

## ALMOND TREE MIDDLE SCHOOL

"MAKING EACH DAY OUR MASTER PIECE"

Almond Tree Middle School, Home of the Lions, is one of three middle schools in the Delano Union School District. Our school district consists of 8 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 1 K-8 school. The Delano Union School District is committed to academic excellence.

Almond Tree Middle School opened its doors in 1997 and is the current home to 562 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students where "Inches Make Champions." The school sits on a large, well-landscaped campus. Almond Tree Middle School consists of both new single-family housing with new apartments being added to an older established residential community. We receive students from three different elementary feeder schools. About 87% or students are Socioeconomic disadvantage and about 41% of our students are English Learners.

Almond Tree has a large staff on campus to ensure student success. Twenty-two are regular education teachers, three are special education teachers, one band teacher, one resource teacher, and one academic behavior intervention teacher. More than half of our instructional staff has over 10 years of teaching experience. In addition to our outstanding teaching staff, Almond Tree has one shared school psychologist, one shared school nurse, one full time school social worker, one academic counselor, three special education instructional aides, one librarian, four office clerks, and 1 school site secretary. To round out the staff we have three custodians, one campus supervisor, three noon duty aides, four cafeteria staff, two school site administrators, and one learning coordinator.

Each day students are provided rigorous academic instruction through the use of Common Core State Standards. Almond Tree staff works collaboratively to ensure that each student succeeds academically and socially by utilizing a variety of instructional tools, resources, methods, and intervention strategies to build a well-rounded student. Almond Tree staff is also committed to building the academic speaking skills of all students through the use of English Language Development Standards and strategies.

Our Multiple Tier Student Support team has outlined safe learning practices for a variety of areas around campus in order to promote a safe learning environment which will help build students of high character. Parents are encouraged to become involved with the academic success of their child by volunteering, attending parent-teacher conferences, attending Back-to-School Night, signing up for their Aeries parent portal accounts, and by becoming members of and attending School Site Council Meetings. Teachers have also taken the step to provide coaching to parents on how they can successfully help their child at home with positive feedback. Almond Tree Middle School staff and students strive to Make Each Day Our Masterpiece!