**CHS Welcome Letter**

Greeting Team Cedar Hills School,

 I am honored and excited to be the new Principal at Cedar Hills School. I bring over 19 years of experience in education, fourteen of those years as a teacher and the last five years as an administrator. I come from Pinon, AZ, located roughly 5 hours away on the Navajo Reservation. Five years ago, I moved to Arizona from Harrisburg, PA. During college, I also lived in Kentucky and Ohio.

 My Educational Philosophy is that every student can learn, but every individual student is unique; therefore, learning may look different for some students. Every part of the Cedar Hills family makes a difference from students, staff, teachers, family, and community members. To be a successful school and achieve an ADE score of A+, we cannot forget that we are a TEAM and that **YOU** make a difference! With that in mind, I want to remind everyone that to move forward; we cannot be afraid to try new methods that can lead to success for our students.

Lastly, when making any decisions as an educator, I always ask myself, "**What is Best for the Students**?" Bringing the focus back to our goal of helping to prepare our students to be future ready. To successfully prepare every student for the future, it takes a balance of School, Family & Community! Each area is crucial for complete whole child life skills.

I look forward to working with All of you soon.

Have an Outstanding Day!

Michael MacDonald "Mac"