

GALLINA/COYOTE ELEMENTARY

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Jemez Mountain Schools Board of Education, Superintendent Delgado, school staff and myself, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you back for the 2008-2009 school year. This is an exciting time to be a part of the Gallina and Coyote Elementary School education family. With the onset of a new school year, we will continue to build on the system-wide continuous improvement plan aimed at increasing achievement for all students.

As the new elementary school principal, it will be my specific focus to ensure that all students will possess problem solving skills, analytical skills, critical thinking skills, and synthesizing skills. They will be accepting of various customs and cultural differences, be able to work as part of a team, and work well with others. They will be able to write effectively, communicate and listen well. Students will also gain the technology skills to effectively achieve their goals at work, home or during leisure. Finally, it is my intention that students will be life long learners, living healthy and violent free lifestyles.

About me: I come to my new post with 17 years of experience in New Mexico education. I began my career as a teacher with the Taos Municipal Schools in 1991 until I moved to the Rio Rancho Public Schools in 1996. There, I served at the 7th grade team leader and taught science for 5 years. I started working at the Albuquerque Public Schools in 2001 and served as an Instructional Coach helping teachers become better at teaching through modeling and support. I facilitated, designed and implemented curriculum that aligned with the New Mexico State Education Standards and was successful pursuing various grants. I was recruited for a year to work for Central New Mexico Community College in 2004 building education partnerships among the public schools and the college. In 2005, I returned to the Albuquerque Public Schools, where I have spent the last three years serving as the assistant principal in charge of school-wide testing and attendance at Cibola High School.

As the new elementary school principal, I value your input. I want to hear and respond to your questions, suggestions, and concerns. As educators and interested community members, we share the same hopes and dreams for the children of Jemez Mountain Schools. It is my pledge to work collaboratively with you to provide the children and youth of this community with the highest quality education.

Some announcements: Enclosed with this letter you will find a list of necessary school supplies for the start of the school year and a 2008-2009 school calendar. I will share open house information at a later date. We are almost fully staffed and I intend to close our last vacancy prior to the start of school. The District website is one of our most important communication tools and can be found at <http://www.jmsk12.com/index.htm> Please bookmark this page on your computer and visit the site frequently for important information. You can reach me at 575.638.5491 and my e-mail address is abreu_v@jmsk.com

I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have assisted us in our effort to provide quality education to every child, every day. Please know that your involvement is welcomed and encouraged. Together, we will make a positive difference in the lives of our children. I am looking forward to personally meeting each of you.

Sincerely,

Vicky T. Abreú

Principal, Gallina and Coyote Elementary Schools