

Welcome Letter from Mrs. Weigel

Dear Arickaree Families, Parents and Friends,

Welcome Back!

On behalf of our entire staff, we would like to welcome our new and returning families to the 2022-23 school year. It is with great honor and much enthusiasm that we look forward to serving our students and families as we embark on another exciting school year. Much planning, and hard work has gone into preparing for a successful school year and I want to extend my appreciation for the opportunity to continue to serve as a leader in supporting your children this school year!

All teachers and support staff have spent hours preparing materials, creating child-centered classrooms, collaborating, ensuring our entire school community is “student-ready” as we approach our upcoming school year. I think you will find our custodial/maintenance staff team have worked extremely hard to make necessary safety improvements to our entire school campus! ! Secretaries and office staff have started registering new students and have been busy putting together school information packets to be sent home with all students, as well as organizing lots of new materials.

I would also like to extend a special welcome to our incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten students who are new to our school community. We are so excited to have your children with us! As our new school year approaches, we hope to continue consistent communication newsletters from our school office and from classroom teachers. Be sure to check out our Facebook page and District Website for continued updates throughout the school year.

As you know, we were required to move through mascot changes due to recent Colorado legislation. Our Board of Education along with student, staff and community input adopted the “Bison” as our new mascot and as we begin our school year we will be planning a new mascot launch and will lean into student, staff community input as we plan. Stay tuned for further details surrounding those plans!

I also want to make you aware that we have been fortunate to have had food/nutrition fund relief to assist with our breakfast and lunch costs for all students. Unfortunately, we will no longer receive those funds for our upcoming years. I have included an overview of our student meal prices as well as forms for Free and Reduced Meal Eligibility.

Please reach out to Marsha Jesse in our school office, should you have further needs that we can assist you with surrounding student meals.

We are very much looking forward to our students' arrival and our hallways being filled with the hustle and bustle that has been absent all summer. We are so proud of our school community and the great things in place at Arickaree. We look forward to continued successes and the positive experiences ahead for our students, staff and families. Please know we are here to serve and partner with you, and if we can assist you with any needs, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for sharing your children with us- they are the best part of our days!

Back to School Night, Thursday, August 11th, Title 1 Family Meeting 5:30-6:00 in the patio. Back to School Night to follow at 6:00 for all Arickaree students and families in the Arickaree Patio Area. Dinner Served- please join us in a fun welcome back night!

Our First day/Best day with students is Monday, August 15th.

School Picture Day: Tuesday, August 30th.

We look forward to a FANTASTIC year! **“TOGETHER WE CAN!”**

My Best to All of You,

Lisa