

# Mary Covillaud School

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Principal

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Tooth Mobile  
1659 Scott Blvd. Suite 4  
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Attention: Mike Reza

Dear Reza,

Another successful trip for The Tooth Mobile! It is truly a blessing having The Tooth Mobile at our school site. Dr. Parra is such a joy to be around and the children truly love going to see the dentist. That is quite an attitude change compared to my first trip to that dreadful dentist. I hated the dentist. I wish Dr. Parra could have been my first dentist.

I want to share the story of Angelina with you. Angelina came to our school in September 1999. Angelina was in a first grade classroom and was struggling socially and academically. To say the least, Angelina was quite withdrawn. The teacher tried to get Angelina involved and socially, Angelina slowly made friends but learning seemed to be a concern. We held Student Study Team Meetings trying to determine Angelina's academic problems. We had counselors talk to her. The school had her tested for special education. We were not making any progress and then along came The Tooth Mobile.

Angelina had several teeth, which had rotted off, and nothing was left except the roots. Dr. Parra proceeded to "fix" Angelina's mouth and eliminate the on-going pain. I happened to see Angelina the day after Dr. Parra had left and Angelina said good morning to me. I am proud to say I have a great relationship with the children at Mary Covillaud, but until that morning, Angelina had not spoken to me.

Now the present, Angelina has academically improved a year and a half since her visits to Dr. Parra. Angelina was in danger of being retained but now is learning to read. Angelina is a very happy child that comes and gives me hugs on a daily basis. Her happiness radiates and without a doubt, it is because of The Tooth Mobile. I know you may look at how you can physically help someone, but I look at how you can academically help someone. If a child is without pain, we can nurture and teach them.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Words will never be able to express what you have done for us. Our test scores jumped twenty percentile points last year and you helped make that happen. That is reality and I look forward to many years of you coming to Mary Covillaud Elementary. You are always welcome. Making it possible for a child to learn is all we ask and you made that possible.

Sincerely,

*Doug Escherman*  
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