



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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I heard a great quote this week that I wanted to share. It made me think of the hope we should all have that the future is bright and if this time is not what we all want it to be, I am confident that things will get better. The quote I heard I believe comes from John Lennon, "Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end". That guy was part of a music group that brought great joy to many people. His quote helps me see that the future is coming and it will be okay. I hope this sentiment brings you and your family a little bit of happiness and joy like it has mine.

I asked you all last week to speak with your students about the wonderful teachers they have and to identify excellent things that are happening because of them at Skyline High School. We will do this every week. Feel free to participate as often as you see fit to recognize the great teachers we have at Skyline High School. Here is a link to the survey:
<https://forms.gle/mDQP7xybBCKnpg97>.

This week, we will highlight Ms. Jody Lynn Tolley. Ms. Tolley teaches American Sign Language (ASL). She has a Master of Education Degree, has been working at Skyline for 15 years, and has 23 years of teaching experience in Granite School District. She is a teacher leader and a mentor for new teachers. She has been recognized for her expertise by others and most importantly, she is being recognized by the Skyline High School community. Here are a few of the many comments we received:

"Mrs. Tolley goes above and beyond as an ASL teacher at the school. She's not only great at teaching, but the students love her because she is very caring and considerate of how busy teenagers are. She also puts far more time into planning her lessons and sacrifices so much for the annual play and Sign a Song among other things. She is simply amazing!"

"Mrs. Tolley reached out to me to let me know she really wanted my child to pass her class for 2nd quarter. She asked how things were going in general for my child and how she could be of assistance. She let me know exactly what was missing so I could follow up with my child. I appreciated her genuine care and concern not just about the academic needs of my child but about how she was doing generally."

"Ms. Tolley always has clear expectations set for her class. Her communication is encouraging and optimistic. In a personal email to me she said, 'I will not give up on him, or any of my students, ever!' That dedication is a treasure!"

Congratulations Ms. Tolley for all that you do for students and for making Skyline excellent!

Sincerely,
Mitch Nerdin, Principal