

Ocean Cliff Elementary

Principal's Message

When I found out a few weeks ago that I was being moved to a new school, it came with many emotions. As time has passed, I have realized that the strongest emotion is the feeling of being appreciative for my time at Ocean Cliff. Two and a half years is not a lot, and, yet, I feel that we have accomplished so much that I am nothing but proud of our little school.

I am grateful for the opportunities that I have had by being in a school with such awesome kids, caring staff, and supportive parents. This was my first placement as a principal, and I could not have asked for a better place to learn and grow professionally.

I would like to give a sincere thank you to the great families who have supported our school in my time at OC. The parents here are true partners in education, and I am very appreciative of how welcoming people have been right from the beginning. Thank you also to all the parents who were so active in PAC. I found our PAC easy to work with because they just want to help our staff make Ocean Cliff a better place for our children. While there are many to thank, I would like to give a particular appreciation to Nealy Cragg, who has been the PAC president throughout my time at OC and has always seen the big picture.

I would also to give a public thank you to the staff. I continue to brag about how professional our staff is! These are people who care deeply about children and try to be ahead of the curve when it comes to educational practice. While I have loved my time with all staff members, I would like to give a particular thank you to Ms. Kathy Eastgate, who has been a tremendous partner to work with in the office, and to Ms. Desiree Tomkulak, who is a real historian of our school and made every day in the office brighter because of her personality.

Most importantly, thank you to the students. Right from the beginning when students came up to me and introduced themselves, I knew this was a special group. We often get compliments about how well-behaved our kids are at sporting events and special public events. These are young people who bring joy by....well....just being awesome! I will definitely miss this talented group of kids.

I will miss Team Thunder, but I also wish Mr. Andy Zadeiks the best when he takes over. As well, I wish ALL of our families a fantastic, restful summer. I hope you have a great journey at whatever school you are at next year.

Mr. B. Samra,
Principal