

Cedar Vale Schools' Patrons:

Hello, my name is Jackie Burdette and I am proud to serve USD 285 as the prek-12 principal and Title I Director. I have had the honor of working at Cedar Vale Schools for over 20 years. I have a deep love and connection to our school. My husband Nelson and I reside in Chautauqua County and live in the Cedar Vale School District on MKO Ranch. Our family and extended families- Campbell's, Bumgarner's and Burdette's - includes many proud and successful Cedar Vale graduates. Our own children attended and graduated from Cedar Vale Schools. They participated in organizations, athletics and extended learning opportunities, both completed high school with dual college credits. At Cedar Vale Schools, they acquired the skills and the foundation that has allowed them each to find their career path and they both currently work for our local COOP. Hannah is an instructional coach and is back in her home school each week supporting both staff and students. Dana is a school psychologist and travels to area schools as well. Both have returned to Cedar Vale Schools to train our current staff through professional development activities. We are proud and very grateful of the education and opportunities that Cedar Vale Schools has provided for us.



CVS has a wonderful school team that has taken the intuitive to really challenge the current educational system and examine what today's students will need to ensure that they have those foundational skills that will support their career path in today's ever-changing high tech global society. During the past school year, the building leadership team worked with the staff to determine our schools' vision as we move forward into our school redesign/Gemini II project. This will assist our team to ensure that our focus is centered on providing all students with a high quality, rigorous and personalized education that will guide our students to a productive and successful career path. This vision will be our guiding force as we enter the school redesign.

This year we will explore and challenge our way of thinking. Our students will have more input than ever before as they create individual plans of study and explore ideas through project-based learning that will help them create their own learning path.

It's an exciting time for our school! It is a time of change, challenge, exploration, and success. Our students need our support and guidance more than ever as they face the challenges of today. We will continue to develop those foundational skills; however, we understand that the needs of today's students are different. We must look forward and meet the demands our children will have as they enter into adulthood.

Cedar Vale Schools dares to challenge the current educational system and will be diligent in creating even more opportunities for our students. I love this school and I know that Together Cedar Vale Can!

Sincerely,

Jackie Burdette, Principal

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." ~Nelson Mandela