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Lukachukai Community School Board of Education, Inc.

Atsá News

WELCOME BACK!

Yá'át'ééh! Greetings, Parents & Students! It is a pleasure to introduce myself as the Principal at Lukachukai Community Board of Education, Inc. My name is Dr. Roseyphena Sells. I am of the Zuni-Red Running Into the Water clan (Naaneesht'ézhí Táchiinii nishí) and born for the Bitter Water clan (Tódich'í'nií báhishchíín). My maternal grandfather's clan is the Coyote Pass clan (Ma'iideeshghiiznii da shichei) and my paternal grandfather's clan is the One Who Walks Around One (Honágháahnii da shinalí). I am originally from a small place southeast of Rough Rock, Az.

Fifteen years of my professional career was working as a Special Education Teacher and an Administrator. Twelve years were served as a special education teacher and four years as a Superintendent and Principal. I hold various Arizona State Standard Certifications in the field of General Education, Special Education and Educational Leadership.

I am delighted and thankful for the opportunity to serve the community of Lukachuaki. I assure you I am putting forth my best efforts to provide our children all the educational opportunities that will enhance their quality of life to become successful, confident, self-directed and lifelong learners. I am looking forward to meeting and working with our highly qualified teachers/staff, wonderful students and all of our supportive parents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic & restrictions we implemented limiting visitors on campus to keep everyone safe. Phone calls and virtual meetings are preferred and recommended. Again, thank you and I look forward to meeting everyone.

Aheehee, Amá dóó Azhé'é! Thank you, parents!

REMOTE/VIRTUAL LEARNING PLAN

Thank you all very much for your patience. We are currently on a remote and virtual learning plan which was sent out to parents with a survey. If you would like another copy, we will have it available for you on the school website. Based on our current progress review, we faced many challenges that this pandemic presented within our school, but we will get through it together. However, we are slowly but surely, addressing each area of concern and making improvements.

I want to thank everyone - the staff and administration for working together and supporting one another to make virtual learning possible. All teachers and students received new devices that were purchased. Students and teachers received laptops and Wi-Fi devices to allow them to remote work as well as maintain contact with students and parents.

Our teachers are working hard on a daily basis & I kindly ask for your patience & cooperation in their efforts to contact your children for instructional activities & meetings. Additionally, due to the number of concerns regarding teacher, parent, & student contact, we have eliminated the Special Classes; reassigned the teachers to assist general education teachers. Teachers are challenged daily with tasks and supports such as technology, internet access, making copies, and contacting parents/students. To address these issues, we have reassigned special teachers to assist and that seems to be working.

We, Lukachukai Board of Education, Inc., believe: All Students are unique and capable individuals who will achieve high academic standards. All students can become confident, self-directed, lifelong learners beyond the classroom.

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Parent's Guide to Remote Learning

HOW TO CREATE A CONDUCTIVE LEARNING SPACE IN YOUR HOME:

Physical Environment in Your Home:

1. Create a Designated Learning Space
2. Choose the Right Learning Space

What You Will Need:

1. In-Home Wi-Fi
2. Web-Accessible Device (laptop or tablet Chromebook)

How You Can Help as a Parent/Guardian:

1. Minimize Distractions
2. Set a Schedule at home
3. Communicate with teachers
4. Check-In (checking in with your child to not only make sure they're getting their assignments completed, but just as important, making sure they're doing 'ok' mentally--this is super-important!)

REMINDERS

Parents, it is crucial you help us with your child's current educational plans and most importantly ensuring they are available on a daily basis to receive instructions and the supports they need from their teachers. We cannot emphasize that enough. Have them in bed by a certain time just like they would be if they were coming to school.

- *They need to be available and ready by 8:00 AM to attend virtual class meetings.*
- *Attendance is being counted based on the contacts teachers make by phone or by virtual meetings.*
- *WiFi devices have limited GBs, please use for only school use.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Assessments - NWEA Assessments are still being administered by Mrs. Pahe-Elliott, Mr. Yazzie, and Ms. Ben. They will continue to test students throughout the week. Once they are done testing all students for NWEA, they will begin testing for DIBELS and WIDA.

Parent/Teacher Conference (PTC) - PTC will be conducted by appointment only on Tuesday (9/8) & Wednesday (9/9). Teachers will provide appointment schedules based on their instructional times and availability.

Regular Board Meeting - We will have our Regular Board Meeting on September 1st at 9:00 AM.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the following:

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