

# Melba Elementary School



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Dear Melba Elementary Students, Parents, and Community Members,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed principal of Melba Elementary School. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead such an incredible group of staff members and continue working alongside our dedicated and hardworking students. Over the past ten years I have served as a fifth and second grade teacher at Melba Elementary School. My experience within the school has allowed me to witness and contribute to its academic excellence and success.

My first goal this year is to establish a positive relationship with you. Our vision statement reads, “The Melba School District prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and character necessary to achieve career, educational civic, and personal goals, which will enrich our society.” These goals will lead my actions and decisions throughout the year. For students to reach these goals, we must utilize the strengths and expertise provided by every member of our learning community. This calls for us to work as a team and develop trust and support within one another. Melba is such an amazing little town and we must work together to shape its future!

My second goal is to continue building positive relationships with my staff and students. Developing a positive and nurturing school culture where my students and staff feel safe and supported is of high priority to me. Student motivation must be present for efficient learning to occur. Fortunately, I have had the opportunity to establish relationships with many of the students within the school. My goal is to be a very “visible” principal where it is not abnormal for students to see me within the classrooms, hallways, the lunch room, and working in collaboration with their teachers to provide instruction. I want every student to know that I am invested in their educational success.

Teachers are the driving success of the school. My goal this year is to provide them with the support they need to help us reach our vision. I will strive to continue to learn alongside my teachers and work in collaboration with them to provide meaningful and effective content and curriculum.

I am so excited to work with you this year! I know there may be many questions regarding what this school year will look like. I want you to know that we are working hard to develop what we feel will be the best plan. I will work hard to effectively communicate all this information with you as we get closer to the beginning of the school year.

Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any questions or concerns you might have throughout this school year. My door is always open, and I welcome your input!

Sincerely,

Ashli Nelson

Melba Elementary School Principal