



2022-2023

# Weldon Warriors

4th Quarter  
Newsletter



## Welcome to the NEW Weldon Warriors Quarterly Newsletter!

This quarter has been very busy! We had:

Library Week

Teacher Appreciation Week,

Staff Appreciation Day

Weldon Volunteer Breakfast,

Cheer team walked in the Rodeo Parade

Family Science Night

Track meets

Trail clean up

Sponsor a flag with the student leadership

Band/Orchestra/Choir concerts

And so much more!

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello, Weldon Families!

The 2022-2023 school year was filled with much success, both inside the classroom and out! I am so proud of our Warriors accomplishments, and commend our staff and families for the love they continue to give all our children! Thank you for the partnership as we continue Weldon's rich history of success. By working together, we all are looking forward to the next successful chapter for Weldon in the coming school year! Wishing you all a fantastic finish to this school year, and our best wishes to a memorable summer with your family and friends!

Sincerely,  
Ray Lozano  
Principal



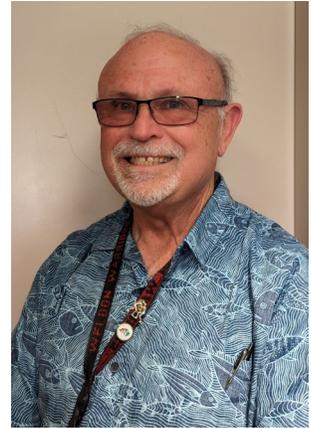


# Teacher Spotlight: Rick Ferguson

Mr. Ferguson- is retiring after 26 years of teaching service to Weldon. He was interviewed by PTC Board Member Joy Badigue and shares his thoughts.

### 1. Fondest Memory from Weldon:

There are many fond memories from my 26 years of teaching and 29 years as a wrestling coach. In 2020, the Doc Buchanan Wrestling Invitational Tournament was dedicated to me for my years of coaching wrestling at Weldon and support for the Clovis High School wrestling program. It means a great deal to me today because my sons Scott and Brett were there with their families, as was my wife Cheryl, who passed away the following year. As a teacher, it was a fond memory watching my first group of third graders go forward and graduate from Clovis High.



### 2. How long have you been a Warrior?

My oldest son Scott began school in Mrs. Lambert's kindergarten class at Weldon in 1990. I was not a teacher until 1997, but that is when I became a Warrior. In 1994, my other son Brett entered kindergarten, and I started coaching wrestling at Weldon. I was hooked. My teaching career at Weldon began in 1997 when Principal Scott Steele hired me to teach third grade.

### 3. Favorite Author?

My favorite author is Michael Crichton, who wrote Jurassic Park and many other thrillers. Many of his novels involve far out science theory, but he explains the science which makes his plots plausible. One of my favorite novels by Michael Crichton is Timeline, a science fiction story about a wealthy Silicon Valley entrepreneur who sends a group of scientists and archeologists back in time to medieval France.

### 4. The Best Vacation Spot:

My best vacation spot is Avila Beach near San Luis Obispo. I often go in the late fall when there is little traffic and hotel rooms are easier to get. I enjoy walking the Bob Jones Trail which takes you from the beach to the famous Avila Barn. It is absolutely the most relaxing place to visit.

### 5. Words of Wisdom: "Pick battles big enough to matter, small enough to win." Jonathan Kozol.

### 6. There are so many memories:

- a former Weldon wrestler, earning a wrestling scholarship and becoming the first person in his family to earn a college degree
- Both my sons wrestling on California state championship teams for Clovis High
- The friendships I have gained from my years at Weldon Elementary School



PTC would like to welcome our new 2023-2024 PTC Board Members!

President-Leslie Collins, Vice President-Cindy Alcaraz, Secretary-Joy Badigue, & Treasurer-Andi Snyder

Please keep an eye out on the Weldon Facebook page for our summer carnival planning meetings.



Our first regular PTC meeting will be September 12th, 2023.



