



Mountain Oak School

Dear Mountain Oak Community,

Welcome to the 2018/19 school year! My name is Vonda Chisholm and I am the new Educational Director here at Mountain Oak School. I am beside myself with excitement for this upcoming year, and I look forward to accomplishing great things with the help of the MOS Operations Director, Michael Kpodo, our entire staff, faculty, parents and students by doing my part as an experienced and passionate educator and administrator. It is my vision to bring our school to new heights as we climb toward our limitless potential as a Waldorf-inspired school, as a community, and as a family.

Having been a part of Mountain Oak this past school year as the Spanish teacher allowed me to build relationships with the beautiful souls that make up our student population as well as our unique staff and faculty. I look forward to growing those relationships both personally and academically and would like the parents and guardians of these beautiful children to know that I will be doing everything I can to support the amazing education they are receiving from their outstanding classroom and specialty teachers.

Lastly, I want to convey how deeply grateful I am for all parents and families who are involved in their children's growth and education here at Mountain Oak. As a parent and an educator, I can tell you that no small deed goes unnoticed, and that it is a fact that this school cannot succeed without the passion and dedication that our families have for what our vision is here at MOS. If you have been involved, we thank you. If you have not been able to be involved as much as you would have liked due to time constraints or just from not knowing where you are needed, rest assured we will be in touch.

Thank you for entrusting your precious children into our hands and hearts. I look forward to a life-changing school year!

Sincerely,

Vonda Chisholm, MAED

Educational Director, Mountain Oak School



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Dear Mountain Oak Community,

It is with great honor, excitement and humility that I introduce myself. Michael M. Kpodo (AKA) Mr. "K" as the Operations Director at Mountain Oak School - MOS. My passion for education and operational success has been over the past years as Behavioral Health Counselor, Operations Manager and Programs Manager in Phoenix and recently in Prescott. In each of my roles, I have sought to provide the best opportunities and supports possible. Similarly, my number one priority at Mountain Oak School (MOS) is to ensure that every student feels a sense of empowerment and ownership of his/her life in order to integrate in society and make change.

Empowering a child to take ownership of his/her life requires outstanding instruction from top-notch teachers as well as extracurricular opportunities and supports that enable students to develop character, cultivate passions and explore the world outside the classroom. I am committed to ensuring that students' needs and interests help shape who they are as individuals as well as who we are as a community. Through this shared commitment to learning, I am excited to see students engage in performances, score the winning point on the field, perform in the percussions, or in any other area that peaks their interest and passion.

Most importantly, an excellent education is not possible without the great collaboration of students, parents, and staff. Over the past few weeks, I have had the privilege of getting to know some of the amazing students, parents, and staff at MOS while also learning about the rich school history and success. One of the greatest takeaways from these conversations has been the immense enthusiasm and pride for the school and community that everyone holds. It is through that same enthusiasm and pride that I look forward to becoming an integral part of the community with my own family and working with each of you to continue the great successes at MOS.

I look forward to a great year ahead of us! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, and more importantly ideas that you would like to discuss.

Have a great rest of the summer!

Kind regards,

Michael Kpodo
Operations Director, Mountain Oak School