. This summer I enjoyed time at the lake and with my family. I like to fish at the lake and play yard games like corn hole. In my spare time I like to read books about scary stories (mostly ghosts) and play with my pets. My favorite ice cream is Ben & Jerry's Chocolate with chocolate brownie chunks. Can you tell I love chocolate?! haha. I am excited to get to know you Cooper! Do you have pets? Do you like fruity or chocolatey ice cream? What was the highlight of your summer?


     

Sincerely,
Natalia 😊

 September 14th, 2023

Dear Natalia!

Hi Natalia my name is Cooper. I have a question. What do water operators do? I have lot of pets like fish, snails, a leopard gecko, and 3 dog. The dogs name are Lilly, Tuk and Wrigley. What are your pets names? I like chocolate too. My favorite type of ice cream is oreo. My favorite part of my summer had to be the trip to yellowstone. I took the week before school. My favorite part of school is math, gym and recess.

 Sincerely,
Cooper