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

At Wolfpit, we want every child and family to feel known, valued, and connected to our school community. Our PACK values of Pride, Accountability, Cooperation, and Kindness give us a shared language for how we care for one another. Through our PACK Share assemblies, celebrations, and everyday interactions, we help students see that they matter and that their actions make a difference. As an integrated arts school, we also create many ways for children to express themselves. Whether a child shines through music, movement, theater, visual art, or classroom learning, we want each student to feel, “There is a place for me here.”

What do you value most about your staff?

I value the “heartwork”! Our staff consistently rises to the occasion, bringing creativity and a commitment to growth every day. They care deeply about our children and are willing to collaborate, try something new, and keep learning so they can better meet students’ needs. They also bring our arts-integrated identity to life, making learning engaging and giving students opportunities to show what they know in different ways. I am grateful to work alongside people who invest so much of themselves in our school.

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

My school community reminds me to listen closely, stay curious, laugh often, and keep growing. Our students help me see school through their eyes. Our families share perspectives that deepen my understanding of their children. Our staff brings expertise, honest feedback, and ideas that make our work stronger. Those relationships help me question assumptions, adjust my thinking, and make more thoughtful decisions that reflect who we are and what we value. Learning and growing together is the "PACK" way. Being a principal is ongoing learning, and I am fortunate to learn from this community every day.



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

I am most proud of the community we continue to build at Wolfpit Integrated Arts, a place where the arts, academic learning, and caring relationships come together. Seeing students take the stage, tackle a challenging problem, support a classmate, or find their voice reminds me why this work matters. I am also proud of our staff's commitment to helping students grow. I am striving to make our instruction and support even more responsive so every child experiences both meaningful challenges and the support needed to succeed. My goal is for every student to leave Wolfpit confident in who they are, proud of their growth, and ready for what comes next.