



## East Union Elementary School

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Dear Mr. Essig,

We continue to be awed by the transformation that has occurred at East Union Elementary School. Of course we're speaking of the wonderful landscaping that now adorns the front of our building. The significance of the project is not only the obvious improved aesthetic appearance of our school, but more importantly the fact that every child was able to have had hands-on involvement. This was made possible because of you, your family, and your crew!

The students, staff, and families of East Union are grateful for your incredible generosity and masterful landscaping work. Even though you were swamped with jobs, one of which was the preparation of the 2002 PGA championship golf course, you graciously took on this project and gave it your utmost attention. Even though it would have been much easier to bring in your crew to do the labor, you graciously took on the "crew" of 165 East Union Elementary students, ages 5 to 11, teaching and involving them throughout the entire planting day. And even though we were able to mostly fund this project through the generous donations of our PTO and recycling partnership with Carver County Environmental Services, it was through your financial support that we were able to totally complete phase one of this project.

We would hope that every time you drive by or stop in the school you are as proud of and pleased with the outcome as we are. Thanks for helping us to "Grow in Pride!"

Very sincerely,  
East Union Staff & Students