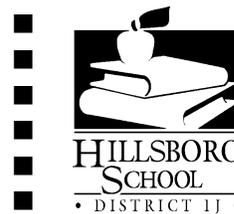


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Dear South Meadows Students and Parents:

Let me begin by welcoming you to South Meadows Middle School. We are excited about the 2012-2013 school year. Our focus will be student achievement as we work together to meet our mission "to ensure **all** students are **successful** in high school and in life in order to contribute to a global society".

At South Meadows, you will find a learning environment that promotes intercultural awareness, holistic learning, equitable practices, bilingualism and communication. Every student is part of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (MYP), every student will receive integrated instruction in Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM), and every student will be part of our College and Career Ready (CCR) program. A select few of our students will also participate in our Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) and our Dual Language Program (DLP). Each opportunity strives to provide students with rigorous curriculum, instruction and assessments while providing real life context to learning.

At South Meadows, we take great PRIDE in all that we do. PRIDE stands for **P**erseverance, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **D**iversity and **E**xcellence. These are all qualities that we instill in our students. We ask that these behaviors be exhibited while at school, at home, and in our community. Referring to these qualities at home is an excellent way to reinforce expectations and behaviors that are critical to success at South Meadows and in life.

As you prepare for the year ahead, take a few moments to think about what you want to accomplish as a 7th or 8th grader. Create three simple goals centered on grades, behavior, and relationships with staff and students. This will set the foundation for your success at South Meadows. In order to meet your goals, you will need to work hard and stay focused on learning. It is will be our job to teach and support you along the way.

Enclosed is important information for you to review as you prepare for the first days of school. I also want to call your attention to a special flyer that has been included. On September 17, we will be hosting Rachel's Challenge during the school day for students and in evening for families. Please save this date, as it will be an excellent way to bring students, families, and staff together.

Again, we look forward to the year ahead. With your support, it will be a success. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 503-844-1220.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arturo Lomeli".

Arturo Lomeli
Principal