



# OPEN HOUSE: A LETTER FROM MR. SWALES

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for joining us at Open House last night. It was a pleasure to meet new families and for you to have the opportunity to meet next year's teachers. Open House provided a snapshot of the incredible progress your children have made throughout this academic year, and I must say, I was thoroughly impressed with the content and writing showcased in fifth grade.

The development of our writing program over the years has truly been remarkable. From second grade all the way through to fifth grade, we've seen tremendous growth in creativity, critical thinking, and self-expression. Writing is not just a skill; it's a vehicle for students to express who they are and who they aspire to become. It's arguably one of the most important aspects of education, and witnessing this development firsthand is truly inspiring.

I took the opportunity last night to encourage new families in kindergarten and first grade to explore the writing showcased in the upper grades, as it serves as a testament to the quality of education we provide here at our school. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our teachers for their dedication in nurturing and showcasing our students' best work in the classrooms.

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Open House was indeed a beautiful night. Seeing fathers supporting their children, playing outside on the playground, engaging in soccer matches, and mothers taking the time to appreciate their students' work amidst busy schedules truly warmed my heart. The camaraderie among parents and the sense of community that permeated the event only serve to strengthen our school community, especially in such challenging times.

It is an honor to serve you, and Open House provided a moment to reflect on the rewards of our collective efforts throughout the year, from homework assignments to ensuring our children arrive at school on time. Your unwavering support of Christian education is deeply appreciated.

A couple of my favorite sights last night included witnessing a fifth-grade mom and her daughter sitting on the ground, engrossed in reading through all the journals and her little writing profile. It was a precious moment that encapsulated the essence of parental involvement in their child's education. Additionally, seeing a new student run up to his future kindergarten teacher and give her a hug was heartwarming and reassuring for these new parents, showcasing the welcoming environment we strive to foster at our school.

Furthermore, observing parents watch their children play and witnessing the camaraderie among the kids was truly heartening. Seeing moms, dads, grandparents, and extended family members come together to support their children's academic endeavors and enjoy the simple joy of watching them play on the playground was a testament to the strength of our school community.

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For those who were unable to attend, we have compiled a collection of pictures capturing the classroom work and various moments with our families. We hope you enjoy these snapshots of the progress from TK to Kindergarten all the way up to fifth grade.

As we approach Teacher Appreciation Week next week, I encourage you to take the opportunity to express your gratitude to our teachers for their tireless work and dedication in shaping your child's life. Thank you once again for attending last night's Open House. Your support means the world to us.

Warm regards, Mr. Swales



