

“A Real-Life Piped Piper”, Peter Mansbridge, CBC Newsworld

“In the morning that’s when we’re mostly bad because we’re tired. When we’re tired, we’re grumpy, but when Don came in we were always happy. Everyone started showing up at school” Student at Sioux Valley School, Sioux Valley, Manitoba

“...this man has a first hand talent at bringing true feelings out of individuals. I am grateful to Don Freed. There must be a reason for him to come this way.  
Gladys Wapass-Greyeyes, Elder

“We’re particularly impressed with Don’s work, especially with his ability to connect with the students at their interest and maturity level. Don has a special gift with children: he encourages their voice, and in so doing, he affirms their humanity, their gifts.”  
Helen D. Armstrong, Ph. D. Brandon University

“He worked hard to get to know the students and their interests. These conversations as part of classroom activities formed the basis of the songs...truly a collaborative effort of Don, students and teachers...celebrated with a school wide assembly...an exciting and proud moment for the students.”  
Kathy Brigden, principle Betty Gibson School, Brandon, MB.

“He entered our school carrying a bundle of boundless energy, a joy for his work, and enthusiasm for the talents contained in all the children. Don supported the confidence, self-esteem, and creativity of each child. His positive attitude, and genuine words of praise allowed even the most timid of students a chance to be part of an innovative musical process. I believe that any school fortunate enough to have a visit from Don Freed should jump at the chance!”  
Nancy Dane, Principle Meadow School, Brandon, MB.

“During the culminating concert the pride shown by the students, in their eyes and their voices was very obvious...a tremendous success...parents of students were invited, and more came than expected. I attribute this to the positive comments and discussions that went on in the student’s homes over the course of the week. Mr. Freed has helped us to identify the fact that an enthusiastic student is far more effective in developing good public relations than anything else that we could possibly attempt. I would recommend this opportunity to anyone”.  
Mr. John Minshull, Principle King George School, Brandon, MB.