

August/September 2016

What an exciting time of the year we are experiencing! The days are warm, our valley is bursting with fresh fruit and vegetables, and we are again connecting with our students after time away. It is a time of new beginnings for some while others are returning to continue their journey here at Valley School.

For me, as your new principal, it is a new beginning at Valley. I cannot express the joy and anticipation that I feel in becoming part of this family. It is an honor to work with such a dedicated and committed group of people that come to work every day to make a difference in our students' lives. It reminds me of a saying that I found in a fortune cookie, which I have on the bulletin board in my office "To love what you do and feel that it matters...how could anything be more fun?".

I look forward to getting to know all of our students and families. My door is always open so please let me know if you have something on your mind that you would like to share. We value the team effort that it takes to support our students as they move toward becoming independent men and women of character working in rewarding careers.

I do have one request of you. When you visit our campus, please take a moment to pause at our front door and look toward the Colorado National Monument. I did just that this morning when I came to work. The early morning light illuminated the many facets of the mountains there and it was spectacular. I know when I look again in the changing light of the day, I will see new aspects of it highlighted. We live in a beautiful place, enjoy!

There is also beauty in each of our students. I can assure you that we take some of those moments here at Valley to pause and acknowledge the joy our students bring to our lives when they grace our classrooms.

Let the year begin!

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