

Dear Parents and Guardians of Wakefield Knights,

I want to first thank each of you for your making the choice to enroll at Wakefield Middle School. Serving your children has been amazing! Each of them are polite, articulate, and ready to learn! So thank you! That said, welcome to School Year 20-21!!! We are off the ground and running! I do want to take a moment to communicate some very important information, so please see below:

This is a friendly reminder that Wakefield will be closed for in-person instruction until October 9th. At that time we will adhere to the Pima County Health Department's recommendations for reopening. And that information will be communicated to parents at that time. Again, all learning will be online for all students through October 9th. The decision to limit on campus, in-person learning was guided by Pima County Health Department data for COVID-19 Community Spread. There will be very limited availability for "At-Risk" students including targeted Exceptional Education, Refugee, and Foster/Homeless students. Targeted phone calls will go out if your child falls into these categories. Note: For the Wakefield campus, no students qualify for on campus services. Thank you and for additional clarification, please email Kamren Taravati at kamren.taravati@tusd1.org, or Erin Collins-Kelly at erin.collins@tusd1.org for additional information or clarity.

That said, Wakefield also has some very important events coming up next week! Monday, August 24th – Wakefield Middle School has its first Cafecito! This is an event for parents to virtually have a cup of coffee with me and hang out. We will begin at 6:00PM and we will review any technological related issues you may have, answer any questions you have about online learning, or of course answer any other questions. Please join via Zoom at the following link: <https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/86365700480>

Also on Monday, August 17th, Wakefield will launch it's Quarter 1 cross-curricular project- Project Thrive! Your 6th grader will see a new google classroom dedicated to this project on their dashboard. In each of their classes they will learn about different aspects of Wellness: nutrition, sleep, fitness, meditation, heart rate, SEL, etc. This learning will culminate in an end of quarter presentation of learning. We will keep you updated on Project Thrive as it rolls out!

On Thursday, August 27th, Wakefield will be hosting its first ever **virtual** Open House, 6:00-7:00PM! Please click on the Morning Meeting link that has been out in the Zoom master schedule. If you do not have a copy of that, please click here: <https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/87900442168>

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions at all. We hope that you are safe and well, and as a community we will get through this very difficult time.

With very warm regards,

Kamren Taravati
Principal