

# GUIDING PRINCIPLE 1

## BELONGING TO A COMMUNITY



**Strategy:** Video Postcard

**Audience:** Kindergarten to Grade 8

**What:**

- Weekly short video of the teacher outside of school going about their life (different areas around the city, town, or area) to say “I’m thinking about you!”

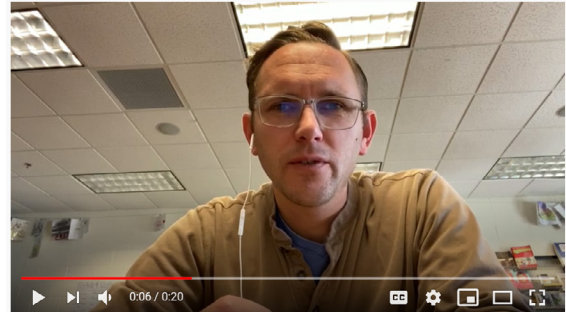
**How:**

- Teacher records a brief video postcard to send to students
- Postcard is informal and meant to foster connection and community
- Can later be used to initiate conversation in a group meeting

**Materials:**

- Device to record postcard
- Area in online learning platform for students to view postcards

**Example:**



Sample Video Postcard for Humanizing Online Learning Spaces

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPv0XU\\_ruKc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPv0XU_ruKc)

**Inclusive Practices to Consider:**

- Think about using areas of interest that students have shared in the videos

**Reference and Links:**

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