



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your children had a great summer are ready to get back to school!

With every new school year, we make changes to improve scholar achievement. This year we added a few new classes. To provide more electives for our middle school and high school scholars we added Guitar, a Video class and Choir. We again offer Civil Air Patrol, Cyber Patriots and Cochise College Computer Challenger teams. We have increased the number of Spanish classes in Kindergarten through 6th grade. We also added an ECAP class (*Education and Career Action Plan*) for middle school and high school scholars that will help them learn about college preparation, study skills, life skills and AZMerit preparation. We also added a few highly qualified mentors. We are confident they will do a great job.

Our focus last year was school safety. We worked hard to prepare our staff with ALICE training, fire drills, lock down drills, and release procedures. We will continue to refine and reinforce all of these skills and procedures so you are confident leaving your children in our care. If you have concerns or questions, please feel free to email me.

This year we are focusing on preparing our Mentor to be more effective in mentoring your children. Anyone can disseminate information. We are determined to Mentor your children...to teach them “to think”...not “what to think”. We will be training our Mentors in Lesson Planning and Lesson Presentation and other classroom skills to become even better at mentoring each scholar. We are finding new ways to create and present lessons to instruct your children in what they need to know to be successful in life.

We are increasing our demands on scholars, which is why we have implemented the four day week. Friday mornings are dedicated ONLY to those scholars who need intensive help. We are dedicated to help each scholar be successful in their education. The measure of our success will be shown during AZMerit testing (the statewide achievement test for Arizona students). If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, please email me.

We will have our first PVO (Parent Volunteer Organization) meeting during the month of August. Last year, we did not have as many parents attend the PVO meetings as we had hoped. We will be presenting good information to help your child. Additionally, we ask you assist us with fundraising and other school activities. Please be vigilant to attend the first PVO meeting.

Thank you for all of the hard work that you do at home with your children. It really shows! We hope you will continue to support us throughout the school year.

Happy New School Year!

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