## Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year!

Dear Parents of Timber Ridge Rangers,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We are so happy to welcome you to the campus. Many of you are returning after our time of virtual Continued Learning. We are happy to see your smiling faces again. For those who are new to Timber Ridge, I want to personally welcome you and let you know that you are joining a strong community of learners. We also want to welcome the families who are attending our newest special programs for PPCD 3/4 and CASTLE 3/4. We are excited to welcome all who joining the Ranger Family. Please reach out to us if we can help you in any way.

This year our students have been profoundly impacted by COVID-19. When we left for Spring Break, we could not have imagined that this would be the last time we would see our students together. Despite the unusual circumstances, our staff of #happycampers jumped into action to ensure that our students had opportunities to connect with us and with each other. Students had the opportunities to participate in many learning opportunities such as packet-based learning, digital learning, televised learning, and live virtual learning sessions. As a principal, I cannot thank the Ranger staff enough for all they did to help our students and families during this unprecedented time.

We know that despite these interventions, many of our students will need additional support this year to ensure that they gain the skills that they would have mastered in the fourth nine-weeks grading period last year. Our teachers at all grade-levels will be providing instruction to ensure that gaps are closed as we move forward with new learning for this year.

This year you will also notice a campus focus on math processes and standards. We know that students who are most successful in math concepts taught in elementary are also most successful in high school algebra classes. We want our students to have the best possible future and we believe that providing a strong foundation in math will ensure that our students have all options available to them whether they choose to learn a trade, go on to college, join the workforce or enter the military.

We have a wonderful parent involvement program led by our parent Ms. Smith. We invite you to attend Little Rangers Early Literacy Club meetings if you have a child who is not yet school-age. Throughout the year, we will also host parent education programs on topics such as digital literacy, how to help your child with homework, summer fun activities and more. We will also host many activities for parents to participate. In the past, these have included: Kite Day, Boosterthon, Field Day, Christmas parties, and more!



We are so proud of our Ranger Family for all that they have accomplished while working remotely for these past few months. We are glad to be back together for the 20-21 school year. We have learned that we can do great things no matter how spread out we are as long as in our hearts we remember that we are #bettertogether . We are looking forward to building strong relationships with your family and working with you and your children this year. We are looking forward to the great learning that will take place this year. We are "better together".

Kind Regards,

Tanya Dockery Principal