



Laura N. Banks Elementary School

Banks Bobcats

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Dear Banks Families and Friends,

School year 2009-10

What an exciting time to be at Banks Elementary School! I am honored to serve as principal. Our building is beautiful. Our students come each day eager and ready to learn. Our teachers are prepared and as motivated as ever to deliver quality instruction in our corner of the desert.

As so often happens, some valued staff have moved on, only to be replaced by great new colleagues. The opening spirit at Banks is as positive and vibrant as any I have observed. This is a group of educators you can be happy to entrust with the schooling of your children.

New programs and materials are being introduced and implemented that will impact every facet of learning. We will work hard to raise the bar in building relationships and provide relevance and rigor.

We are particularly proud of our implementation of PBIS (**P**ositive **B**ehavior **I**ntervention **S**ystems) in helping to manage how everyone at Banks treats each other and reacts in tough situations.

Please call, visit and email. Join the PTA and come in to volunteer in classrooms and around the school. We are best served when we serve.



Gratefully,

*Joe Herrmann,*

Principal