



**Principal Holding's Holiday Message**

Dear Judah Families,

In his 1926 classic, "Winnie the Pooh," A. A. Milne wrote, "Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude." Our little pink friend was grateful for the abundance he had in his life; great friends, a warm place to sleep and a few tasty "haycorns" to eat.

As we conclude 2017, and break for the winter holiday, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who help make Theodore Judah an amazing place to be. We are a community with many gifts and talents, which we share daily with one another and most important, our students. From the classroom, to our living room and all points in-between, our collective efforts to raise the whole child are filled with passion, commitment and a willingness to make decisions that may be hard in the present, but will have a positive and lasting influence in the future for all.

Parents, of course, are such a critical part of all we hope to accomplish on behalf of our Judah scholars. I am grateful to you for masterfully doing what I know firsthand is the hardest, most rewarding and joyous job of all. Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gift. I am grateful to our wonderful, talented, creative, inquisitive, optimistic, resourceful and resilient students. Often, they make us laugh, sometimes they make us cry, but always they make us think. Most of all, they make us better.

In the spirit of this holiday season, I want to extend my thanks to all of you for everything that you do for our school. As we enjoy the upcoming holidays, it is my fervent wish that each of you receives and returns the seasonal bounty of blessings and good tidings that make these days truly special.

It is also during this time that I am reminded of my own good fortune to serve as the proud principal of Theodore Judah. Indeed, my career as a public school educator has afforded me vast, varied and richly rewarding opportunities to teach and to learn from young people.

Of course, I believe the faces of our children best express the true meaning of this holiday season. They radiate a sense of unbridled enthusiasm, untainted hope and unabashed joy for life and the opportunities that await them. To the parents and friends of the Theodore Judah community, please have a safe and joyous holiday season.

Respectfully,  
Troy Holding  
Principal