



July 31, 2020

Tarwater Families,

Here it is July 31 and school will start on August 5! I know it might not feel like the start of a new school year at this point. The usual shopping trip for a new backpack or lunch box may not have happened, the new shoes and water bottle may not be laid out waiting to be put to use, and Meet the Teacher certainly doesn't have the same fan fair as it usually does at Tarwater. I can tell you one thing for sure, however, the excitement about a new school year is alive and well in our teachers' hearts. The energy around campus is electric. I could not be prouder of what this crew of professionals has put together to make learning an authentic and engaging experience for every child.

It will be more important than ever that we stay connected as a community. Our motto *Toros Together* is not just a catch phrase, it is our sincere hope and belief that our community is strong enough to withstand this interruption and separation. 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.

I say it every year; the first day of school is one of my favorite days of the year. I was worried that I wouldn't feel the same excitement as I do every year this time, but I do. I think the students will too. We look forward to welcoming everyone to a new school year next Wednesday. It won't be like any other first day we've ever had, but the magic of school will be there.

Sincerely,

Principal Hale