

A NOTE OF THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a time of year for making lists; a list for groceries, a list of chores, a list of things to get done before the guests arrive, a list of all the things we 'don't want to forget.'

Today, the list I want to share with you is one of thankfulness! Let's rejoice together for all the wonderful things happening around our school during this season of gratitude.

In the past week alone, I've witnessed God's faithfulness in so many ways:

- A Board meeting where members generously sacrificed their time and energy to tirelessly work on behalf of our school and our students. This meeting also included our dedicated Finance and Building Committee members.
- Representatives from the Monroe Police Department were welcomed into our halls with clapping and cheering, being celebrated for all the work they do in our community.
- A meeting with a potential future builder of our school.
- Safety and protection from a storm.
- The healing of sickness for our students and staff.
- Moms who gathered in prayer to lift up praises and concerns for our school.
- A 3-year-old who with eyes twinkling wrote the letter 'K' and declared with excitement, "I just spelled my name!"
- Parents who willingly stopped their busy day to serve hot lunch.
- Two chapels: Preschool-2nd grade, and 3rd-8th grade, both filled with students raising their voices in praise and thanksgiving.
- Colleagues who met each morning and prayed that our days would focus on God, God's children, and God's call to love one another. Colleagues who desire to teach and challenge their students because teaching is a heartfelt calling that God has placed on their heart to impact our world now and in the future.

This ordinary week is just one of many that are filled with so many blessings. Are there any frustrations? Yes! Are there struggles? Yes! Sunday's sermon reminded me that Thanksgiving is a time to reboot our lives; to place our struggles in perspective and allow God to use them to keep us focused on Him.

Thanksgiving is a time to see God's unfailing love to each of us and our beloved school. Thanksgiving blessings to you and your family!

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