



SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

As Principal of AcadeMir Charter School West it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2018-2019 school year. For many of you, it is a warm welcome back to ACSW; for other families, it is a brand new educational journey for your children and we welcome you to the ACSW family. I hope your summer has gone well and that you are all excited for the beginning of the new school year. I look forward to an exciting year as we collectively strive to foster a culture of academic excellence and 21st century learning environment that is sure to yield positive student achievement. I feel extremely fortunate to be working with such an exceptional group of students, families, and staff members.

This past year we achieved extraordinary results as we have maintained our High Performing School Status and maintained school letter “A” Grade. This past year we received the distinct honor of being designated a 2017-2018 National Blue Ribbon School. We demonstrated that our students can achieve high levels of “Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing” schools placing us in the top 15% of all schools in the nation in closing subgroup achievement gaps in English and Mathematics as measured by state assessments. Our Robotics team was ranked 5th in the State qualifying us to compete in the 2018 VEX Robotics World Championship and we finished 53rd place in the World Championship out of 350 teams. Additionally, this past year we became a STEM Designated School and named a Positive Behavior System Designated School.

Most excitingly we began the construction of our ACSW Sports Complex in our current physical education field, we anticipate completion of construction to be in October. This summer we also did some remodeling to our facility with brand new student restrooms, main office and new security features such as 36 new security cameras, a six foot fence surrounding the perimeter of the building, installed panic alarms, new door locks and new security measures to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff. I look forward to fostering greater student results and working with the faculty and staff in order to offer our students a world-class educational experience for all students. Below I have highlighted some important information to assist you in planning for the beginning of school.

Back to School Orientations: I look forward to meeting our new students and welcoming our returning students and their families during our Back to School Orientation Meetings. I encourage all families to attend as classroom assignments will be posted, it is a great time to reconnect with former classmates, make new friends and meet your teachers. Please refer to the chart below for date(s) and times of your set orientation meeting.

Grade Levels	Dates	Times
2 nd through 5 th Grade	August 15, 2018	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
K through 1 st Grade	August 16, 2018	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

First Day of School and School Hours for Students: School begins on Monday, August 20, 2018 and drop-off begins at 7:45 a.m. Classroom assignments will be posted around the campus that morning and support personnel will be strategically located throughout the school with class

lists to assist students locate assigned classrooms. All students are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:30 a.m. ready to begin the day.

Dismissal will be at 2:30 K-1st, and 3:30 for grades 2-5th every Monday – Friday except for Wednesday's which will be a school wide early release day; K-1st at 2:00 pm and 2nd- 5th at 2:30 pm. Drop off and pick up will happen via the pickup lanes and East side pick-up area for walkers only, to maintain student safety, we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

My main goal is to ensure that every student is provided the highest quality education possible in a safe and nurturing learning environment. I am confident, that together, we can make AcadeMir an even better place for our students to learn and grow. I am honored to serve as the principal of ACSW. It is truly a privilege to be part of a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. Together we can “*Soar to New Heights*” to achieve academic excellence. Our school staff looks forward to working with you and your children to make this the most successful year ever!

Kind Regards,

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