

Fabulous Foothill Parents,

It has been a wonderful and eventful school year! I love working with your amazing children. They truly are incredible!

As you know, it has been my goal to learn every student's name at Foothill this first year. During the month of May I plan to visit each classroom and look each student in the eyes and call them by name. I want to show students I really know them individually, that I know their names, and I hope they each feel that I care about them. They are the motivation and drive for all that I do as the principal of this school. I am so lucky and blessed to work with your children.

I have enjoyed interacting with students in multiple settings this year. I have met with many and will soon meet with all students in the school for "Recess with Dr. B," where a group of students come and talk with me so I can learn more about them to best meet their needs. I also have interacted with students in the lunchroom as many of them quiz me on their names and share other fun tidbits about life. At the beginning and the end of the day I have enjoyed the happy greetings of students as they come to and go from school. I have been able to be in each classroom and interact with students as they are learning. I am very pleased with the quality instruction in this school and the hard work and respect of students.

I have also enjoyed interacting with students through the great traditions and programs at Foothill. I enjoyed each of the grade-level programs, Clear Creek with our 6th grade, and field trips to name just a few. The Fall Festival, one of many PTA sponsored events, was a fun and exciting way to launch the school year. The money that was raised has greatly impacted and supported the education of your students. Other PTA sponsored events have included:

- Art Program
- Red Ribbon Week
- Student of the Week
- Teacher Grants
- Reflections Contest
- Book Fairs
- Spelling Bee
- Tutoring
- Knowledge Bowl
- Room Parents
- Choir and Orchestra
- Fuel Up and Play 60

Thank you to our wonderful PTA!

We look forward to this last month of the school year. Thank you to each one of you for the support you give to Foothill. Together, we are helping these wonderful children learn, grow, and be happy. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Art Gala, our 3K race, and the dance festival. Have a happy day and a marvelous May!

Sincerely,

Dr. Backman

Be Kind. Be Optimistic. Learn. Work Hard. And Live Life to the Fullest!