



Dear HERD Family,



Robert Brault once said, “Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.” I cannot think of a better paradigm as we enter the month of November. In a year that represents all that is new in the world, all that is strange, and all that is different, we must remember to appreciate the small gifts in life, or we will fail to see the world’s true beauty.

To be honest, life’s little gems are more abundant now than ever before. In a time that has humbled so many, people continue to find ways to distribute random acts of kindness and bring a smile to those around them. Since the beginning of this school year, I have received warming emails, I have been immersed with communal support, and I have been inspired by our students’ grit and determination. These kind words and positive attitudes have gone a long way, and I will forever be thankful.

As the principal of Buffalo Ridge, one of my primary roles is to reciprocate these acts of kindness and to ensure those who surround me share a similar experience. Needless to say, such a task has become increasingly difficult as social distancing guidelines continue to advance. Despite these limitations, the entire Buffalo Ridge staff has made a

conscious effort to extend the walls of our school into your homes and the Castle Pines’ community. Our most recent

success story was live-streaming our [Halloween Parade](#) so parents could view and students could share their favorite costumes. Our Specials Team has also been working relentlessly to bridge the gap between Buffalo Ridge and our surrounding community to ensure everyone feels included. If you have a moment, we would deeply appreciate your feedback by filling out this [SHORT SURVEY](#). Your voice matters and we want to hear from you.

As our district communicated today, COVID numbers are on the rise, but we will continue to teach in-person for as long as possible. However, I want you to know that no matter what direction we end up heading, I will be here for you and your kids. I love Buffalo Ridge, I love our families, and I love our staff very much. We will get through this.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jen & Rob". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jen and Rob

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