

Dear Doolen Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our students and staff back to school. We hope that you were able to relax and make special memories with your friends and families. Now, it is time to look forward to a wonderful new school year as we are moving forward as a UNITED Doolen Middle School – AVID, GATE, ELD, ExEd, General Ed – We are...DOOLEN THUNDERBIRDS!

Our incredible staff of educators have been working hard throughout the summer to prepare classrooms for the new school year. We are grateful to our amazing custodial staff as they worked all summer getting our school in pristine shape. Our office staff, Ms. Juanita Felix, Office Manager and Ms. Veronica Moreno, Registrar/Attendance Clerk, are working hard to ensure a smooth start for staff, students, and families.

Doolen Middle School is such a special place to learn and grow. We are proud of our beautiful school and have high expectations for every student. Together with our resolute staff, we strive to make connections with students to help them feel valued, accepted, and safe. Our school is committed to fostering passions, developing responsible citizens, and preparing for tomorrow's opportunities which will continue to guide our mission to provide a rigorous and joyful inclusive school environment. Our overarching goal is to encourage active student engagement to foster a lifetime love for learning using best instructional practices.

Our academic instruction will be prepared through effective Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) of content and grade level teams following state standards, utilizing AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) practices in all classes through strong student to student engagement/learning. Social and Emotional Learning helps promote community equally embedded into our daily practices through PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Systems) and the Character Strong curriculum so that our students get a well-rounded whole child educational experience.

Partnering with families is crucial to promote a healthy transition to school. We encourage families to stay connected and informed by following our district website, announcements, and social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) and to participate in our Monthly PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) meetings and our quarterly site council. Our school also has on-site partners in Higher Ground, and our next-door neighbors, The Boys and Girls Club, who work in conjunction with our school vision and mission.

Please look for procedural updates communicated to you from Doolen Middle School and Tucson Unified School District for more up to date information.

With great enthusiasm,

Nathaly Santin
Principal

SAVE THE DATE!

7th and 8th grade Registration: Thursday, July 27

Sixth grade and New Student Orientation and Registration: Friday, July 28

First Day of School: Thursday, August 3rd

Title 1 Open House: Thursday, August 31st