

RILEY ELEMENTARY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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This week's theme: I am your new principal

Dear Parents,

I am so thrilled to be at Riley as the new principal! I feel very lucky to serve in this role.

I sent a letter before summer break introducing myself. Here is a quick summary of things about me, in case you forgot or never saw the letter:

- I was raised in the Glendale area. My dad still lives in Glendale. I attended Mountain View, Glendale, and East High while growing up.
- I have been a principal for 8 years at Edison and at Mountain View.
- I worked at the district office for the last two years helping principals.
- I have a son named Jayden who is in the 7th grade.

As Riley principal, I am looking forward to working with you to help this great school achieve its potential.

Here are some things I can commit to right away:

- You will see me out and about—in the morning before school, at breakfast, in classrooms, in the cafeteria during lunch, and on the playground during recesses.
- I plan to learn the names of every student in the building.
- I will listen to your concerns and work hard to address them. Last year, we heard from parents at Second Cop of Coffee that they would like notes to be sent home on a certain day rather than every day. You can expect your notes to be sent home every Wednesday with your children in a special folder that they will carry to and from school (in fact, you probably found this letter in your child's folder—please remember to send it back to school!).
- I will be collaborating with the teachers to raise student achievement results and to help your children realize their full potential.
- I plan to stay for several years. Riley has had lots of principal changes, and this has been hard on the school. I want to be here for a while.

Please come and visit me. If I am not in my office, you can schedule a time to come back so we can chat. I enjoy talking with families and learning about how I can best support them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Thank you for your dedication to your children and their education. I promise to work hard and always do my best. You can reach me by phone at 801-974-8310 or by email at james.martin@slcschools.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Martin