

Dear Thrive Families,

I hope you're enjoying a wonderful summer! As we look ahead to the start of a new school year, I'm excited to share a special announcement with you.

I'm honored to be stepping into the role of Interim Principal this year, alongside Yvonne Padilla, and I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue serving this amazing community. As part of this transition, I'm thrilled to introduce our new Assistant Principal, Megan Dean

Megan brings a wealth of experience and a heart for supporting students and families. I know she will be a thoughtful, steady, and encouraging presence for our whole community.

Here's a short introduction from her, in her own words:



Hello, Thrive HSA Community,

My name is Megan Dean, and I'm honored to be joining Thrive Home School Academy as the new Assistant Principal. This year marks the start of my 11th year in education. Prior to stepping into this role, I served as Dean of Students in a neighboring homeschool program. I've also had the privilege of working as a 2nd grade teacher, special education teacher, and instructional coach within a couple of schools in Harrison.

Outside of school, I'm married to my wonderful husband, and we have two adventurous boys—Bennett (6) and Baylor (3). As a family, we love spending time outdoors: gardening, running, and working toward our goal of visiting every National Park in the U.S., which started last spring break after we visited eight on a week-long road trip.

I'm excited to be a part of the Thrive community and look forward to connecting with each of you in the year ahead!

We're looking forward to a year of connection, learning, and growth—and we can't wait to see you all soon. Please join me in giving Megan a warm welcome!

Thank you,

Shannon Riker

Interim Principal