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Kyrene's Ahwatukee Schools see Leadership Changes for the 2009-10 School Year

Some Ahwatukee students who go to the Annual Meet the Teacher Night (dates & times below) should make it a point to find the principal and introduce themselves. As noted below starting Monday, August 10th some Kyrene schools will have new principals on board.

Ev Michell, former Kyrene de las Lomas Principal, will move to Kyrene Centennial Middle School replacing Kathy Miller who retired after many years of service in Kyrene schools. Ms. Michell began teaching in Kyrene in 1987. She was an Assistant Principal at four Kyrene schools before serving as principal at Lomas for the past six years.

Brian Gibson, most recently Assistant Principal at Kyrene de los Cerritos is the new principal of Kyrene de las Lomas Elementary. Mr. Gibson has worked in Kyrene since 1996 as a teacher, student advisor and was previously Assistant Principal at Lomas.

Helene Zimmerman, is the new principal of Monte Vista replacing Dr. Georgia Shimkus who has retired. Ms. Zimmerman is a veteran educator and recently a principal in California. She is a resident of Gilbert.

Jim Verrill, who has been principal at Kyrene de la Sierra for the past three years is now principal at Kyrene del Milenio, Phoenix. Mr. Verrill has been in administration for seven years.

Tracey Pastor will become principal at Kyrene de la Sierra. She is a seasoned educator, having been in administration at the Phoenix Elementary School District for the past 8 years. Ms Pastor served as an elementary principal for the last five years.

If you have questions about your school, neighborhood school offices re-open two weeks prior to the first day of school. Starting July 27 school office hours are:

July 27: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

July 28: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

July 29, 30, 31: 8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon