



Clarkdale-Jerome School District #3  
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“Every Student, Every Day, Preparing for Tomorrow”

Dear Clarkdale-Jerome Families,

As we communicated to everyone last Friday, the **#RedforEd** movement sweeping the nation and Arizona has brought unprecedented support for public education never seen before. You may also have read that Governor Doug Ducey recently brought a proposal to the AZ State Legislature to provide for a 20% raise in teacher salaries by Fall, 2020. Although this is a tremendous proposal for public educators, many organizations and folks are very skeptical. The proposal does not address our valuable classified staff who drive buses, feed our children, and work with them in the classrooms. Many question how the governor will fund this proposal and if it can be sustained.

Last Thursday, 78% of public educators across the state voted to conduct a walkout of school. **The walkout date is set for next Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.** After a thorough review of our available staffing, we determined we will have to cancel school on this day since we will not have an adequate availability of staff to safely and properly conduct a school day. All school field trips that day have been cancelled, also. To meet state requirements of holding school for 180 days, Clarkdale-Jerome School District **will conduct school on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>,** a date originally scheduled as a teacher professional development day.

We fully realize this scheduling may inconvenience some parents and be challenging to find daycare for that day. To assist, we have been working with Buena Vista, who oversees the Discovery Connection after-school program, and they have graciously offered to provide daycare next Thursday, the day of the walkout. The Buena Vista staff will open the Clarkdale site (located directly next to our school campus) from 8:00 am-6:00 pm and will provide a safe, fun place for your student. The hourly rate will be \$6.15 per child and include snacks and lunch. Children not already registered in Discovery Connection will need to pre-register at the Buena Vista website at [www.bv-cs.org](http://www.bv-cs.org) and click on the after-school program. **Pre-registration must be done by Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** to ensure adequate staffing for Discovery Connection. For security, parents will have to record who is dropping off or picking up their students and provide ID at the facility. Transportation will not be provided. You can pre-pay online or upon arrival at the facility as long as you have pre-registered. You must pre-register to drop off your children.

Our school will be operating on normal schedules Monday through Wednesday and Friday of next week. We will use our normal modes of communication to alert families to updates including our automated call system, district website, and Facebook. **For any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 634-5035 or you can email me at [danny.brown@cjsd.k12.az.us](mailto:danny.brown@cjsd.k12.az.us).**

We value our teachers and staff at Clarkdale-Jerome School and support their efforts for education funding.

Best regards,

Danny Brown, M.Ed.  
Superintendent