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Dear Mayor Reed,

I know about the Peregrine falcons because our teacher, Ms. Barrett, told us about them nesting on the 18th floor ledge of City Hall, we read about falcons in our homework packet, and we watch them online, too. First, she told the class about the baby falcons. For example, she said that Clara, the mother, laid 4 eggs this year. Next, we read about them. For example, we read that the falcons are an endangered species, and that people help them survive. We also read that Clara likes to lay her eggs on high buildings or cliffs. Finally, we watch them everyday on the computer. For example, we saw 3 chicks on Earth Day and “bam” the 4th one hatched. I was excited! Another example is that they were small one day, and the next day they were big. As you can see, Ms. Barrett told us about our City Hall falcons, we read about them, and we watch them every day on the computer.

When Ms. Barrett told us there is a contest to name the baby falcons, I decided to name the baby falcon a wonderful name: Dia Mundo. First, the term means “Earth Day”, and the last falcon chick was born on Earth Day. Also, “Dia Mundo” sounds like “diamond” and diamonds are special and precious like the Peregrine falcons. In addition, “mundo” means “earth” in Spanish. For example, earth now has more falcons than in the 1970’s. Furthermore, falcons rule the sky, but rely on the earth to survive. All in all, “Dia Mundo is a magnificent name for a magnificent falcon!