

Welcome Back 2025-26 School Year

As the summer winds down, it is with great excitement that we welcome you back to another wonderful school year at Arickaree Schools. Our dedicated team of educators and staff have been working diligently to prepare for the 2025-2026 school year, and we are thrilled to embark on this journey together. I, along with the staff at Arickaree Schools, personally want to welcome all new and returning students back to the 2025-26 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. At Arickaree, we take immense pride in our close-knit community and the unique opportunities that come with being a small, rural school. Our students are not just numbers; they are cherished members of our extended family. This year, we are committed to continuing our tradition of fostering a supportive and nurturing environment where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

As Superintendent/Principal of Arickaree School District, I am humbled by the honor and privilege of serving this Community, as is all of our staff members. 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 this community's children to be a sacred trust and therefore, the highest priority of our school. Arickaree Schools wants 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.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Back-to-School Carnival: August 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Have some fun, meet your teachers, tour the classrooms, and reconnect with friends.
- First Day of School for Grades 6-12: August 18, 2025. School begins promptly at 8:00 AM.
- K-6 Testing Day: Assigned times have been sent out. If you have questions on your students' times, please call Jessica at 970-383-2202.
- First Day of School for Grades K-5: August 20, 2025
- First Day of School for PK: September 2, 2025

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 anytime and if you have questions or comments call at (970) 383-2202 ext. 103 or email at mikep@arickaree.org.

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