



Dear Cougar Families, Students, Staff, and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

It is with a heart full of gratitude and excitement that I welcome each of you to a new year of learning, growth, and opportunity. Whether this is your family's first year with us or you have called our school home for generations, I am honored to serve as your principal and to begin this journey together.

Schools are much more than buildings where lessons are taught. They are places where children discover who they are, friendships are formed and fostered, dreams develop and begin to take shape, and memories that last a lifetime are made. It is a great privilege to serve Klondike ISD and to be part of those moments, and I do not take that responsibility lightly.

As I have gotten to know our school community over the past few weeks, one thing has become abundantly clear to me: this is a very special place. Our greatest strength is our people. We are a community that believes in one another, supports one another, and celebrates each other's successes. That sense of family is something I hope every student, parent, staff member, and every visitor feels the moment they walk through our doors.

Our vision for this year is simple: Every Student. Every Day. Whatever It Takes.

Whether your child is taking their very first steps into Pre-K, preparing for middle school, transitioning into high school, competing on the field, cheering on the sidelines, performing on the stage, or walking toward graduation, every student deserves to be seen, known, valued, challenged, encouraged and loved. Our mission is to provide a safe, welcoming environment where students can grow academically, socially, emotionally, and get the support they need to soar.

Success is not measured only by grades or test scores. Success is found in acts of kindness, perseverance through challenges, personal growth, leadership, service to others, and the confidence students gain as they discover what they are capable of accomplishing.

Our incredible teachers and staff have spent countless hours preparing for this school year because they genuinely care and believe in our students. They are committed to creating engaging classrooms, building meaningful relationships, and helping every child reach their fullest potential.

Parents and guardians, thank you for entrusting us with your greatest gift. We recognize that educating children is a partnership. We invite you to stay involved, communicate openly with us, attend school events, celebrate successes, and work alongside us throughout the year. Together, there is no limit to what our students can achieve.

Our Promise:

As your school family, we promise to:

- We will love, encourage, and support every student.
- We will foster a culture of kindness, respect, and integrity.
- We will celebrate growth, effort, and achievement at all levels.
- We will work together with families and our community to ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed.
- We will maintain high expectations for both our students and ourselves, holding everyone accountable to those standards while also providing the encouragement and motivation needed for students to achieve successful outcomes.

This year we want to make sure our families stay informed and up to date on everything happening at Klondike ISD. For the most current information about school events, important dates, activities, and game schedules, and any scheduled event changes. Our district event calendar is updated regularly, and we make every effort to ensure that any changes or additions are reflected as quickly as possible. We encourage you to make the district event calendar a regular resource throughout the school year. To access the district event calendar, please visit our website at klondike.esc17.net or you can use the QR code below to access the district event calendar. Once you are on the website you will click on the calendar icon, and be able to see everything that is going on.



Mark Your Calendars

First Day of School: Monday, August 10, 2026.

First Day Reminders:

- Main entry doors will be open at 7:30 a.m. for drop off.
- Breakfast is served from 7:40 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. Students must arrive before 7:50 a.m. in order to eat breakfast.
- First Bell Rings at 7:55 a.m. the Tardy Bell Rings at 8:00 a.m. and Instruction Begins promptly at 8:00 a.m.
- Parents will be allowed to walk their students to their classrooms and take pictures, etc. on the first day. For the rest of the week, parents will be allowed to walk their students to their classrooms or the cafeteria. After the first week, we ask that all parents drop their students off at the main entrance.
- Parent pick up will be at the cafeteria doors, Elementary will release at 3:35 for PK-2; 3:45 for 3rd and 4th grades and for Secondary (5th-12th) at 3:50 p.m.
- **IMPORTANT:** Please help us out by providing the following information to your student(s). After breakfast, all 5th grade -12th grade students and staff will meet in the auditorium for a brief informational session with our Superintendent, Mr. Lowery and I. Parents are welcome to attend if they would like. After the meeting students will be dismissed to their 2nd period classes (see below) where they will receive their schedules:
 - 5th grade to Mrs. Freitag
 - 6th grade to Mrs. McGee
 - 7th grade to Mrs. Jourden
 - 8th grade to Mrs. Allison
 - Freshman to Mrs. Clark
 - Sophomores to Mr. Clark
 - Juniors to Mrs. Evans
 - Seniors to Mrs. Bellows

Meet the Cougars Event: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 @ 3:30 in the big gym. All parents wanting to attend will need to enter through the main entrance of the building.

As we begin this school year, I encourage every student to come with an open mind, a positive attitude, and a willingness to learn something new each day. Do not be afraid to ask questions, try new things, or step outside your comfort zone. Some of the greatest accomplishments begin with the courage to simply take the first step.

Together, we will celebrate victories, learn from challenges, and create memories that will last a lifetime. I truly believe this year will be one of growth, excellence, and opportunity for every student who walks through our doors.

Thank you for welcoming me into this wonderful community. I look forward to meeting each of you, cheering on our students, partnering with our families, and celebrating everything that makes Klondike such a special place to be.

The Klondike Booster Club Spirit store is up and going. Please check out all the Cougar merchandise for this year, you will be glad you did: <https://gogandy.com/klondike-fsw26>

Let's make the 2026-2027 school year one filled with learning, laughter, kindness, perseverance, and full of Cougar Pride. If you have any questions please contact the front office at 806.462.7332.

See you soon, and welcome back!

With gratitude,

Melanie Rega

Principal

Klondike ISD

"Together, we are building a future where every child is known, every child belongs, and every child has the opportunity to succeed."

