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How do you and your school community promote a sense of belongingness?

- **Daily Morning Connection:** Every morning, staff members thoughtfully position themselves at the doors to greet students as they arrive, ensuring every child starts their day with a warm, personal connection.
- **Interactive Heritage Board:** We celebrate our rich diversity through a school-wide world map displaying photos of every student and staff member alongside flags from their countries of origin. This visual reflection lets students see their identities affirmed and instantly recognize shared cultural backgrounds with their peers.
- **Weekly Whole-School Community Meetings:** Our weekly gatherings provide a platform to highlight students who exemplify our IB Learner Profile traits, invite students to share their talents, and showcase classroom learning across grade levels.
- **Family Back to School Night:** Our whole-family Open House and Back-to-School night brings our entire community together in a welcoming, inclusive environment. By inviting the whole family, parents don't have to worry about finding childcare; instead they can simply come and experience the school together. Best of all, parents love taking a back seat while their children proudly lead the tour, sharing their learning, classroom routines, and school pride directly in their own words.



What do you value most about your staff?

Our staff is truly "all-in" for our students, whether embracing new challenges aimed at elevating our school, bringing creative ideas to bring fun into the school experience, they enthusiastically step-up to lead meaningful school improvement initiatives!

How does your school community help you to be a better principal?

Our community inspires me through their unwavering support and strong collaborative spirit. When staff, families, and partners proactively take ownership of new initiatives to improve our school, it pushes me to be a more responsive, encouraging, and visionary leader.



What are you most proud of and what are you striving to do better?

I am most proud of our staff for being exceptional team players who work tirelessly to make learning meaningful, relevant, and engaging for every child. Moving forward, we are continuously striving to refine our instructional practices to boost student engagement and drive stronger academic outcomes.