

Hello IOESI Families,

I would like to ensure you that our teachers and staff are ready to begin working hard to see each and every student succeed. I offer you my personal commitment to serve you and your child's academic needs to the best and fullest of my abilities! We are ready to provide new advanced literature studies, hands on math learning, science investigations, history, rigorous writing, and more! We will have a school wide focus on Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). AVID will not simply be an elective class, but a learner support system for all students; helping them be organized and prepared for college or career.

Our school phone number is 383-6750. School hours are from 7:50 a.m.-2:50 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Thursday hours will be from 7:50 a.m.-11:50 a.m. **The first Thursday, July 16 is a full day of school for all students. The early release Thursdays will begin on July 23!** The extended professional learning for teachers on Thursdays will directly benefit your children! Thursdays will be our professional opportunity to learn and grow in teaching strategies and methods, develop supports for all learners according to testing data, and make specific goals and plans for all groups of students – within all ability levels.

It is important that you know that we are committed to providing each grade level with learning opportunities, which meet each of their unique needs. We will provide the fourth and fifth graders with learning interventions and enrichment mostly in one homeroom classroom. We will provide the sixth grade students a learning environment unique to them. In that, they will rotate among four core classes: 6th grade math, science, social studies, and ELA (reading and writing). This will provide them with a yearlong experience of knowing the responsibilities of attending multiple classes, with different teachers, preparing them for their next step into middle school. We will nurture and support all! All students will continue to receive PE classes and Tohono O'odham culture lessons.

We will continue to celebrate academic achievement with assemblies, celebrations, and rewards. We will continue to select "students of the month" and honor those winners during the monthly governing board meetings at the district offices. We will begin evening parent classes to support you in teaching you ways to help your child's education. I soon will be posting information about our school's site council. Please keep an eye out for our first site council meeting date, and please feel free to join us so you can have input into our school and its developing plans. Your voice is important to me!

Also located on our campus is the district's new "clothing bank." Soon you will be able to come to our campus and receive assistance for clothing, shoes, and toiletries from the clothing bank located in the building across from our front offices. We will announce more news on the new clothing bank soon.

In closing, I would like to tell you how proud I am to serve you and your child at IOES Intermediate School! I am equally proud and feel honored to serve the Tohono O'odham Nation. I take my job and the importance of educating the nation's youth very seriously and deeply to heart! I maintain an open door policy and look forward to seeing you all soon!

Together for excellence and in the partnership of sustaining the success of the O'odham Nation,

Ms. McIntyre  
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Principal