Welcome Back!
I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It is my wish that you are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year. I am grateful that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive attitude and your dedication to excellence in education. The Magee Middle School staff and I look forward to working with you and your children.

This is going to be another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff have already planned to help your child have a successful school year. Our hard working office team are still registering new families, ordering needed materials, and updating student files. Our conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. Our much-appreciated PTSA is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs. We are indeed a community with the common goals of cultivating responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

New Staff
We are excited and honored to welcome many new faces to campus, including six highly qualified teachers from the Philippines. Our new math department is comprised of Mr. Aro, Ms. Hoyo-A, Ms. Italia, Ms. Conover, and Mr. Singh. We also brought in Ms. Pasilan, Ms. Isiderio, Ms. Relota as teachers in our Exceptional Education department, as well as Mr. Teckle and Ms. Schierling as Exceptional Education aides. Our campus has a new MTSS coordinator, Ms. Van Scyoc, who works to provide interventions for struggling students. Also working with interventions is Ms. Lithgow. Ms. Patty will be teaching in the ELD department and Ms. Applegate is teaching orchestra. The front office has a new face with Ms. Selleck as the Attendance Technician. Magee will be sharing an SRO with Saguaro so be sure to look for Officer Burr on campus. We are also finalizing the hires of a new groundskeeper and a new hall monitor. Last, but certainly not least, we are very happy to introduce our new assistant principal, Ms. Nina Rojas. She has spent nine years in the classroom and has worked in the Title 1 department at the TUSD district office. We are delighted to welcome all or our new faces and look forward to good things on campus.

Facilities Update
If you drove past the school this summer, you may have noticed minor maintenance and construction projects.
- We repainted our parking lot pedestrian crossing areas to better delineate student walking spaces and lanes.
- Two sets of bleachers were moved from one area of campus to a new spot under the solar panels to provide shade for students at lunch and seating for basketball and volleyball fans.
- All three refillable water stations have been installed: one on the second floor and two on the main level.
- Our custodial team, along with our TUSD Operations staff, have worked hard to make the building safe and welcoming for our students.

Academics
Careful consideration was given to decreasing per pupil ratios in both math and ELA classes. Classrooms will be balanced in the first few weeks of school to maximize student learning. We encourage you to ask your child everyday what they did in their classes and to look over their planners.

IXL is a brand web based software program, purchased by the district, that will be used throughout campus. While it will be primarily used in the math intervention classroom, it is
available to all students to use at home with their own log-in. The software will help students build their skills, improve their proficiency, and is good for any grade level K-12 for most subjects.

**Giving Back**
Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports, or PBIS, is a school-wide prevention and school climate structure that standardizes expectations for all students at Magee Middle School. In each classroom, and in all common areas on the Magee campus, students will engage in the Magee core values: Truth, Trust, Responsibility, Respect, Citizenship, and Integrity.

This year we are so excited to open a PBIS student store to reward students for positive behavior. During registration, students were charged a fee to help fund the store, as well as pay for the reward parties that will be held throughout the year. Feel free to come by the Roadrunner Store in the next few weeks, or help out at the reward parties, and celebrate students making great choices.

I encourage you to get involved and attend as many events as possible. Follow the principal on Instagram @magee.tusd. The PTSA is an amazing organization and is always looking for volunteers, from feeding the staff, to helping with PBIS or testing, to signing up to serve on Make a Difference Day. Please reach out to them at mageeptsa@gmail.com or follow them on Facebook at Magee Middle School PTSA.

Thank you to all our students, parents, and community members. Your commitment to making Magee a successful school is awe-inspiring. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Please stop by and say hello. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all students.

Regards,

Jason Lindsay
Principal, Magee Middle School