



# Creating a welcoming environment

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# About me

- ▶ I have been a school librarian for 16 years, I have taught in education for 18 years. Prior to working in the schools I worked for the St. Pete Beach Public Library for 5 ½ years as a library page. This is my 10<sup>th</sup> year at my current school. Most of my experiencing is in the elementary setting but have also worked as a high school librarian as well.
- ▶ I am married and have one child. I love all things Disney and running when I can.

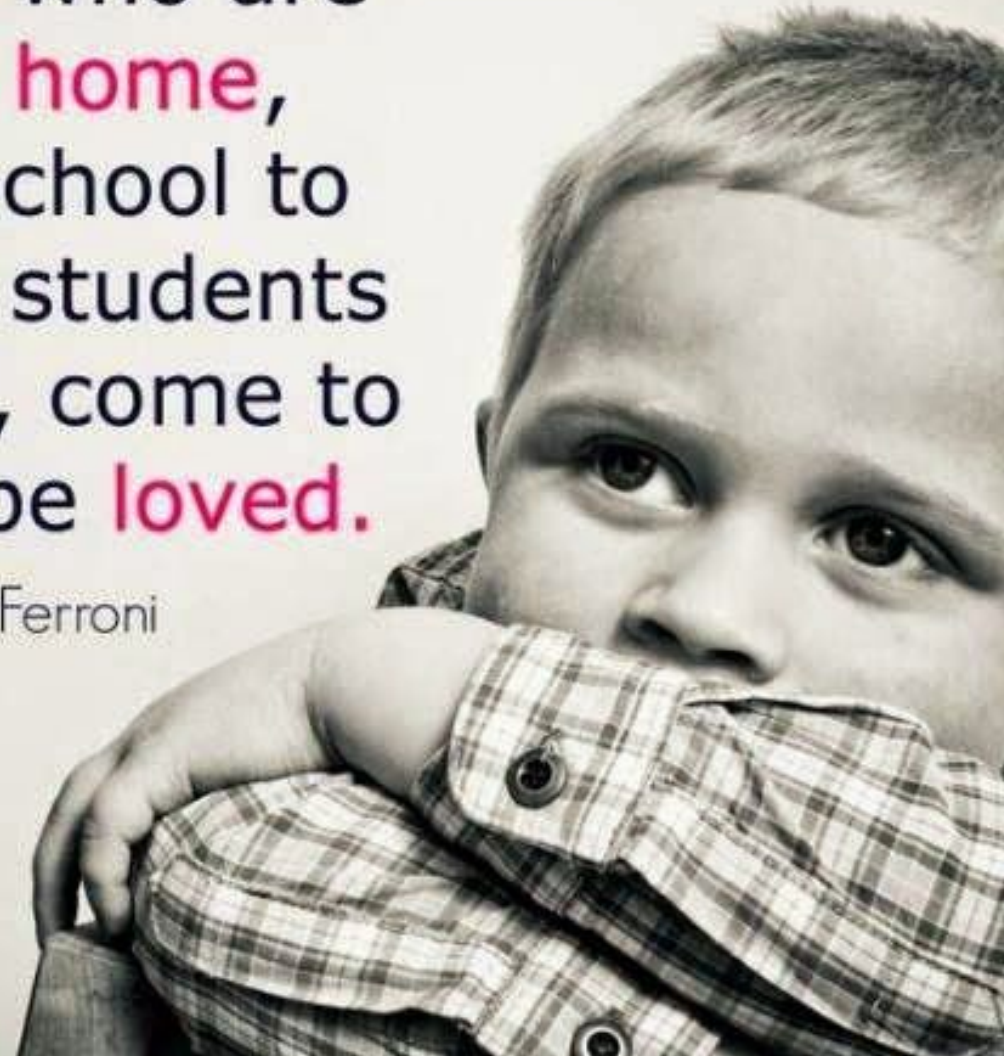
# My school

- ▶ I came to Oakhurst in 2010. My duties involve running the morning news show, our Battle of the Books program, working with students on Jim Harbin entries, running an after school club, 2 book fairs a year, managing tech issues, two technology inventories, and a tech committee.
- ▶ School Makeup-Changes over the last 10 years.
  - ▶ Numbers
  - ▶ Population
  - ▶ Parent Involvement
  - ▶ Technology
- ▶ Currently we have 41 classes including ASD and PreK units.
- ▶ Behavioral Changes

Behavioral changes  
Perfect school or a  
school in progress we  
all have behavioral  
challenges. How we  
deal with them varies  
from school to school,  
child to child, class to  
class.

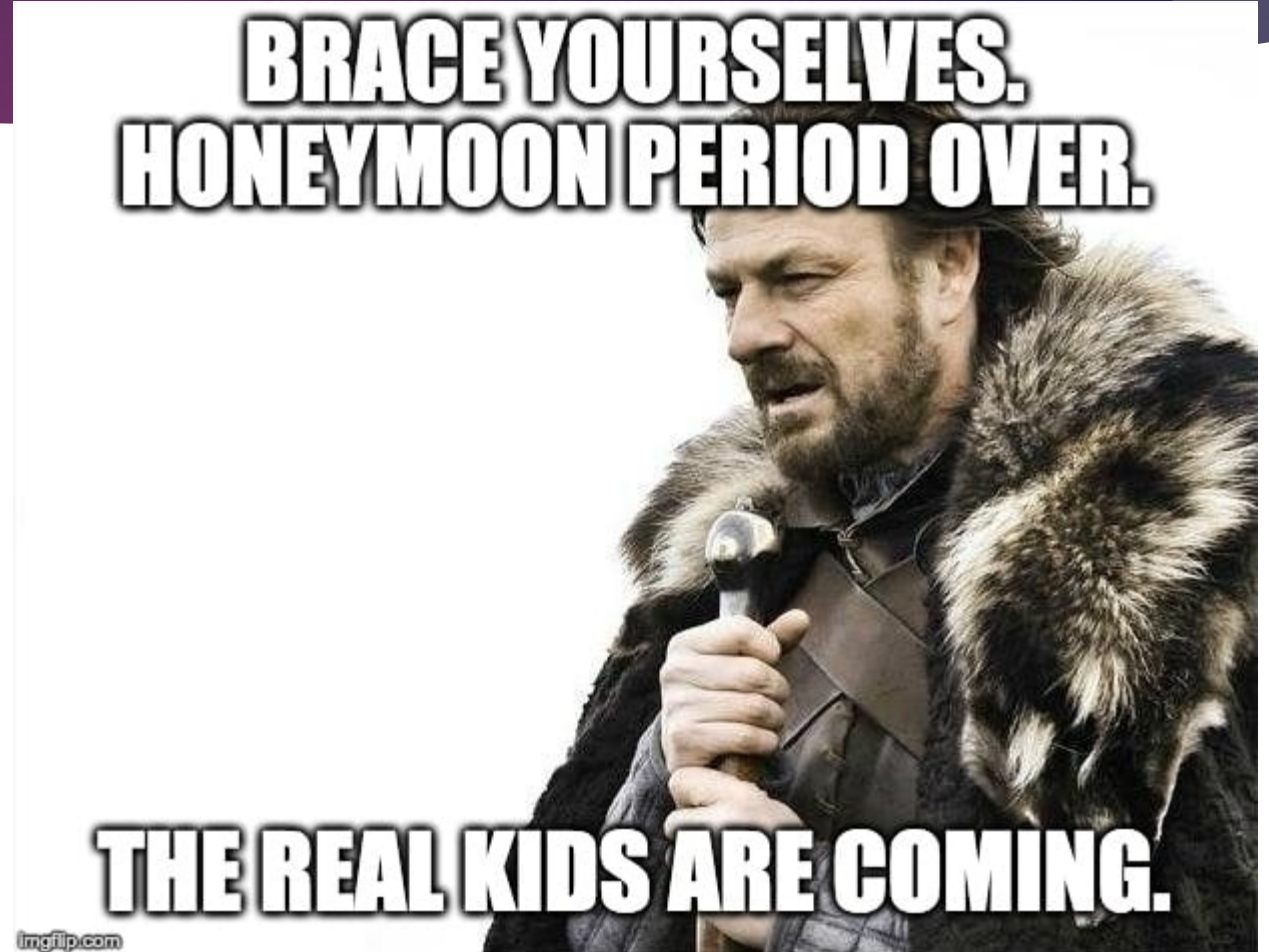
"Students who are  
**loved at home,**  
come to school to  
learn, and students  
who aren't, come to  
**school to be loved.**

~Nicholas A. Ferroni



# Welcoming Environments

- ▶ Culturally Relevant Training
  - ▶ What I thought it was.
  - ▶ What it actually was.



# Welcoming Environments

The How's

Start small

Name tents

Communication tools

Be flexible

Consistency

# Welcoming Environments

Management



Ask for help



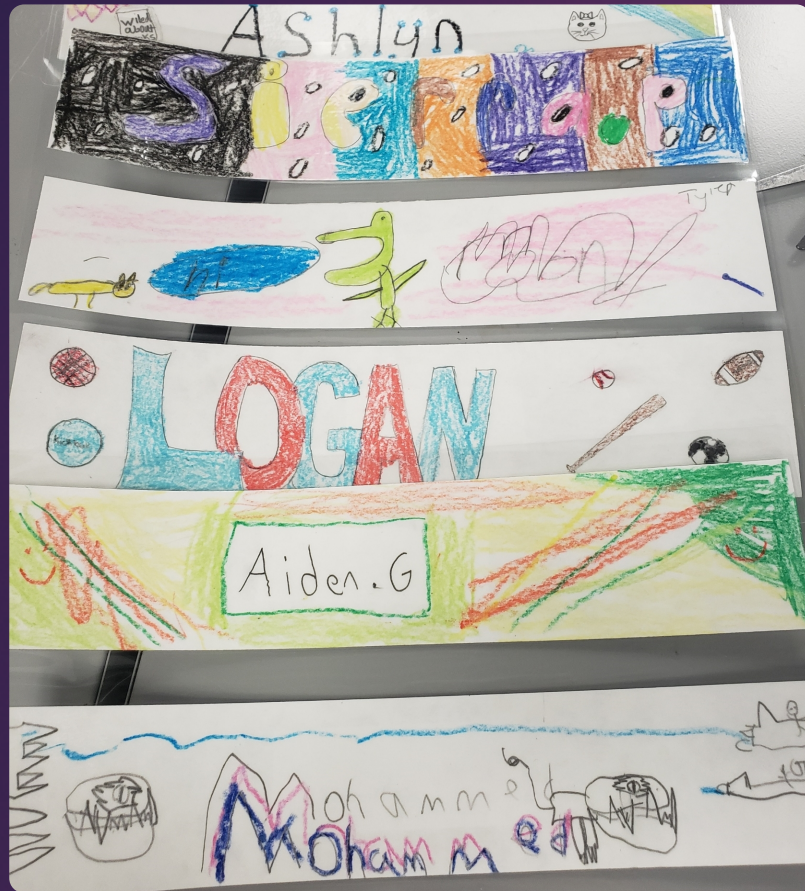
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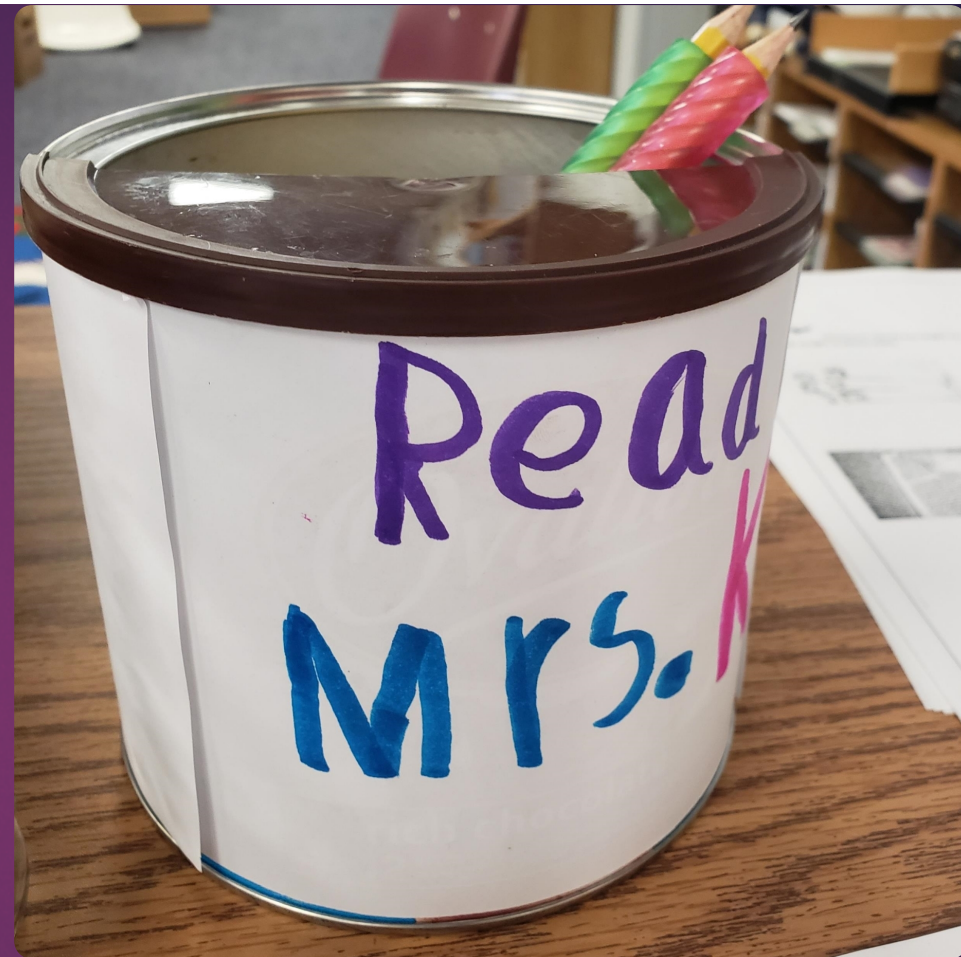
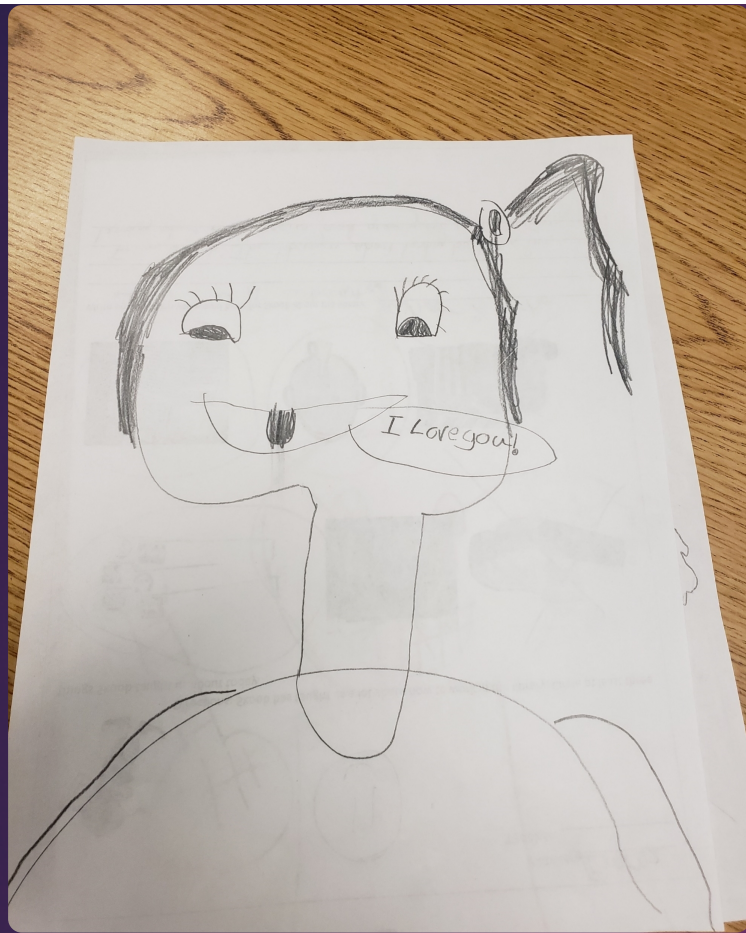


Directions: Skoob has taught us a lot about how to work in the library. Circle at least three things Skoob taught us about today.

Write one question you would have for Skoob about the library: What if someone throws up on a book?

From Skoob: Oh boy, that is tough. If that happens it is best to throw it away and let Mrs. K know.

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