

Toros Together



August 7, 2020

Tarwater Families,

Well...we did it. We made the first three days of school happen virtually. We did this TOGETHER. This year's first day of school was unlike any other I have ever experienced. It was hard not to feel a little sad not having the usual buzz of students and parents on campus. By the end of this week, however, I think we all feel proud. I am sure there are still some kinks to work out, but the tremendous efforts of our teachers, our students, and you parents shows. As one teacher put it this week, "we are making history!"

On behalf of the Tarwater staff, I cannot thank you enough for the tremendous support we have felt from our parent community. From the words of encouragement, to the Happy First Day signs outside our campus, and of course, the at home attention you are giving the children, we feel truly blessed to serve this community.

It will be more important than ever that we stay connected as a community. Please book mark our website <https://www.cusd80.com/Domain/4024> so that you can access this newsletter every Friday on our announcements section. My morning announcements will also be posted there on my principal page. Follow us on Twitter @tarwater_toros, @DianeKHale, or on Instagram @tarwater_toros. We will also use Class Dojo as a whole school where you can get updates and feel like you are part of our campus again. Look for more information from your child's teacher, or our website about joining Dojo.

As you are aware, the Chandler Unified School District Governing Board voted to postpone the start of in-person instruction through the first quarter. The Board will reevaluate our readiness to start in-person at the September 23 board meeting based on the metrics provided by the state. Despite our varying personal viewpoints as a community on the decisions being made during this time, our collective commitment to stay positive, to stay connected, and to remain focused on learning will keep us strong.

Finally, I miss seeing and connecting with parents. If you would like to come in or meet virtually with me, I would love to do so. My mornings aren't busy with playground duty, and my lunch time is not spent in the cafeteria opening milk cartons so, I have some found time. I am here to listen, to help, or just to get to know you better. Please call Laurie Jones at 480-883-4307 and she will schedule us.

Sincerely,

Diane Hale

Diane Hale, Principal