

Principal's Message

December 4, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we enter this holiday season, I have reflected on our community here at Foothills. I am so grateful for the teachers, students, parents, and various stakeholders that contribute to student success here at Foothills Elementary. Collectively, we are making a difference for all students!

This fall, in order to build our community and collective efficacy that we share here at Foothills, I created a team of teachers known as the Excellence Team. Our goal was to establish systems in place to recognize and promote positivity throughout the day here at school. In the past few months, this team has met together to come up with ways to fulfill this goal by building culture and climate within our school. We have been focusing on being kind through small acts of kindness throughout the day. Each day during announcements, we are able to highlight several kind acts that take place within our building that have been recognized by teachers, staff, and students. These kind acts are written on a slip of paper and are made into a kindness chain that you'll see around our building as you come to volunteer. Our goal is to make it around the entire building by the end of the year.

This week, the first week of December, the 4th-8th, we will have our first Kindness Week. We will have various activities throughout the week to promote our "Be Kind" campaign:

Monday, December 4th: "Be Kind: Everyone Counts"- wear a shirt or jersey with a # on it.

Tuesday, December 5th: "Be Kind: Complete a Secret Act of Kindness"- wear your Be Kind shirt.

Wednesday, December 6th: "Be Kind: Be an Everyday Hero!"- Servicemen and Women Assembly

Thursday, December 7th: "Be Kind: Put Name Calling to Bed!"- Wear your pajamas to school.

Friday, December 8th: "Be Kind... Show School Spirit!"- We your school shirt, or school colors!

The positive culture and climate has definitely increased through the acts of kindness these past few months. I appreciate the hard work that the Excellence Team and teachers and staff in our building have done to promote kindness every day for the students here at Foothills!

A big congratulations to Loren Lain, 3rd grade A track teacher, who is our Teacher of the Month for November! She was nominated by teachers, staff, and students for this honor. She is a positive teacher who is recognized as a great mentor to other teachers in the building. She has a big focus on success for students, and we appreciate her!

Another big congratulations to Chriss Whall, our Lunch Manager, who is our Support Staff Member of the Month for November! We appreciate all that she does to ensure that all students and staff have a yummy, healthy lunch each day! We appreciate all of the hard work that she puts in each day!

If you would like to nominate a teacher or support staff member for December, please go to our main office and ask for a form. If you would like to recognize a teacher or staff member for something specific, please come to the office and fill out a "WOW!" Form.

Again, we appreciate all that you do as parents to support us in educating all students here at Foothills! We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Cherie Wilson, Principal
Foothills Elementary