

Dear students, parents, and guardians:

I want to officially welcome you to the 2022-2023 School Year! For those of you who are new to our school and community, I want to let you know that you are coming to a wonderful place. The mission of Marked Tree School District is to ensure high levels of learning for all students. You will see this in everything we do.

This school year will be my 19th year in education and I have had the privilege of spending the majority of this time in Marked Tree. I started my teaching career as a math teacher at Marked Tree High School in 2004. Since then, I have served as the K-12 math coach, elementary assistant principal, and elementary principal. This school year, I will be serving the school and community as the K-12 Lead Principal. Our teachers and staff are caring, passionate, hardworking, and always learning new strategies to meet the needs of your children. We are a collaborative group who continuously strives each and every day to be better and push each other. Two of the things we hold most important at Marked Tree Elementary are positive relationships and high expectations for ourselves, our peers, and our students.

The faculty and staff have spent much of their summer preparing for the new school year by attending professional development, cleaning, decorating, planning, purchasing, and preparing materials for your children. Each year as teachers return to complete their final preparations there is an increasing buzz of excitement throughout the halls as opening day gets closer and closer.

Parental and community involvement is paramount. We appreciate your support as your child learns and grows throughout the year. Through our partnership students will succeed at higher levels. We are honored that we have the opportunity to teach your child and do not take the task lightly. We are excited and highly anticipate the return of last year's students and to also meet our new students.

Here's to the best school year ever!

Sincerely,

Lisa Gray, MTSD Lead Principal