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I wanted to reiterate some thoughts I had a few years ago:

"Gratitude is something I have been thinking a lot about 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 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 for being part of Skyline and it makes me happy.

It is recruiting season for new teachers. We must replace a few teachers for the 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 (#1 public high school in Utah) and that they would be very lucky to land here. As I speak to our teachers working at Skyline, many remark to me how grateful they are to be teaching at Skyline. Even though it has been a tough few year 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, and in their behaviors. 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."

I am about to embark again with the choir students on their trip to California. This happens every two years in choir. It is a wonderful time to explore new places and opportunities with friends and classmates. It is a huge endeavor that takes many volunteers and the tireless efforts of teachers to make successful. I am grateful for all Skyline continues to offer to our students as they work diligently to RISE.

Please, tell us about the teachers who you feel most grateful for and why. Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/ucQADTDhwRXkFvD2A>

This week the Skyline community honors Mr. Brodie Reid. Mr. Reid has demonstrated true care and concern for my student. I'm grateful that there are teachers like him who reach out. Parents need all the help we can get, and Mr. Reid has connected with my student in a way that motivates and helps. I will forever be grateful that he has reached out.

Thanks Mr. Reid, for all you do to help Skyline Eagles RISE.

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