



Newsletter - August

Good morning Wakefield Families,

I wanted to take a moment to reach out and welcome you again to a new school year!!! We are very excited to be on campus and back with our amazing students!

I also want to take a moment to communicate some very important dates. First, the Wakefield Open House is this Thursday, August 19th @ 5:30PM. We will meet first in the Wakefield Multi Purpose Room/Cafeteria for a 30-minute overview of the evening. After the presentation, parents will be dismissed to their child's teachers' classrooms. The event will last one hour and should be lots of fun! Face masks are required.

Next, please note that Ms. Erin Collins, the Wakefield Middle School Curriculum Service Provider, has sent out some key information regarding student pick up procedures. In summary, 7th grade students are picked up in the east parking lot off 44th street and 6th grade students are picked up on the west parking lot off 44th street. We do respectfully ask that you drive slowly and that you do not pick up your students directly on 44th, nor across the street in the shopping center parking lot, as student safety is priority number one.

The first Wakefield Middle School Site Council meeting is right around the corner! Please keep an eye out for date and time. Site Council is a way to provide all Wakefield Families with a role in the school's leadership. Please make sure to attend.

Also, please remember that the vision of Wakefield Middle School is to create a learning environment that ensures each student is challenged academically; where students grow, learn, serve, and lead. In that spirit, we ask that each student completes 15 minutes of mathematics and 15 minutes of language arts (total of 30 minutes) using an AMAZING program called iReady. Students can access their iReady account using their TUSD Clever logon. We will train students on how to access iReady at school and we will be sending a letter and email home with more information. Students will be expected to begin their iReady minutes beginning on Monday, August 23rd.

Wakefield Middle School athletics for School Year 21-22 will be done through a cooperative model. This means that Wakefield students will team up with Hollinger K-8 students and share the same team. The reason we are doing this for SY 21-22 is because Wakefield currently serves grades six and seven only. In School Year 22-23, Wakefield Middle School will have it's own team as we will add 8th grade and be a complete middle school. In regard to practice schedules, games, etc. please key an eye out for more individualized information.

Additionally, a quick note on that explains how we will work with COVID -19 cases should they occur on the Wakefield campus. Please know that if there is a COVID-19 exposure on campus, then we work to contact trace. That means we work to find who that potentially positive student sat by in class or who he/she/they had contact with for more than 15 cumulative minutes in a radius of 6ft. We then turn all that information over to the Pima County Health Department. The PCHD then makes calls to families to inform them. They also guide families through the process of quarantine if needed. We will be communicating more about this soon.

Finally, should you have any needs or concerns as a parent, please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone. My email address is kamren.taravati@tusd1.org and my phone number is 520-225-3800.