



The **Principal Profile**

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Why is building connection so important in your school?

“ “ When people feel connected, they move from survival mode to growth mode. My goal is to have our students and staff feel they truly matter, that they aren't just physically present but anchored to our community. Connection isn't just a goal; it's a foundation for success. Our Penguin Pals initiative reflects the heartbeat of our school culture, intentionally designed to foster cross-grade mentorship and broader staff-student relationships. By cultivating this high level of connectivity, we ensure **every student feels seen and valued.** ” ”