

Welcome Back 2023-24 School Year

I'm not sure where the summer went. I, along with the staff at Arickaree Schools, personally want to welcome all new and returning students back to the 2023-24 school year. Summer vacation can be a great healer, and as we approach the opening day of a new school year, the end-of-year pressures that plague schools in May seem a distant memory. As we prepare for another year, this letter will provide you with some information needed to begin our year. I hope you had a good summer.

As superintendent of Arickaree School District, I am humbled by the honor and privilege of serving the Arickaree Community. I realize that there is no greater trust bestowed on an organization than the trust a community grants its school system. I consider the care and education of the community's children to be a sacred trust and therefore, the highest priority of my office. I want to welcome parents, staff, students, and community members into a partnership dedicated to providing students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for success in school and throughout their lives.

The commitments I will make to this school district are as follows:

1. Lead and guide the school district in a way which honors the trust you have placed in our school district.
2. Consider every decision with the interest of students as the highest priority.
3. Lead to provide the highest quality educational opportunities possible with the financial resources available.
4. Do everything in my power to provide a school environment where students feel safe physically and emotionally.
5. Work cooperatively within the partnership to achieve the very best outcomes for students.

Important dates:

August 7 – Volleyball and Football practices start
August 8 – New Student Registration 8 am – 3 pm
August 8 – Returning Secondary Student Class Registration 3 – 4pm
August 10 – Title 1 Family Information in the Patio 5:30 – 6 pm
August 10 – BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!! Dinner provided 6 – 8pm
August 14 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!
August 21 – College Classes Start

I have great confidence that WE will meet the challenges and maximize the opportunities that lay ahead. We welcome several new staff members to Arickaree School District, and we are all here to DO WHAT IS BEST FOR STUDENTS. This district is what it is because of a staff of dedicated, aspiring people that have that common goal. Together we can produce a quality education for our students, as we strive to achieve our motto of “Empowering Students to Succeed in a Changing World.” I look forward to working with you as we endeavor to create a better tomorrow one child at a time. I encourage all stakeholders of the district to be involved in the education of this community’s youth. My office is always open, please drop by and introduce yourself and if you have questions or comments call at (970) 383-2202 ext. 103 or email at mikep@arickaree.org. GO BISON!!!