

# PORTOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL: PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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*Home of the Matadors*

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Dear Portola Families, Students, and Community Members,

I am incredibly proud to be the principal here at Portola Middle School and would like to welcome all of you to the 2015-2016 school year. My entire staff and I are dedicated to developing strong partnerships with our families and community to support all students in their academic success. We recognize that it truly takes a village to foster the necessary skills and characteristics in students so they can fulfill their future goals.

As part of our commitment to providing a high-quality education, we are expanding our course offerings so students will have the opportunity to explore their interests as well as enhancing our existing programs so our students are being challenged to think critically and view learning as a discovery. Thus, we at Portola are proud to offer new classes that focus on real-life applications such as a Science Technology Engineering Art and Mathematics (STEAM) lab, Fashion Design, Journalism, and leadership. We are also delighted to offer more field trips and workshops that provide hands-on learning opportunities to our students that focus on providing academic and social education for all students. We are committed to working with all Matador families and the broader Orange community to ensure all students receive a well-rounded education that best supports their high school, college, and career goals.

In my sixteen years of experience as an educator I have learned that the stronger the relationship between the parents and the school, the more successful the students. I want to strongly encourage all parents to get involved, ask questions of your child about their school work, and communicate with the school as much as possible regarding your child's progress. Together we can make a difference in your child's achievement.

Sincerely,

Jill Katevas  
Principal, Portola Middle School