

## **Teachers...Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow**

There is nothing like the tradition and celebration of graduation season, and in the PYLUSD we really do that well! As I completed my first year of service to the PYL school community, I was so very proud to watch our amazing students cross our graduation stages with a sense of joy and contagious optimism that resonated through the crowds with air horns and balloons...a special time for everyone. While the student and family celebrations were visible from every vantage point, I was also able to witness a deep and satisfying sense of accomplishment in the eyes and words of their dedicated teachers. While we are always energized by the mantle of graduation, I am reminded over and over again just how special and influential our teachers are in the PYLUSD. From hugs to high fives, from tears to laughter, our teachers were shoulder to shoulder with “their” graduates as they walked into the stadiums, on the stage, and through the age-old tradition of turning of the tassels...a dedication that makes a difference each day. And as I look back on my own high school experience, it is that very same teacher dedication that still has a profound effect on who I am today. The special bond of a student and teacher will have a lasting impact...students of the PYLUSD, your futures are quite bright. So now, we take a deep breath and get ready for another stellar school year poised just over the summer horizon. Have a great and restful summer!