As the Principal of Journey School of Choice let me be the first to welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year. The district theme this year is “EXPECT THE BEST” and that is what we intend to do. We expect the best from our students, ourselves and we know that you expect the best from us. I can’t wait to see how this next year tops the last one. The Journey staff is eager to provide motivating and challenging opportunities so that the students can meet their academic goals and become a positive, contributing member of our school and community. We share in the belief of the TUSD Mission Statement:

Achieving success by expecting the best from everyone.

We are excited to welcome our new counselor, Mrs. Prososki, as well as the amazing, returning staff of Mr. Kraly, Mr. Oshel, Ms. Stump, Mr. Weir, and Ms. Vanderpool, Mrs. Waters, Mr. Mora, Mrs. Carey, Mr. Davidson and Mr. Kraft, that has worked to make Journey the great place that it is. The strong commitment they show to the students is evident every day!

A big part of making this such a great place is the partnership between Journey and you, the families we serve. We are all committed to listening to and learning from the all that make up the Journey Community. One of the ways that we will be strengthening this partnership is to establish the first Site Council at Journey. This council is made up of volunteers comprised of students, staff, parents and community members. We will meet throughout the school year to enhance the teaching, learning, and climate at JSOC.

I will be working closely with the staff and students to ensure we establish a firm foundation for Journey, as we as strive to improve with every step. As a staff, we are dedicated to challenging ourselves and making this school and the programs we participate in even more successful than they are currently. Your continued support is vitally necessary for this to happen. I am looking forward to a great year!

Thank you for playing such an important role in the education of our students!

Rena A. Duewel
JSOC Mission: Journey School of Choice exists to equip students to be life-long learners and responsible contributors within a global society through a unique and self-paced academic environment.

**Important Dates and Information:**

- **IPad Check out and Fees**
  - August 3 and 4, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
  - Mobile Device Fee - $20.00

- **School Supplies**
  - Earbuds/Earphones
  - Spiral Notebooks/Notebook paper and binder
  - Writing Utensils
  - Stylus (optional)

- **Back to School Night - August 11 from 5:30 -7:30**
  - All students and immediate family members are welcome to the cook-out that begins at 5:30. Parent meeting, room tours, meet staff and completion of paperwork will take place after the cook-out.
  - Mrs. Waters, our school secretary, will be available to answer any school/fee questions as well as collect paperwork.
    - All past school fees need to be paid at this time.
    - Parent sign-up for Student-Led conference times
  - Mrs. Carey, our cafeteria manager, will be here to answer any questions you may have about the school meal program.
  - Other Community representatives will be here to share information and provide an opportunity for you to support Journey and the community.

- **First Day of School**
  - Monday, August 15, for all Journey students, with a full day of classes. Please note that the Journey calendar has a different start day. Our school day is from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday –Thursday. Bus service is available to students upon request.

- **End of First Quarter**
  - Wednesday, October 12, which will be upon us quickly, and conferences will follow on October 19 and 20. These are student-led conferences and a Journey expectation!

- More information can be found on the TUSD website. Go to www.turnerusd202.org and click on OUR SCHOOLS. You will find the link to Journey School of Choice.