

Dear McAuliffe Families,

I want to express my deepest gratitude to the entire community of students, parents and our wonderful staff for the outpouring of support you have given me during a difficult period. Losing a loved one is devastating but I am fortunate to have a strong family, wonderful friends, and an amazing group of colleagues that provide strength and compassion. I truly appreciate the cards, hugs, and kindness that many of you have shown me as I returned to school this week. Words can not describe how much it has meant to me to keep busy doing the thing I love which is teaching and learning. My mother was so impressed when she came to visit Christa McAuliffe Elementary last year. She was a third grade teacher when she first met my dad over 50 years ago. Times have changed but she loved the warm and professional tone that is evident in our school. She commented on the friendly environment and she knew how much I love being the principal of this amazing school. She enjoyed how much interaction the students had with their teachers and with me and she couldn't believe the amount of parent support that was in place. I will always miss my mom but it sure is helpful to have Christa McAuliffe to come to on a daily basis; all of you put a smile on my face and I love being here with all of you. Thank you again!

Tracey Miller