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It's October, and students are settled into the school year. The mornings are colder, the leaves are falling and we start to think about the Thanksgiving holiday and reflect on all that we are grateful for. We have much to be thankful for this year.

We are grateful that we live in a city that highly values education. We see this through the increasing number of families choosing Calgary Board of Education schools for their children each year. We also see the value placed on public education by the City of Calgary and our communities, who provide tremendous support for our students. Your support helps our students succeed, and for you, we are grateful.

We are grateful for our employees. Nearly 14,000 people choose to work with the CBE and their efforts and passion make a difference in the lives of our students every day. Some are faces you see in our schools, and some work behind the scenes, but each employee contributes to our success.

We are grateful for our families. By getting involved in school councils, volunteering in classrooms, sharing your experiences and helping your children with their homework, you make our school system better.

We are grateful for our students. Your commitment, excitement and energy fuels our system. You are the reason we are here. Every day, we see you learn, grow and challenge yourselves and others. You inspire us.

Our students help us realize how much one day matters. Recently we had the opportunity to welcome in the new school year with leaders from around the CBE. One of our favourite features of this meeting was a video called "A day in the life."

On June 10, 2015 our teachers, leaders, and staff members submitted photos from "a day in the life" of their school or department. The photos were compiled into a video and the result was not only beautiful but touching.

The miracle of watching children learn, live, and thrive is what brings us to work each day. You have entrusted us with a great gift, and we are grateful every day to have the chance to see education in action. What we can accomplish in a day in our system is truly astonishing.

It's important we understand and recognize that each day, each moment, matters. What happens in every classroom, with every student, matters. As parents and educators, we have a chance every day to make a real difference in a child's life. We have a chance to engage children and encourage their lifelong learning. The moments we get to spend with our children and students matter.

For that, we are grateful.

We'd love for you to see our day of miracles too; please view our [system opening video](#).

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