

**From the Desk of Maribel Z. Diaz.....**

**Very few things in life are as rewarding as the gift of being a parent and an educator. We actually hold the future in our hands. That is the most valuable of gifts, but it comes with the highest responsibilities.**

**Each child is unique and the bearer of specific gifts. They are not made of clay to be shaped into a mold. They are flesh and blood, feelings, ideas, and dreams waiting to be loved, nurtured, and guided to their paths.**

**At this time of Thanksgiving, I am grateful for my life and the opportunities I continue to have to share experiences and growth with the next generation. I feel joy and gratitude for our dedicated teachers and staff, for the love and enthusiasm that they bestow to every one of our children. I am grateful to our parents and families that share, live and support Conchita's legacy. I am grateful for the lives of every student, past and present, that have enriched my life and that of others by sharing their fresh ideas, thoughts and feelings.**

**We live in exciting and challenging times where more than ever there is a need to search within and bring about the goodness, the creativity, and the spark of divinity that God has placed in our hearts.**

**Thank you for making this a better world!**

**Many blessings,**

**Maribel Z. Diaz**