

Woodland Middle School Website

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! I am honored and excited to lead Woodland Middle School as your new principal. I believe we are standing on the dawn of a new day for Woodland, and with hard work, collaboration and a strong belief that we can succeed, we will reach new heights with student achievement and a positive school culture!

This year you can expect an increased focus on student behavior and discipline. For teachers to teach and students to learn, we must have a safe and orderly environment. Each student will receive a copy of the KCSB Code of Expected Behavior and Conduct and a Woodland Middle School Student Handbook. I expect every family to read and become familiar with our expectations, as they will be strictly and consistently enforced.

Another element you will see is an emphasis on student academic achievement. New structures will be put into place to identify students in danger of failing and providing remediation throughout the school year to avoid failing grades. Every student will receive daily Response to Instruction (RTI) classes in reading and math to strengthen their skills in these areas and allow our advanced students the opportunities to grow to higher levels. Our advanced 8th grade students will continue to have the opportunity to attend some classes at Scott HS as well.

In addition to our focus on behavior and academics, we will also institute a strong Social Emotional Learning component into our regular instruction. Our goal is to teach our students coping skills to be successful in a complex world. We are currently evaluating several programs and will present them to our SBDM Council for approval soon. Each student will receive this instruction in a whole group setting, with some of our students receiving more in-depth coaching in a small group setting as needed.

You will notice an increased number of family involvement events this year. Please come and participate! The best way for our students to be successful is a strong relationship between school and home. You are welcome in our school, and we want to work with you for the benefit of your children.

Don't hesitate to call on me if you need assistance. I look forward to an exciting year filled with great things for the students, staff, and families of Woodland Middle School!

Sincerely,

Christi A. Jefferds