

# Welcome to our Virtual Kinder Roundup!

# Welcome from Mrs. Rietz and Mrs. Herfkens

As you go through the slides, click the pictures and links to hear more about our amazing staff and school community!



Click on each  
picture to  
hear a  
message  
from us.



**ACES Vision:** A community of lifelong learners who are respectful, responsible, safe and kind.

**ACES Mission:** Agua Caliente Elementary School will engage minds to be critical thinkers and problem solvers through a caring and collaborative community.



## Office Staff

Dana Martin  
Registrar



Kris Condra  
Office Manager



Nurse DeRose  
Yuhuru-Ohana



Click on the image to see a video message from our amazing office staff.



# Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs. Mikkelsen



Mrs. Garcia



Mrs. Lopez



Click on each image to see a video message from our fantastic kindergarten teachers.





Hi! My name is Nicole Mikkelsen and I am one of the kindergarten teachers!  
We are excited you are here!

As a child, I went to ACES, Emily Gray and Sabino. I love this school! My husband and I have two kids, an almost 9th grader and an almost 8th grader. I also have two step- kids and a granddaughter who is 3. We also have three amazing dogs! Our life is never dull!

I love teaching kindergarten and I am so excited for this coming year!





## Meet Mrs. Garcia

My name is Molly Garcia and I have been teaching kindergarten for 18 years. I absolutely love teaching kindergarten at ACES. I truly love what I do!

I am looking forward to a wonderful year with your kindergartner! You will be amazed at how much we will learn and how much fun we will have doing it!

My husband and I are both Tucson natives and graduated from the University of Arizona. We have one daughter who went to ACES and is now at Tanque Verde High School. Also, we have a schnauzer named Bella. Some of my favorite things include reading, family time, hiking, traveling, and spending time outdoors.







# ACES Programs and Offerings

We offer a FREE full day of kinder which includes our outstanding academic instructional support from certified kindergarten teachers with all of our Educational Enrichment Specials: art, music, PE and library. In addition, we have a WIN (What I Need) team to support classrooms teachers in providing intervention and enrichment for all of our students.

Click on each blue link to see a video message from our specialist teachers!

[Library](#)

[Music](#)

[PE](#)

[Art](#)



# ACES Coyote Pride and Campus Highlights



ACES prides itself on our culture of building students' character through kindness, respect, responsibility and collaboration. We are a Kind Campus.

Click on each blue link to see a few highlights of our campus!

[Courtyard](#)

[Playground](#)

[Garden](#)





## Next Steps

## In District Families:

- ★ If ACES is your home school, please call the school office to register your child. Dana Martin: 749-2235 or [dmartin@tang.org](mailto:dmartin@tang.org)

## Open Enrollment Families:

- ★ If you have completed your open enrollment registration, you will be notified February 1-4 regarding your open enrollment status and registration.
- ★ If you have not already applied for open enrollment, please submit your application by January 30th to be part of the Early Bird round of Open Enrollment placements. More information may be found here: [Tanque Verde Unified School District Open Enrollment](#)

All incoming kindergarten families will be invited to a Parent Information meeting in May.





# We are excited to welcome you to ACES Kindergarten!

We hope that we have answered a few of the questions you may have about your child starting kindergarten. We know this is a big milestone and we are very excited to be a part of it. We look forward to a wonderful year together!

Be sure to watch for emails regarding our Parent Information meeting in May and further details about the upcoming school year.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions!

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