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Dear Girl Scout Family,

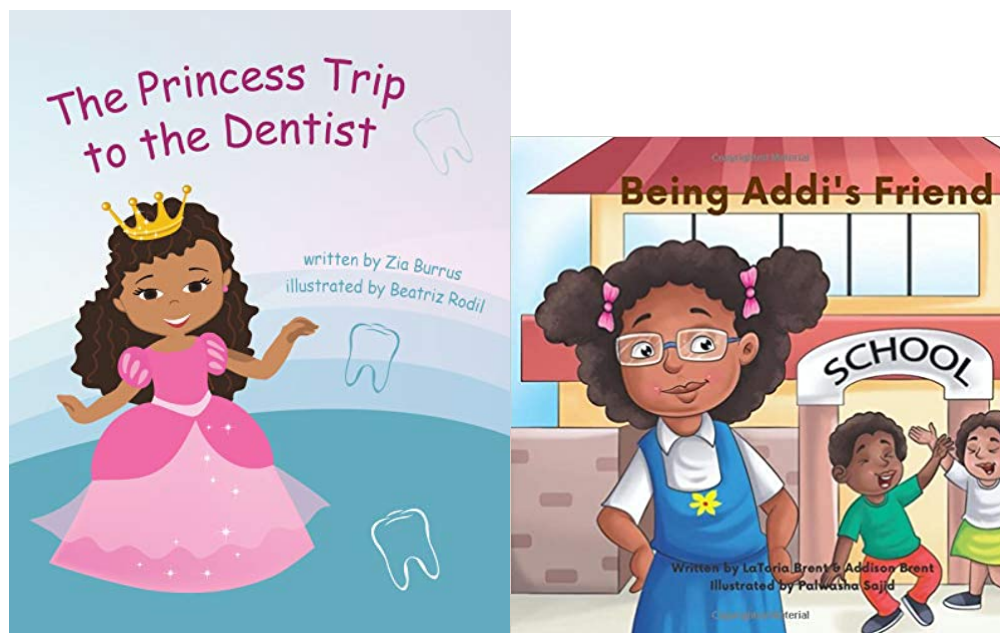
As we start a new Girl Scout year, I want to reflect on an incredible summer despite the challenges we have faced during this global pandemic. I want to say a huge thank you to all our Girl Scouts, parents, troop leaders, and volunteers! Your hard work, creativity, and patience during this time are much appreciated.



On September 21, our [Fall Product Program](#) begins, a council-sponsored program that combines educational activities with money earning opportunities for our girls. Girls engage family and friends while building five essential skills. Troops earn start-up money by selling magazine subscriptions as well as nuts and candy, they all arrive before Thanksgiving. This year there are special [Fall Virtual events](#) to help girls build their entrepreneurial skills.



Girl Scout Ambassador Anjali has been a Girl Scout since 1st grade and is now working on her Gold Award. She noticed mainstream media started to focus less on racial injustice and wanted to dance as a tribute to those who lost their lives but still haven't received justice like Breonna Taylor. She reached out to dancers, organized each dance tribute, sent all the girls choreography to film, and edited everything! Two months later....we are proud to share with you her [powerful dance video](#) , as Girl Scouts can use their voice and dance to raise awareness!



We're so proud of two of our Girl Scouts for each writing a book and getting it published during quarantine! Girl Scout Junior Zia Burrus, who wrote a book called "The Princess Trip to the Dentist" and Girl Scout Addison Brent, who wrote a book called "Being Addi's Friend" with her mom, LaToria Brent. These two girls made the absolute best of this "out of school pandemic experience." You can learn more about Zia's book [here](#) and Addison's book [here](#). We love seeing our Girl Scouts achieve their goals no matter the circumstances!



Check out all these awesome socially-distance troop meetings! Last month, Girl Scouts Nation's Capital resumed in-person gatherings based on the following COVID-19 Response Guidelines [here](#). We continue to strive for all Girl Scouts, volunteers, and families to feel included and safe throughout their Girl Scout experience.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

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