

Rescue Union School District
Lakeview Elementary School



Dear Lakeview Families,

I am looking forward to another wonderful year at Lakeview Elementary. The teachers, staff and I have been working hard to prepare for an exciting 2017-2018 school year. Now that I have served as Lakeview's principal for one year, I am even more excited about working toward our goals and future achievements. As always, I hold your child's safety, academic success and social-emotional development with the highest regard.

Our first day of instruction will be Wednesday, August 9th. We will begin instruction at 8:45 a.m. each day. Our dismissal time will be 3:00 p.m. on regular days and 12:45 on Minimum/Early Release Days. TK and kindergarten dismissal times will vary; please see specific times on our *2017-2018 Daily Schedule*. Early Release Days and Minimum Days are in place to allow for important staff collaboration time, planning and training. Early Release Days will occur on certain Mondays and are specified on our *RUSD 2017-2018 School Calendar*. Our first Early Release Day will be Monday, August 21st. Please pay close attention to this year's *Daily Schedule* and *RUSD Calendar* to be sure you are aware of our schedule.

Teacher assignments for the upcoming school year will now be available through RUSD's Aeries Parent Portal after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8th. I know the incredible impact that teachers have on their students, and I am certain you are anxiously anticipating finding out who your child's teacher will be. We place a great deal of time and importance on creating class lists which are balanced in academic abilities, gender, work habits and social behavior. Our goal is to provide every student with a strong, productive learning environment. I appreciate your support and confidence in knowing that our process for creating balanced classes accomplishes this goal. Class placement changes are extremely rare. If you feel a class change is needed, I ask that all families attend Back to School Night presentations on August 17th and meet with the assigned teacher, prior to requesting a change. If a class change is still seen as necessary, you may complete a *Class Change Request* form in the office. Our School Secretary will then schedule an appointment with me. Class changes will not be made within the first two weeks of school. I appreciate your understanding and support for our policy.

Many parents have inquired about teacher wish lists and school supplies. We greatly appreciate your support. **Supply lists will be posted on classroom doors after 4:00 p.m. on August 8th.** Keep in mind that school supplies are considered donations and are not required.

Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, August 17th. Teachers will begin TK - 2 grade presentations in classrooms at 5:30 p.m. and will conclude at 6:10 p.m. Please plan to meet in the amphitheater area from 6:15 – 6:30 p.m. for my announcements and PTO information. 3rd – 5th grade presentations will begin at 6:35 p.m. and will conclude at 7:15 p.m. Back to School Night is an important event which will provide many details, regarding your child's school year. I hope you will be able to attend!

Parent volunteers are appreciated and encouraged at our school! TB clearance for volunteers is required. **Parents interested in working in the classrooms on a regular basis who may be alone with students and/or chaperoning field trips will need DOJ, FBI and TB clearance.** Fingerprinting services and TB screening will be available in the Lakeview gym during Back to School Night. El Dorado Live Scan will be providing this service for a \$60 fee (cash only).

Finally, I am so happy to announce that Lakeview will again be hosting students from our sister school in China, Wenyi Street Primary School. **We are looking for families to host these students throughout their stay.** This is an amazing opportunity for your child to make life-long friends and become more globally aware! **Wenyi students will be arriving on Saturday, September 23rd in the late afternoon and will stay through the morning of Thursday, September 28th.** Wenyi students will stay with host families and attend Lakeview during the school days. The Wenyi students are in 4th and 5th grade, however we encourage all Lakeview families to consider this wonderful opportunity. If interested, please complete an *Application to Host Students from China* (attached).

I am looking forward to an amazing year at Lakeview Elementary!

Respectfully,

Kathy Miracle
Principal

Home of the "Eagles"

