



I am excited to be principal at Foothill Elementary this coming school year! I look forward to working with the wonderful children, fabulous faculty, and fantastic patrons of Foothill again. I wanted to briefly introduce myself so you can get to know me a little before this next school year.

My beautiful wife Heather and I have been married for ten years. We have three wonderful boys that bring us joy each day. Samuel will be in 2nd grade at Cascade Elementary and loves the Chinese dual-immersion program there. Benny is four and is our little fireball of energy. He is full of enthusiasm and loves his preschool class. Jacob is 21 months old and loves to follow his brothers around the house and wrestle with his dad. I love my boys and am grateful how they help me to remember what matters most in life.

This is my tenth year in Alpine School District. I love this district! I taught second and third grade for six years and then came to Foothill as the TSA (assistant principal) for a year. These past two years I have been one of the BYU CFAs that observes and supervises the BYU teachers in the elementary schools. I received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at BYU. I continued on at BYU in Educational Leadership to get my Masters and recently my PhD. My research focused on Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). My wife and I are grateful and excited to finally be finished with schooling! However, I love to learn and plan to continue to do research with the professors at BYU.

I love life! I am an optimist and a dreamer. At the same time I know how to work hard to accomplish great things. I love to encourage and serve people. I am passionate about education and can't wait for this great adventure at Foothill Elementary!

Sincerely,

Joe Backman