July 2016 Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! I hope this letter finds you healthy, happy, and ready to get back to school. I hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with family, friends, and of course- FUN! If you are new to Cromer—Welcome! You are now an official Wildcat! Spirit Day is every Friday. Our students and staff wear navy, or grey.

We have many school goals; this one you can help us with! One of our school goals is to build "community" with families and community members. We have many "Cromer Community" events. Please sign up to help out if you can! We communicate with our families a variety of ways: emails, Cromer PTO Facebook, Cromer website, Connect Ed phone calls, Remind 101 and teachers' letters home. If you have a specific question, please email me at telam-gordon@fusd1.org.

We are working on creating a climate that educates all students and allows for flexibility of different learning styles and maximizing potential of every student. There are certain expectations for every grade level--so stay tuned for exciting happenings in your child's classroom. If you are interested in getting more involved, please attend our PTO meetings.

The Cromer team encourages families to become involved in all aspects of their child's educational experience. Research has demonstrated that students achieve a higher level of academic achievement if their parents are actively involved. At Cromer, we believe that families and staff working together create an environment that enables students' success. As your Cromer faculty we are committed to creating the best educational experience for your child. Let the learning begin! Our classrooms $-K-5^{th}$ will be using the NGSS to support reading instruction, Eureka Math, TCI for Social Studies, FOSS Kits and Engineering is Elementary for science, and AR reading $(1^{st}-5^{th})$.

** Drop off and Pick up**

Morning and afternoon Drop Off- Is just that, be ready to have your child(ren)unload quickly. Please do not have long discussions at our drop-off. This will enable the traffic to move quickly and smoothly. Kindergarteners will be dropped off and picked up from the kindergarten playground and first through fifth graders will be picked up behind the yellow line in the driveway. The inside lane is for drop off and the outside lane is a drive through if you need to park, please make sure you park in a designated parking space this will help traffic flow during drop off and pick up times. Please do not park in the drop off lane. Do not drop off students prior to 8:20, supervision starts at 8:20.

Busing Students - We have nine buses that transport students to and from school each day. To promote student safety, each bus will be assigned a color and students will be given a matching color bracelet. Bracelets should be visible *for the*

first two weeks of school while students and teachers get to know the drivers and the buses.

I am thankful and honored to have served the Cromer learners and community for six years. Each year I learn so many things from our littlest wildcats. I enjoy each day that I am here!

Respectfully,
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All visitors need to stop by the office to obtain a Visitor's Pass. There will be a reminder on all classroom doors. We will check ID of individuals coming in to pick up students early. Except for the ONE front door, the doors will remain locked during the day.