

A Message from the Principal

Parents, students, and community:



Greetings and welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! This transition and the warm welcome that I have received from our staff, students, and community has been an awesome experience, and I cannot thank you enough for your continued support! As always, ensuring that all Falcon Creek students and adults feel safe physically, psychologically, and emotionally is my top priority as your Principal. Falcon Creek continues to be a PBIS School (*Positive Behavior Intervention and Support*), and we have many programs scheduled throughout the school year to reinforce safety. "*No Place for Hate*" will continue to be part of our school-wide efforts for bully prevention. This will be our school's fifth year of participation and implementation of *No Place for Hate*, which teaches understanding and empathy towards others. 8th grade students participated in training over the summer, and they will be rolling out activities such as signing a pledge of resolution, displaying empathy through sidewalk chalk art, and teaching students to be "up-standers," by disallowing bullying behavior wherever they see it. Throughout the months of September and October, our new School Resource Officer, Candace Gray, will be in classrooms to promote curriculum that is focused on students becoming positive digital citizens. In September, our counselors and mental health professionals will be visiting classrooms where students will receive instruction in identifying signs of depression, self-injury, and suicide in themselves and others. Most importantly, they will be trained in how to respond appropriately. We will continue to implement quarterly Deans' Talks with all students as a reminder of the importance of following school rules and School District Policies.

Falcon Creek teachers and staff believe in recognizing students who demonstrate the characteristics of **Safety, Organization, Achievement, and Respect (SOAR)**. Any student can receive a Falcon Feather for being seen doing something the represents (**SOAR**). Every Friday, Falcon Feathers are drawn, and those students receive school-wide recognition and a candy bar. Each month, a student is also recognized with a piece of spirit-wear clothing. We recognize outstanding student contributions through celebrations -- Veterans Day, Red Ribbon Week, Honor Roll, Aurora Scholars Program, and the 8th Grade Awards program, just to name a few!

Falcon Creek will again prepare our students for college and career readiness this year by **utilizing ICAP and NAVIANCE**. **ICAP** is the **Individual Career and Academic Plan** that begins in middle school and will follow your child throughout high school. **NAVIANCE** is the digital platform that students will use to help steer their planning and decision making. Goal setting, career exploration, and high school readiness are important themes that students will learn through the ICAP process. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks.

On September 15th, I am excited to invite all of our veterans, active military personnel, and their families to our first of several events that recognize, celebrate, and honor our active military and veterans. This district-wide event will be held at Legacy Stadium, where lunch will be provided to Veterans, military personnel, and their families. They will then be escorted into the Grandview vs. Fort Carson varsity Football game. Very reverent moments are scheduled during lunch and half-time to honor their service and sacrifice. Falcon Creek invites all of our Veteran's, military personnel, and their families to this celebration and honoring of their service to our country. Whether a veteran, military personnel, or otherwise, please join us in honoring these distinguished citizens!

The 3rd Annual Falcon Creek Color Fun Run is right around the corner! I am anticipating lots of parent support and student participation in our one and only PTCO fundraiser. This fundraiser makes available NEST Grants for additional learning experiences, resources, materials, facility improvements and opportunities that impact our teachers and our students. Thanks to all of you in advance for contributing to such an important endeavor. Our FCMS Color Fun Run will take place on Friday, October 5, 2018. More information will be coming within the next few weeks.

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In closing, thank you so much for the honor of serving as your Principal. Falcon Creek Middle School continues to be an incredibly close community of parents, teachers, and staff who work together to support all of our students.

Warmest regards,



Alan Lavizzo
Principal