

From the desk of Maribel Zubieta-Diaz....

We are into the month of July, and I finally have a moment to think and reflect about a school year full of wonder, growth, and achievements.

My first thoughts are of gratitude to life for allowing me to spend 50 years of my life surrounded by gifted educators, caring parents and amazing children. Not many people are fortunate enough to see their dreams and work come to fruition, and continue growing. I see that in every one of our kids as they venture into the world and continuously make it a better place.

I stand humble and thankful for all the heartfelt notes, flowers, words of encouragement and love I received as the school year concluded. I sure am one lucky lady!

As we get ready for the next school year, we take time to reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead. We have continued the strong growth of our academic program. We have three distinct and interconnected stages – our preschool, lower school (grades 1-4), and upper school (grades 5-8). In the preschool and the first grades of the lower school years, we lay a solid, basic foundation that will uphold and facilitate the more abstract learning that follows. Our children develop the skills necessary to grow into independent learners and critical thinkers. By the time our students reach our upper school they begin a period of self-discovery. They begin taking risks in our secure and caring environment. Classes become more rigorous. Students are expected to reach higher standards, utilizing all the skills they've learned to focus and go deeper. They work harder. They are challenged. They become very aware of their sense of responsibility, discipline, and community.

In order to achieve our educational goals, we need to consistently nourish the individual, be aware of emotional needs, develop an awareness of the impact of the arts, and surround our children with opportunities to create, develop a passion, learn from failures, find their individual voices and develop a code of ethics.

That in Conchita is a way of living.

Much love and blessings,

