



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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Gratitude is something that I have been thinking about often during the past few weeks. I think that being grateful is one of the most important precursors to happiness. I am often asked about my job and whether I enjoy being the Principal at Skyline High School. Before I even think about it, I answer the inquiry with an enthusiastic affirmation that I love being at Skyline and that this is a great place to be. I am truly grateful to be part of Skyline, it makes me happy.

It is recruiting season for new teachers. We have to replace a few teachers for next school year. It is competitive, as there are not a lot of high-quality teachers for all the teaching jobs available in the marketplace. We always tell these applicants that Skyline is the very best (ranked the #1 public high school in Utah) and that they would be very lucky to land here. As I speak to our teachers at Skyline, many tell me how grateful they are to be teaching at Skyline. Even though it has been a tough few years for teachers, thanks to the pandemic and all that has transpired, Skyline teachers are amongst the happiest I have encountered. This is rooted in their gratitude for this place.

I spent time before Spring Break with students on the Choir Tour. It was some of the most rewarding time I have spent with students. They behaved so well, of course. They performed spectacularly. Most remarkable was the overwhelming attitude of gratitude I felt from the students. They thanked the chaperones profusely and expressed their appreciation in words, spoken and written, as well as in their behavior. It makes me so happy to be with students who recognize how fortunate they are to attend Skyline High School and who understand what a great school we have. This helps them to grow and accomplish so much. Most importantly, it helps them to be happy. Eagles RISE best when they are grateful and happy.

We want to hear about your gratitude for the teachers at Skyline. We will honor a staff member each week based on your feedback. Please, take a moment and tell us about the great things happening in the classrooms of Skyline High School. Here is the link for nominations: <https://forms.gle/mDQPY7xybBCKnpg97>.

This week we honor Ms. Taylor Williams, she teaches English 9 Honors, 3D Design 1, Sculpture 1 & 2, and AP/IB Art History. She is a talented artist and an extraordinary, dedicated educator.

Here are some comments about Ms. Williams:

"I have been wanting to tell you how much I appreciate my daughter's Art History teacher Ms. Williams. I received an e-mail from Ms. Williams [regarding my student] ... I cannot say Thank you enough for this message, Ms. Williams! Your feedback and continued support made a difference. I saw [my student] trying to improve ... based on the comment you gave. [Ms. Williams is a wonderful person who makes] a difference during this stressful time."

Congratulations Ms. Williams!

Sincerely,
Mitch Nerdin, Principal