



## CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Principal

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Mrs. Shani Dahl and I am excited to introduce myself to you as the new Principal of Central Middle School.

I am coming to Central MS in my 27<sup>th</sup> year as an educator in Riverside Unified School District. I began my career in 1992 as a teacher at Mt. View Elementary School. I remained at Mt. View for 16 years – thirteen years as a classroom teacher, one year as the Categorical Program Specialist, and two years as the Assistant Principal. In 2008, I left Mt. View to become the Principal of Alcott Elementary School where I remained for six years before serving as the Principal of Fremont Elementary from 2014-2018. I have happily spent almost thirty years in RUSD because it is an organization that continually demonstrates its commitment to the success of all children and I am honored to play a small role in the district's mission, vision, and goals for Riverside.

Central opened its doors in the Fall of 1928 and as we enter our 90<sup>th</sup> year of educating Riverside students, I am inspired by the history of the site and its impact on the lives of so many. Central has a culture of high expectations and of creating opportunities wherein all students can achieve success.

The staff at Central is working diligently in preparation for the new school year that begins for 7<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and all students on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. As we come to the final few weeks of summer, this is the time that we reach out to our families to provide information and insight about the upcoming school year.

### **General Information:**

*You may access our Central webpage to get updated information such as Bell Schedules, Parent Letters, Upcoming Events, or learn more about our school at: <http://central.riversideunified.org/>*

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Early Start:**

*7<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend school on an early start date (Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>). On this day, we will begin with an orientation after which students will have an opportunity to meet all of their teachers and find where all of their classrooms are located. Please keep in mind that this is a **mandatory** day, not optional.*

### **(NEW FOR 2018-2019) Extended learning Opportunity – 7<sup>th</sup> Period:**

*To enhance your child's middle school experience and give all students an opportunity to engage in enrichment opportunities, students will be selecting a non-graded class to take at 7<sup>th</sup> period on*

*Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Students will also have the option to voluntarily attend the same class on Wednesdays after school for 54 minutes to allow for a deeper dive into the class/club. Students who sign up for the Wednesday class will be committing for the semester because attendance will be required once they commit. Students will learn more about the available options during the first three weeks of school and we will do our best to ensure that the selection options are as equitable as possible. This means that there will be courses that fill up and other selections will need to be considered.*

**Student Attire-Dress Code:**

*Student appearance at school is important and we value an environment that is free of distractions so that students can focus on their academics while thriving in a positive school culture. We understand that kids want to be comfortable and look stylish, but wearing clothes that are revealing and/or distracting take away from the spirit of education we seek to create.*

**Parent Involvement:**

*Parents play the most important role in the success of our students and we look forward to working with you to help your child thrive in middle school. Because your influence is significant, we ask that you closely monitor your child's progress by signing into the **Aeries Parent Portal** to keep informed about your child's grades.*

*We are currently renewing our commitment to parent engagement through a revived and rejuvenated PTSA and we want YOU to be a part of the excitement! There will be an informational meeting in the Multi-Purpose Hall on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.*

I am looking forward to meeting each of you throughout the school year as we work as partners to promote your child's growth at Central. Best wishes for a wonderful final few weeks of summer vacation and I look forward to seeing all of you in August!

Sincerely,

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