

From the Desk of Maribel Z. Diaz

One of the most exciting things about running a school is the feeling of constant growth and the excitement of being part of a supportive community with the same goal – bringing out the extraordinary in every child.

As I watch our new 3-year-olds play, I see the uniqueness in each, and I feel the responsibility that we have in guiding each one to develop his own abilities and talents. As I meet with my 8th graders, I am filled with pride and love for them. They are on their way to becoming young adults, not only well prepared for academic careers, but people of character and values.

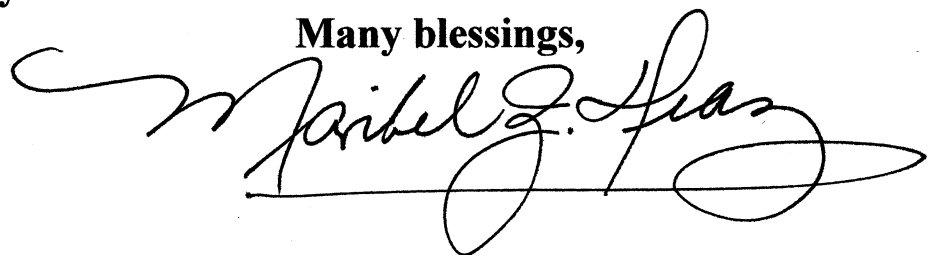
Life is a process that cannot be rushed, that cannot be held back, and that has to be lived in the NOW.

I love to see the world through the eyes of young children. I know they see and feel even the most minute details. They're open to learning from their surroundings without passing judgment. They learn for the pleasure of learning, not for an A, not for getting into a particular high school, not for getting into Harvard. That's the kind of learning that produces the extraordinary people – the ones with a purpose and without fear of taking risks.

We're offering our children our best in physical facilities, books, challenging curriculum, web-based resources and instructional technology, exposure to the arts, a second language, and a spiritual and values based education. Now, we only need to trust them.

The year has started off fabulously, and we're enjoying and loving every moment of it.

Many blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Maribel Z. Diaz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.