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*Welcome Parent/Guardians, Family, and Friends to Lakeside Middle School, Home of the Lions!*

*There is an amazing sense of excitement and energy in our school atmosphere as our teachers, administrators, and support staff work cooperatively to ensure that our students receive a relevant, rigorous, and quality standard-based educational experience. As the principal, I am honored to have the opportunity to serve our outstanding middle school students as we continually strive to meet their educational, personal, career, and social developmental needs. Additionally our new assistant principal, Ms. Kenney has a strong intervention based disciplinary program, and possesses the unique ability to make meaningful connections with students by empowering them to make positive choices in their lives. Finally, I am eager to fulfill the vision held by our VVUSD Board of Education and Superintendent, Mr. Juan M. Lopez who are personally committed to providing our school community with a safe and non-threatening learning environment that is designed to motivate and encourage our students to come to school and achieve academic success.*

*At Lakeside Middle School, we are committed to meeting the following four goals that have been established by the Val Verde Unified School District:*

- 1. Increase Parent Involvement*
- 2. Prepare our Students to be College and Career Ready*
- 3. Continue to Promote a Positive School Climate*
- 4. Maintain and Modernize School and District Facilities and Technology*

Additionally, take a look at some of the many exciting programs and events that are taking place at Lakeside Middle School this year:

- After School Think Together
- Art/Anime Club
- ASB Fierce & Fun Fridays
- AVID Program
- Band Concerts/Competitions
- Beast Card Drawings
- Chess Club
- Chromebooks Utilized by Students School-Wide
- Dance Team
- Dances/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Dance
- Drama Club
- Expansion of our AVID Excel Program
- Expansion of our English Language Learners Program
- Field Trips
- Food Drives
- Full Common Core Implementation
- Fundraisers
- GATE Program
- GSA Club
- Honor Roll Assemblies
- New Advisory Student Enrichment Courses
- New Comprehensive School-Wide Academic Advisory Program
- New Middle School Sports Program
- New Scholars Program
- New STEM Program
- Red Ribbon Week
- Roar of Excellence Awards
- Running Club
- Spirit Day
- Student of the Month Breakfast
- Talent Show
- Video Game Club

*Lakeside Middle School faculty and staff believe that students should meet or exceed grade-level standards and have implemented a variety of accountability measures to assess student learning, guide instruction, develop targeted teaching strategies, and communicate student progress for the new common core standards. We encourage our parents/guardians to be active members of our educational partnership that is best served through the collaborative work and support of our entire Lakeside Middle School family. As you can see, we look forward to your support. The focused educational direction, positive atmosphere, and spirit of Lakeside Middle School help to foster mutual respect and personal growth. Few school districts offer the abundance of educational opportunities that are available at Lakeside Middle School. On behalf of our certificated and classified staff, we welcome the opportunity to share and celebrate the learning and teaching that occurs at Lakeside Middle School, home of the "Lions."*