

August 20, 2013

Dear Foothill Parents,

I would like to personally welcome all of you and your children to this new school year. I am the luckiest principal to be at such a phenomenal school. As the principal of Foothill Elementary I have seen first hand how truly amazing this school is. Academically this school is and has been one of the highest performing schools in the district and state. Just as important, the students feel safe and loved at Foothill. The teachers are some of the finest I have ever worked with and are some of the greatest people I know. As your principal I commit to do my best to help this school and the teachers to be the best that they can be so your children can be the best they can be.

As the principal of Foothill Elementary School I desire to share with you my mission and vision statement. This statement contains the values that I treasure that will help us work as partners in the education and well being of your children.

### **My Mission and Vision Statement**

To help all students at Foothill Elementary learn and be happy, as the principal I dedicate my heart and soul to lead as a(n):

- Servant Leader: an advocate for children and educators
- Partner with parents and patrons of our school
- Learning Leader to truly support, mentor, coach, and teach
- Proponent of Professional Learning Communities
- Enthusiast for the BYU-Foothill Partnership
- Representative of the Alpine School District

The students are the ‘why’ of all I do at Foothill Elementary. My vision to help all students learn and be happy provides me with the enthusiasm and excitement to do my work. My goal is to know all of the students at Foothill Elementary and to do my best to meet their needs so they can be happy, learn, and love life. I look forward to working with all of you this coming year, which I believe will be a fantastic school year!

Sincerely,

Doctor Backman (Dr. B.)  
Principal, Foothill Elementary