

Dear Monument Parents and Community,

I am just 3 months into my job here at Monument and I already feel at home. My career has taken me to several small districts, both as a teacher and administrator, and I have been fortunate enough to have had a wide range of experiences within the education world that make me feel confident in offering assistance and advice to all my partners who help raise and nurture our children. Monument School is by far the most fortunate of Districts it has been my pleasure to serve. Class size and student-teacher ratio like ours are unheard of in 99% of Oregon districts, and there should be no reason that our kids receive anything less than private school learning. Of course, there is never enough funding to provide all of our kids with a Cadillac education, but the family atmosphere developed within the intimacy of a school like Monument is a luxury indeed.

Monument teachers and staff deserve our appreciation and praise. What impresses me most is the willingness of our school team to go above and beyond through cooperation, caring, and selfless volunteering of their time. It is all too rare that teachers and staff willingly stay late for meetings and do all of those unseen little things that make school life better for the students and everyone else in the school.

I am hoping that everyone feels open to visiting our school and attending the activities. Come in and visit with me, or volunteer in a classroom. A simple background check will afford you the opportunity to help teachers and feel some of the warm satisfaction of working with young people.

I may not be a long term leader in Monument, but that does not impact my dedication and ownership of this District. The support your School Board has offered me and my wife, along with the loving experiences in the schools will give us rich life-long memories of Monument.

From time to time I will be offering, in this newsletter and on our Website, parenting information and tips related to school life. I hope you receive them with the message intended – not that you are being judged as parents, but rather as a way to add to your child raising “toolkit”.

Sincerely,

Mickey Lane, Superintendent