

**Emails between two #ELLs who have never met.**

**They sent these messages to me about each other December 2016.**

Mrs. Salva,

I'm very happy to know that he already read the email. Thank you for sharing it and for letting me know. Anytime! it has been a pleasure to be able to write it.

I would also thank you for all those beautiful words you wrote to me, as always, they fill me with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. This made my day!

You have a splendid Christmas too, Mrs. Salva!

Wendhy

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El 24/12/2016 9:53 AM, "Salva, Carol" <[Carol.Salva@springbranchisd.com](mailto:Carol.Salva@springbranchisd.com)> escribió:

Wendhy,

This email below is from Gerson. Thank you for being so thoughtful. He obviously loved your words.

I'm so proud of all your efforts and how very smart you are. You're making yourself smarter and more impressive every day.

You have a wonderful Christmas, Wendhy!

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From: Gerson Elias Bermudez <[\\*\\*\\*\\*@outlook.com](mailto:****@outlook.com)<mailto:\*\*\*\*@outlook.com>>

Date: December 24, 2016 at 9:47:53 AM CST

To: "Salva, Carol" <[Carol.Salva@springbranchisd.com](mailto:Carol.Salva@springbranchisd.com)<mailto:Carol.Salva@springbranchisd.com>>

Subject: Re: Hello Mrs. Salva!

Ms. Salva

Let her know I already read her messages. what she said is pure motivation! let's keep going & hopefully 2017 is a blessed year. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR Ms. Salva.

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From: Salva, Carol

<[Carol.Salva@springbranchisd.com](mailto:Carol.Salva@springbranchisd.com)<mailto:[Carol.Salva@springbranchisd.com](mailto:Carol.Salva@springbranchisd.com)>>

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 3:39:33 AM

To:

Subject: Fwd: Hello Mrs. Salva!

Hi Gerson!

My class loved your video. We didn't get to watch the whole thing but they got to see a few parts and they loved it!

I have a new student, Wendhy, who came from Venezuela with quite a bit of English. She wants to stay in my class because she wants to work on her speaking and writing.

She saw parts of the video that we made this week and she was very inspired. She sent me the emails below.

I hope you enjoy reading them!

Merry Christmas, Gerson!!

Carol Salva

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El 19/12/2016 6:33 PM,

On Dec 19, 2016, at 1:20 PM, Wendhy <[\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@gmail.com](mailto:*****@gmail.com)<mailto:>>> wrote:

Mrs. Salva, I'm glad that you like the email and the pictures as well!

I agree with you, It's really amazing to see what perseverance can do. As students, it's very important for us to have teachers like you too.

And sure, it will be fantastic if you send it to him. He has inspired me too!

By the way, thanks for the other video, I will watch it right now!

Thank you for your words Mrs. Salva, they mean a lot to me!

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Greetings and hugs!

Wendhy.

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El 19/12/2016 6:33 PM, "Salva, Carol" <[Carol.Salva@springbranchisd.com](mailto:Carol.Salva@springbranchisd.com)

Thank you for this beautiful email, Wendhy!

You are every bit as inspiring as this young man. You are right, you do the same kind of things.

This is Gerson when he was a Freshman. He was new to the US but taught himself English very quickly. Like you!

<https://youtu.be/kkP5Aj0e0hM>

I think it's important to find other people who are finding success. It helps us work even harder! Would it be ok to send your email to Gerson? You could inspire him!

I know you are going to continue to be an amazing person in this world, Wendy. Young people like you give me so much hope for our future. It's quite an honor to be able to spend time with you guys in class and watch you learn.

Thank you so much for writing to me. And for sending the pictures! They are lovely.

I hope you have a very merry Christmas too.

Many hugs!!!

Carol Salva, M.Ed.  
Newcomer English Language Development  
Stratford High School  
Spring Branch ISD

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On Dec 19, 2016, at 1:20 PM, Wendy <\*\*\*\*\*@gmail.com><mailto: wrote:

Dear Ms. Salva,

I want to thank you for showing us Gerson's videos, my classmates knew him before, but I did not. I'm very impressed to see how hard he has been working in every aspect of his life since he came here to the United States. I admire him, he is a good example to follow for us as students, and for many other people as well, because he has demonstrated that there is no obstacle that can prevent you from overcoming and achieving your dreams, and also that hard work has its reward, it's worth it.

When I saw the video I felt very identified with what Gerson mentioned, for certainly, those have been methods that I have been employing to improve my English as well. I would like to say that he is very brave, and that I'm sure he will be a great, amazing and successful person wherever he is, because there are no limits in his mind, and that is the most important thing.

Mrs. Salva, again, thank you for everything you have done for me, I'm very fortunate to

have you as my teacher. During class, I always find inspiration for my life and so many learning for my English.  
You are a wonderful teacher.

Enjoy Christmas holidays, and have a wonderful new year! See you in January!

Wendhy.