

Dear Parents and Students,

Our 2019-2020 School Year is off to a great start! I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your warm welcomes and smiles as your new Middle School and High School Vice-Principal. As many of you know, educating students to be both great scholars and even better people is my passion and I am honored and excited to be a part of this journey for you and your students.

I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice (Arizona State University), a Master's Degree in Education (Azusa Pacific University) and credentials as an Education Specialist, Pupil Personnel Services, and Administration. Prior to my career in education, I had the privilege of working in the law enforcement field both in Arizona and for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, County Probation Department, and the Sheriff's Reserves for 21 years.

I have been a resident of the High Desert for the past 23 years and enjoy the semi-rural lifestyle of the Oak Hills community. In the past, my husband and I raised beef cattle and horses, but we have now down-sized to dogs and chickens. It makes the clean-up much more manageable..... When I have some spare time, I enjoy canning, quilting, sewing, and gardening.

My goal as an administrator at the AAE is to foster a safe and positive learning environment in which our young people can grow and flourish, not just as individuals, but also as part of a community of kind and caring individuals who work together to empower each other. As I explained in my Expectations Assemblies, I ask our students to be KIND in three areas: KIND to each other, KIND to the campus and facilities, and KIND to themselves and their families.

I look forward to working with all of you to achieve these goals in the coming school year. Go Knights!

Sincerely,

Sally F. Ritchea  
MS/HS Vice-Principal