

AJO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #15

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July 27, 2021

Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of our school staff, we welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year in the Ajo Schools. We are glad we can plan the opening of school for our students on 8/9/21, as a traditional opening of school. We have missed not having that in our school since March 2020.

Please be aware that all students in all Arizona public schools must be registered each year by the parent/guardian of each child for them to attend school. If your family has not done this yet, please do so as soon as possible. Being registered before the first day of school on 8/9/21, will help your child/children start the year better.

We have scheduled an opportunity for you to meet your child's/children's teacher(s) at the traditional Ajo School Open House on 8/5/21. The Open House will begin in the Dicus Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. and end by 7:30 p.m. After a short meeting in the auditorium, teachers will open classrooms to meet students and families. We hope you will be able to meet the important teachers that your child/children will work with this coming school year at this event. Please do not hesitate to make appointments with teachers or staff later in the school year if you need to have a private conference with any staff member or teacher to seek answers to your child's/children's educational program.

COVID-19 has resurfaced in Arizona as the Delta variant. I hope your family is safe and remains safe. Unfortunately, this virus has become political. Our goal is to keep all students safe, not to be political, but we need for our students and staff to be safe. We suggest that all students and staff wear masks, especially if they have not been vaccinated. We are working with the Desert Senita Community Health Center to provide vaccinations for those students of ages 12 and older. Those persons vaccinated for COVID-19 are very unlikely to attract that virus... just like your childhood vaccinations for measles, mumps, rubella, polio, etc.

The Ajo School has a new principal this year. Dr. Lance Chebultz has worked previously in elementary and secondary schools in Arizona and is eager to meet and work with our students. He will be very visible on our campus daily.

We look forward to a good year at Ajo Schools but, we cannot do that without parental and student work towards our goal to make all students college and career ready. As a team of students, families, and educators, we can have successful students. To be successful, it is important that students attend school every day unless they are ill or exposed to COVID-19. We are looking forward to seeing you on 8/5/21

Stay safe,

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Lance Chebultz, Ed.D.
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Ajo Schools

Robert F. Dooley, Ed.D.
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