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Dear Roadrunner Families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Wrightson Ridge School! We hope you have had a wonderful summer filled with fun and relaxation. As we embark on this new academic journey, we are delighted to share with you this year's inspiring theme: "THRIVE." We firmly believe that by working together, both staff and students can thrive academically and socially, creating a vibrant and successful learning environment.

At Wrightson Ridge, we believe that education extends beyond the classroom walls. We recognize the vital role parents and guardians play in their child's educational journey, and we encourage you to get involved in the school community. By working together, we can create an environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

We warmly invite you to join us in making this school year exceptional by donating your time and energy to our classrooms. Your involvement, whether it's volunteering in the classroom, assisting with school events, or participating in Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings, will greatly contribute to the success of our students. We would love to see every family invest at least two hours of their time to the school, as your contributions make a significant difference in the education and well-being of our students.

Throughout the year, we will organize various events, activities, and opportunities for parents to get involved. We encourage you to keep an eye out for volunteer sign-ups, PTO meeting notifications, and other communication from the school. Your participation not only benefits our students but also strengthens our entire school community. Our first PTO meeting of the year will take place on August 15th at 5:30p.m. in the Wrightson Ridge library.

The PTO has a Facebook page that we encourage you to sign up for. Other ways of connecting with the school include joining the Wrightson Ridge Facebook page to get school updates, visiting the susd30.us website and clicking on Wrightson Ridge, and looking in your email for the Beep Beep Bulletin which provides up to date school announcements. Students will also receive copies of our student handbook where many more questions can be answered regarding our school policies.

We will begin our school year with a middle school schedule pick-up event and will have a meet and greet for elementary students. Below are the designated times and dates for these events. (It is important to note that teachers will only be available during their scheduled time. Class lists will be posted on the library and front office windows starting Thursday, August 3rd. They will also be available on PowerSchool.)





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• Tuesday, August 1st Middle School Schedule Event 7:30a.m.-11:00a.m.:

- 7:30a.m.-9:00a.m. 6th Grade students
- 9:00a.m.-10:00a.m. 7th Grade students
- 10:00a.m.-11:00a.m. 8th Grade students

• <u>Thursday, August 3rd Middle School Meet and Greet and Schedule pick up (If you missed your designated time on Tuesday)</u> 5:00p.m.-6:15p.m:

- 6th Grade Presentation in the cafeteria -By last name:
 - A-M from 5:00-5:30p.m.
 - N-Z from 5:45-6:15p.m.
- 7th-8th grade meet teachers in designated classrooms on your schedule

• Friday, August 4th, Grade Meet and Greet:

- 11:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Extended Resource (K-5th)
- 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.- Kindergarten-2nd Grade
- 1:15p.m.-2:15 p.m. 3rd Grade-5th

• Monday, August 7th First Day of School

Gates open at 6:50a.m.

By attending the Meet and Greet events, it is an excellent time to drop off school supplies. We will also have our parent pick-up signs available for pick-up in the classrooms during the Meet and Greet times for K-5th grade students. Parent pick-up signs must be posted in the dashboard of your car (for K-5th grade students) by the first day of school in order to expedite parent pick-up. Anyone picking up middle school students will NOT need a parent pick-up sign displayed. Drop off and pick up for K-5th grade students (as well as any middle schooler who has a K-5th grade sibling) will take place in the front loop of the school (by the library). PLEASE ensure that you pick up your child at the designated pick up time for their grade level. If you have several children, please make sure to pick them up at the designated time of your **oldest child.** Middle school students WITHOUT A SIBLING will be picked up in the bus loop. Once buses depart by 2:10p.m., we will open the bus gates and allow cars to come into the loop to pick up middle school students. It is very important that you **not** arrive early for pick up. We do not want cars backed up on Sahuarita Blvd. blocking traffic. The ideal option is to send students home on the bus to help with traffic.





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Please note that when you registered your for school you should have also registered them to ride the bus. Parents/Guardians can look up your child's bus route/schedule through infofinder - www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=S2NSFVT1ND - which is **scheduled to be "turned on" by July 24, 2023**. All students must be registered in order to ride on the school bus.

If you are in need of picking up your child from school, please note that you MUST show your i.d. to the front office. Only guardians and those who are documented in PowerSchool as emergency contacts will be allowed to pick up students from the school. It is also important to note that if your child is late (after 7:20a.m.) you will need to walk them into the front office and sign them in.

We also want to make all parents aware that parents are not allowed on campus during drop off and pick up. We ask that you stay in your car during these times to help our flow of traffic. K-8th grade students can be dropped off before school at either the bus loop option or the front loop option by the library. *On the first day of school, we will allow kindergarten and first grade parents to enter campus with their child.* Kinder students and parents will go to the gym and first grade parents and students will go to the grassy area in the middle of campus to wait for teachers. All other students will go directly to their classrooms on the first day of school. After the first day of school, students will be allowed to play in their designated areas or go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast.

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that Wrightson Ridge received a large grant from the state. It is called the 21st Century Grant. We will be sending out more information with details about the grant. Essentially, the grant provides money for an after school program four days a week. The program will include an hour of tutoring and an hour of enrichment. An after school bus is also provided for all kinder through eighth grade students who participate in the program. We are very excited to start the program and our goal is to get it up and running by September.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and commitment to the education of our children. We look forward to seeing you at Wrightson Ridge School as we embark on a year filled with growth, achievement, and thriving. Please refer to the link to access our Student Handbook for any further questions about our school. Student Handbook 2023-24

I look forward to another fabulous year at the Ridge where we will "THRIVE" each day!

Respectfully, Shelly Lizardi

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