



Dear HERD Family,

The act of reflecting upon one's experiences, actions, and thoughts is often a mental process that is overlooked. In today's world of technological advances, virtual obligations, and the societal demands placed upon us, there simply is not enough to unplug, evaluate the day's decisions, and grow as individuals. Instead, we approach each day with a formulated mindset that is fixated on meeting deadlines, attending meetings, and reaching the goals for those around us. Unfortunately, failing to slow down and to evolve our intrapersonal awareness is one of the biggest mistakes we can make as a society. Reflecting on our everyday decisions is not only a vital piece of our personal growth; it is an obligation we owe to ourselves and those around us.

As I reflect upon this past school year, I find myself divided with both pride and remorse. I am humbled by the support I have received from the parents of Buffalo Ridge, yet I am saddened I could not connect with more parents personally. I am proud of our staff and students' accomplishments, yet I am disappointed I could not be in the classroom more often. This school year has taught me the importance of relationships and my internal desire to connect with those around me. I have learned that my relationships with students are the catalyst to my energy and that learning cannot occur until our fundamental desires have been met. This school year has shown me that we are stronger together than we will ever be apart as we acknowledge and learn from our own mistakes.

This school year, I could not be more proud of the Buffalo Ridge staff. Every individual that works in this building went above and beyond this school year and made a conscious effort to improve the lives of those around them. From virtual learning to the science fair to the talent show, the Buffalo Ridge staff has gone beyond the scope of their contractual obligations to

create a sense of normalcy for our students. The final act will be fifth-grade continuation and field day. There are not enough words in the English language to express my gratitude. I am so ecstatic that we can send our fifth graders off to middle school with a traditional ceremony and that all students can participate in field day. I am excited that our students are one step closer to living in a world that thrives off our interactions with those around us.



As I reflect upon this school year, I realize the gifts that have been given to me. I am the principal of the most outstanding school in Colorado, and I am so proud to be the principal of Buffalo Ridge Elementary.

Warmly,

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