



Cokeville Elementary School

"Making Everyone Better For Life"

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Although there is still plenty of summer remaining, including the excitement of the fair and other end-of-summer activities, we hope your family has enjoyed a fulfilling and rewarding break. We also hope you have created many lasting memories together and are looking forward to the opportunities the upcoming school year will bring.

Cokeville Elementary is proud to be one of the highest-performing elementary schools in Wyoming. We are excited about the learning opportunities available to our students this year. Students in grades 4–6, along with some third-grade students, will participate in a new novel study program. Please feel free to reach out if you would like more information about the novels study program adopted by Lincoln County School District #2. Our teachers received training in this program at the end of the summer, and we look forward to using it to strengthen or in addition to the best parts of what we previously used to enhance literacy skills, increase student achievement, and help every student continue working toward his or her full potential.

This year, we will focus on the concept of TEAM: **Together Everyone Achieves More.** Throughout the year, we will emphasize how working together allows us to accomplish more than we could individually.

My father-in-law, who recently passed away, loved competing in horse pulls. Before I married Melissa, he explained to me that two horses pulling together as a team could pull more weight than the combined amount each horse could pull individually. That lesson has always stayed with me.

In the same way, when our students work together, they can learn more, grow more, overcome greater challenges, and become stronger. The TEAM concept will apply to academics, the playground, athletics, and many other areas of life. Just as our community accomplishes more when we work together, our students achieve more when they support one another and function as a team.

If you have not already done so, please complete your student's online registration. This helps us ensure that everything is prepared for the beginning of the school year. Lunch prices, menus, and online applications for free and reduced-price meals are available on the district website. Paper copies of the free and reduced-price meal application are also available in the Cokeville Elementary office.

As you prepare for the coming year, please review the Cokeville Elementary School Handbook online. The handbook includes important information regarding school expectations, including the dress code. We also want to remind families that the four-day school week calendar was adopted for two years rather than one. This will allow families to plan for both the upcoming school year and the following year.

We were also excited that, at the end of last school year, our PTO purchased two commercial-grade inflatable slides and an additional inflatable game. We will use these as we celebrate different accomplishments throughout the year. Along with improvements to the volleyball court, Gaga ball court, and basketball standards, the PTO accomplished many wonderful things for our students last year.

We encourage parents and guardians to sign up to serve as room parents during Back-to-School Night and to become involved in the PTO. The PTO plays an important role in supporting the Yellowstone trip, the Halloween Carnival, and many other activities throughout the school year. We hope to see many of you at PTO meetings as we continue working together to expand opportunities for our students. The TEAM concept certainly applies to our PTO as well.

We are excited to welcome your students back at the beginning of the school year. Please feel free to contact Cokeville Elementary with any questions. Mrs. Hoffman will be working several days before teachers return under contract and will be available to return calls and assist families.

Thank you for being an important part of our Cokeville Elementary TEAM. We look forward to a successful and rewarding school year.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Dietz
Cokeville K-12 Principal