

# Welcome Vesey Families to Our 2021-2022 SY!

We are so excited to welcome you back to in person learning! It was an amazing first day of school. I hope this time finds you and your families safe and well. I know this past year has been difficult and filled with uncertainty and anxiousness. The time spent away from each other and from your children has been difficult and lonely. The great news is that we are prepared for an amazing year. The Vesey staff has worked tirelessly throughout the summer to ready themselves for a new approach to learning that focuses on our reading and mathematics. Your child will be exposed to academic rigor that will make up any losses resulting from the Covid-19 closure. Vesey has shined in every aspect as we prepared for coming back this year. I am very proud to be your Principal and a fellow parent here at Vesey. Please know that each and every one of you are valued and our main goals this year center on our ability to keep every one safe and to deliver stellar education to your children.

As we enter this new school year, our renewed collective commitments center on our effective teaching to produce increases in student academic achievement. I want to invite you to become partners with the teacher and school so that we can ensure that your child has the best experience this year. Please continue to engage in conversations around a “growth mindset” both for your child and your family. We are in this together! Please believe in your abilities and choices to rise above challenges and come out stronger at the end. Below are a couple of our accomplishments this past year:

- ✓ Attendance stayed in the 90<sup>th</sup> %!
- ✓ Discipline stayed mostly in the Green!
- ✓ We did our best to advocate for a Healthy School even before the closure.
- ✓ We continued our great partnership with Pascua Yaqui Tribe.
- ✓ The University of Arizona Cats Cohort will be here again this year.
- ✓ Our Pre-K grew this year.

I would like to **WELCOME** our new team members:

- Ms. Sable – Assistant Principal
- Mr. Anthony Faulkner – Curriculum Service Provider
- Mrs. Anna Helsel – Exceptional Education Behavior Interventionist
- Mrs. Rachel Broome – Reading Interventionist
- Mrs. Lisa Titus – Exceptional Education Resource Teacher
- Ms. Giavonna Grizzanti – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade ELD Teacher
- Ms. Megan Morris – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
- Ms. Stephanie Torres 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELD Teacher
- Mr. Stanley Dunst- Band
- Mrs. Ortega – Speech Teacher

*We are excited to have you all join the Vesey Team-Always a Great Day to be a Wildcat!*

This year we will continue to develop and refine our curriculum, academic achievement, PBIS, and school culture & climate based on data. We will continue to support your children with academic,

behavioral and social needs and continue the bridge of brilliance set forth by our Vesey Wildcats and our Vesey High Paw Way!

I do want to let you know that aside from our School's Mission and Vision, I look forward to partnering with you in promoting our students safety, agency, social and emotional learning, and in building a strong foundation that allows us to thrive this year in spite of Covid-19 Delta Variant.

*I challenge you to be the best leader, learner and student advocate that you can be!*

**Here are some of the events that are upcoming:**

- **August 2, 2021 – Meet the Teacher Night 5:00PM-7:00PM.**
- **August 18, 2021 – Peter Piper Pizza Night – Info to follow.**
- **September 14, 2021 - Vesey Update via Zoom with Principal Uhrig – Please join me.**

**Thank you for all that you do for our kids here at Vesey!**

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