

# Principal's Message

Dear JB Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you all had a lovely and restful weekend.

As we step into the month of May, I would like to take a moment to highlight our character trait for the month: Leadership. This is a quality that all of our students are actively working to develop, from our youngest learners in TK to our fifth graders preparing for middle school.

Leadership is often misunderstood as simply being "in charge," but at John Baldwin, we define it much more deeply. To us, leadership is the art of influencing, inspiring, and guiding others toward a shared vision or goal. It is a social process that focuses on:

- Collaboration: Working together to solve complex problems.
- Empowerment: Lifting others up so the team can succeed.
- Integrity: Making the right choice, even when no one is watching.

Leadership is not just a position of authority; it is a set of behaviors involving empathy, strong decision-making, and the ability to produce results that could not be achieved alone. Throughout this month, we will be celebrating students who demonstrate these traits and show us that you are never too young to make a positive impact on your community.

I encourage you to talk with your children this week about what leadership looks like at home and in our neighborhood!

Warmly,

Lydia Rice  
Principal, John Baldwin Elementary

