



NATIONAL Principals MONTH

Celebrating our Principal

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



At Brookside, we believe that **who you are matters**. We work intentionally to create a school community where every student, staff member, and family feels **seen, valued, and celebrated**. Through meaningful relationships, morning meetings, student voice, and opportunities to share our unique identities and cultures, we create a place where **everyone belongs**. Our goal is for every child to walk through our doors knowing they have something special to contribute and that their possibilities are limitless.

2 What do you value most about *your staff*?



What I value most about our Brookside staff is their **heart, dedication, and unwavering commitment to children**. They show up every day ready to meet students where they are, celebrate their strengths, and help them grow. They embrace challenges, support one another, and continually reflect on how to make learning better for every child. Their **compassion, creativity, and willingness to go above and beyond** are what make Brookside such a special place. I am incredibly proud to lead alongside them.

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



Our school community challenges and inspires me to grow every day. Our students remind me to **lead with joy, curiosity, and compassion**. Our teachers push my thinking and remind me of the importance of **listening, collaboration, and continuous learning**. Our families trust us with what matters most to them, and that is a responsibility I never take lightly. Being a principal is not about having all the answers. It's about learning alongside others, remaining open to feedback, and making decisions rooted in what is best for children.

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



I am most proud of the **inclusive, welcoming community** we continue to build at Brookside. We have worked hard to create a school where differences are celebrated, relationships matter, and students are encouraged to be **confident scholars, big thinkers, and kind human beings**. I am especially proud of our staff's commitment to growing together and creating meaningful learning experiences for all students.

As a leader, I am always striving to **strengthen the connection between belonging and academic excellence**. I want every student to feel valued and challenged, have a voice in their learning, and receive the support they need to reach their fullest potential. Our work is never finished, and that's what makes it so meaningful.



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