

Fabulous Foothill Parents,

We have enjoyed a fantastic first month of school. I can't believe it is October already. I want to tell you about some of the great things happening at Foothill Elementary.

First of all, the Fall Festival was a HUGE success. I had a blast walking around looking goofy and seeing how happy all of the kids were. It was also great to meet so many of you. It was not just a school event, but a great community event. What a fantastic tradition. Thank you for all of your support and generous donations to the PTA. All of the money raised is used to support the learning of our wonderful students. Hats off to our amazing PTA. I have never seen a fall festival—or any event for that matter—where so many PTA volunteers dedicate their time and talents to create such a phenomenal experience! Thank you PTA!

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, my goal is to get to know each student at Foothill as well as their names. "Recess with Dr. B" has been the highlight of each day for me. I have met with five students from every class since the beginning of school and have enjoyed connecting with each student as they talk about things they like. I will continue to rotate through the classes until I meet all of your great children. I also enjoy visiting students in the lunchroom and their classrooms regularly. I love being your children's principal!

Last, but surely not least, I want to thank all of our incredible teachers at Foothill. They truly are such dedicated teachers that do so much to ensure the students are happy, safe, and that they love to learn. I feel that each time I enter a classroom at Foothill. The achievement and growth scores also reflect the amazing work our teachers do. I applaud each of them for helping our school earn an A grade for achievement and growth of each student last year. At Foothill, our students are achieving on average above 90% in language arts, mathematics, and science. To do something effectively 90% is astounding in almost any setting, but when hundreds of students are involved it is even more amazing. In addition to achievement, students are also growing academically very well. I appreciate all that our wonderful teachers do. They are truly our fabulous Foothill faculty!

I am honored to be the principal at Foothill Elementary!

Sincerely,

Dr. Backman