A Positive Attitude Goes a Long Way: 
Attitude Does Make a Difference

✓ Attitude drives (fuels) your actions:
✓ If you think you can, you probably will.
✓ If you don’t think you can, you most likely won’t.
✓ Don’t criticize, condemn, or complain: It’s a waste of time.
✓ Be grateful and offer honest, sincere appreciation.
✓ Become genuinely interested in other people – don’t just “flit” and do what’s politically/socially to your advantage.
✓ Be a good listener and don’t interrupt. Encourage others to talk about themselves.
✓ Listen first, in terms of the other person’s interests.
✓ Make others feel important and do it sincerely – not for ulterior motives.
✓ Don’t argue – the only way to get the best of an argument is to avoid it. Instead – look for solutions.
✓ Focus on behavior and facts; not personalities, personal preferences, and being right.
✓ Don’t assume! – Check the facts – do your homework, invest the time.
✓ Be careful what you say and how you say it. Once it’s said – you can’t take it back and people won’t forget.
✓ Show respect for others opinions – and if you are willing, admit it quickly and emphatically.
✓ Start out friendly – adult to adult. Don’t be a parent or a child.
✓ Help people to feel they can contribute to the ideas by letting them do so.
✓ Appeal to nobler motives – it’s not about you – it’s about the students!
✓ Throw down a challenge and be willing to help be part of the solution as appropriate.
✓ Realize – that you too – make mistakes.
✓ Praise the slightest improvement – For others, it may be a big LEAP.
✓ Use encouragement and make the fault seem easy to correct.
✓ Don’t worry – Instead, get all the facts and then decide if you need to do something or if it’s someone else’s responsibility.
✓ Be hopeful and courageous about the future.
✓ Never try to get even with your enemies – in fact – ask yourself why you perceive someone as an enemy.
✓ Count your blessings – not your troubles.
✓ Expect ingratitude – People don’t tend to make time for others – some even need to go to charm school (personal opinion, of course!)
✓ View change and challenges as opportunities to open doors – to grow, to do better.