



While this might come across as cliché, I absolutely love the month of November. This time of year grounds me and takes me back to my roots. It's a time to stop, reflect, and acknowledge the things that matter most. Whether it's going for a walk, calling a parent, or connecting with an old friend, I like to use this month as a time to share how I feel and recalibrate my moral compass.

I don't think I have ever been so thankful in my entire life. I have an amazing family, two wonderful boys, and I am the Principal of Buffalo Ridge Elementary. I know I bring this up every newsletter, but there truly is no greater job in the world. I work in the best school, with the hardest working staff, and in the most caring and supportive community. Just thinking about my current situation covers my body in goosebumps and fills me with gratitude.

As I continue down this reflective path, I find myself reminiscing on the month of October, and there is so much to be thankful for. From Parent/Teacher conferences, to the Rockslide, to Movie Night, to the Book Fair, to the Halloween Parade, Buffalo Ridge has been immersed with communal support and volunteers. Each of these events takes a ton of time and preparation, and none of this would have been possible without the support of our stakeholders. I am so appreciative for each and every one of you. Your commitment to our school makes all the difference, and our students are so lucky to have you in their corner.

This month I challenge each of you to follow in my footsteps. Take some time off to reflect, identify what matters most in your life, and surround yourself with family and friends. Write a letter to a loved one and share your feelings. Take a walk, enjoy nature, and live in the moment. Have family game nights, turn off the television, and talk with your kids. Life is short; these little changes can make all the difference.

From one parent to another, thank you. I know how difficult it is. Raising a child is the most honorable, yet difficult task I have ever encountered. It takes time, commitment, and a ton of trial-and-error. However, I am here to tell you first hand that each of you are doing an AMAZING job. The student body at BRE is second to none. Your children are kind, compassionate, and caring, and we have you to thank. They have my heart, and I love them deeply. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Warmly



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