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

Belonging isn't just something we talk about; it's the heartbeat of our "Ramily". We build it through authentic relationships where every child and staff member is known, valued, and celebrated for who they are. From morning greetings at the front doors to the way we navigate tough moments together, we lead with kindness and restorative care. We want our students, staff, and families to walk in every single day knowing this is their home, a place where they are safe, loved, and truly belong.

What do you value most about your staff?

I am endlessly grateful for their huge hearts and their unconditional devotion to our kids. Teaching isn't just a job for our staff; it's a calling. I value how deeply they care for the whole child, showing up with patience, empathy, and creativity every day. They work hand-in-hand, supporting one another as a family and holding high hopes for our students while building the supportive bridges to help them get there. They are the spirit of our school, and I couldn't be prouder to walk alongside them.



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

Our "Ramily" keeps me centered on what truly matters: our kids. Our students teach me resilience, curiosity, and joy every single day. Our staff keeps me sharp and accountable, pushing me to be a better advocate and resource for them. Our families ground me in trust and partnership. Every conversation, shared goal, and quiet moment of feedback helps me listen deeper and lead with more empathy and intention. They remind me every day that leadership is simply about serving others well.

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

I am continually focused on deepening our communication and strengthening our partnerships with every family. My priority is ensuring our support systems are proactive, consistent, and responsive so that every student receives the targeted guidance they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally, while maintaining a supportive, well-resourced environment for the staff who serve them.