



*Cragin Elementary School*  
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Welcome Cragin Students and Parents/Guardians:

I would like to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! I am excited to return as the principal of our great school. I look forward to working together to continue Cragin's tradition in creating very caring, collaborative, and dedicated community that support each other and our mission of creating well rounded educated cougars. As your principal, I am committed to building relationships and working together with you. I strive to always listen first to understand, be transparent when communicating and look forward to meeting each one of you.

I believe we are all lifelong learners. Learning is not a spectator sport. We must take chances, make mistakes to grow and build resiliency. Students learn by doing and by being engaged in relevant and rigorous instruction. I believe that every child is unique and has the capability of learning in a positive and supportive environment. Our students are our future, and we need to teach them to function successfully in a complex, diverse, and changing world. Our students come with so much knowledge and potential and we want to ensure they have the tools they need to do great things in their lives. At Cragin we have caring, experienced and committed staff that work together to ensure the social/emotional and academic needs of all our students are met.

While there are many tasks as principal that need to be accomplished, my top priorities this year are safety and security, social and emotional well-being, and academic excellence. It takes a team of people to make a school great, so I want to encourage you to be involved and build collaborative and cooperative relationships with Cragin staff and volunteers to provide your child the best school experience possible. A school is all about the diverse people in it, so don't hesitate to call, email, or stop by. You can keep up with all the latest happenings by visiting our Cragin website at <https://cragines.tusd1.org/> or follow us on Facebook.

It's going to be a wonderful year! We look forward to meeting your family and working with you in the coming school year.

On the next page, you will find important dates and times regarding the beginning of the school year. Additional information will be sent out in future communications.

Sincerely,

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## **Important beginning of the year dates and times**

### **Meet Your Teacher:**

Cragin will be hosting a meet and greet for students to meet their teachers for all grade levels, on Wednesday, August 2 from 2:45 pm to 3:45pm. This Meet and Greet will allow you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see the classroom.

### **First Day of school:**

Our first day of school for students will begin on Thursday August 3, 2023.

### **Arrival/Dismissal Times:**

Our campus opens at 8:00 am

Breakfast is from 8:00-8:35 am

Our warning bell rings at 8:30 and our late bell rings at 8:35. Please be sure to have your child/children here on time.

Our school day dismisses at 2:45 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesday students will be dismissed at 1:45 pm

Office closes at 4:00 pm

### **Open House**

Tuesday August 22, 2023, from 5:00-6:30pm in the cafeteria and classrooms.