



Dear Judah Families:

As we head toward Thanksgiving, a holiday based on the concept of gratitude, I want to express my deep appreciation to our parents, students, teachers and staff. So many of our school days have been filled with many moments of joy, learning and thoughtfulness. During this time, words of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among almost all cultures after harvests. I thank you for your support and encouragement.

As we reflect on the many things for which we are thankful, I want to take this opportunity to share just a few of them with you: We are thankful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn – they give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. We are thankful for the support of the parents in creating an outstanding partnership for our students. We are thankful for the teachers, assistants, secretaries, nurses, lunchroom/recess aides, support staff, who really care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. We are also thankful for our volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our school.

In these most difficult and challenging times, we see dedicated and tireless individuals going above and beyond to make sure that great things happen in our school. They do make a difference, and the children, in their own individual ways, benefit from those efforts.

Most importantly, we are thankful for the parents that continue to believe in us. They continue to share their most valuable possession with us and—in most cases— work hard and advocate to be a partner in their children's education, safety and well-being. For this, we are ever so thankful.

This is a wonderful time of the year to get together with friends and family to celebrate and be thankful for all the wonderful people in *our* lives, and perhaps do something nice for those less fortunate. On behalf of the Theodore Judah staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a safe and happy holiday. We will see everyone back here on November 26th.

Respectfully,
Troy Holding
Proud Principal