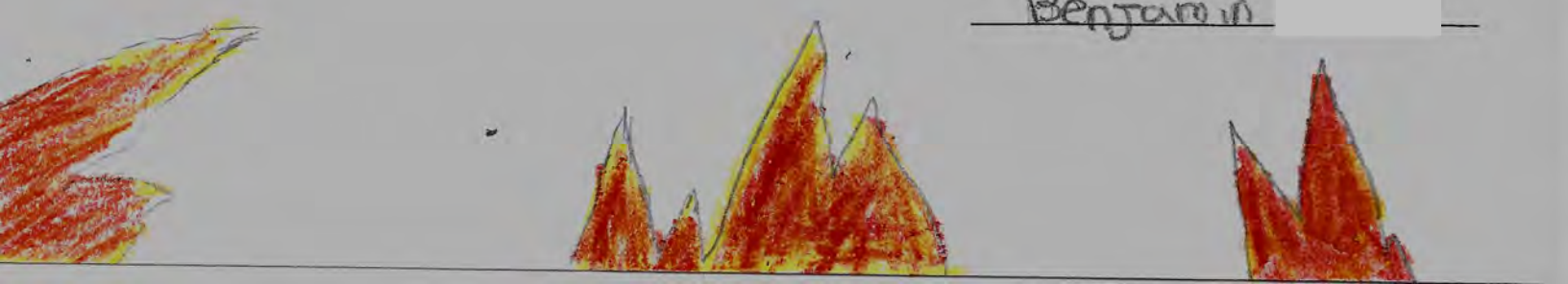


Glenville Hill fire dept  
1086 Church Rd  
Scotia NY 12302

Dear Firefighters

I have been learning about Firefighters in my third grade reading club. I think that it is amazing how you can put out fires, another fact I learned is women began volunteering in the 1800s. I am so impressed that Benjamin Franklin helped set up a volunteer fire fighting company in Philadelphia. I also learn in the 1600s Buckets of water were kept outside each house at night, volunteers used long poles to collect the Buckets and volunteers raced to the fires with the buckets of water. Thank you so much for being a fire fighter. please write back.

Thank You  
Benjamin



Benjamin [redacted]  
774 Sacandaga Rd  
Scotia, NY 12302

Dear Benjamin,

Thank you for your letter and your support. I have been a member of Gilenville Hill for 4 years, we have had several women firefighters in the department since it was started in the 1940s-1950s. It is crazy to think that women have been fighting fires since the 1800's, yet we still only are a small population in the fire service.

Did you know that sometimes firefighters are trained to help you if you are really sick or hurt yourself? I did not know that back in the 1800's ~~about~~ they kept buckets of water out at night and used long poles to collect the buckets. ~~Today~~ Today, when there's a fire or someone needs help, they call 911 and a dispatcher answers, gets all the information about what's wrong and the address, then they send us a message over our pagers and cell phones. We then go to the firehouse, grab the gear and a fire truck, which if there's a fire, some of the trucks have water stored in them. I hope you are enjoying your book! If you have any questions let me know!  
Stay Safe!

Sincerely,  
Jessica Young