

Sunset Family,

This letter is to welcome you to Sunset Elementary School and the beginning of the new school year. We look forward to meeting you and wanted to give you some background information in order to allow you the opportunity to know more about our school.

I began my career in education in East Tennessee after two tours of duty as an Officer in the United States Army. My wife and I moved to Williamson County where I taught at Brentwood Middle School as a science teacher. I became the Assistant Principal at Brentwood Middle School and was given the opportunity to gain high school experience as an Assistant Principal at Page High School. I served there until last year at which time I came to Sunset Elementary School. My educational training began at the University of the Cumberland where I obtained my Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. Later, I pursued a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial University and an Educational Specialist Degree from Tennessee Technological University. May of 2007 I completed my doctoral studies and obtained my degree from Trevecca Nazarene University.

During my first year serving at Sunset my goal was to begin establishing a superior quality relationship with the students, teachers, and the community. Great strides were made in this area, and I believe we can continue to improve. We will persist in building stronger relationships and work toward the common goal of making Sunset a world class school. This year, in addition to building upon these relationships, I want to also spend time on one area that affects classroom instruction. With help and support from teachers, students and parents, I would like to place more focus on the use of assessments in our school. With countywide grade card changes being made in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades, it is an excellent time to evaluate all of our tools and replace those no longer needed with others that better tell us what our children do understand.

In the last edition of our school newsletter I discussed how we are all part of the Sunset Team. It is very important that we continue to work in these areas. We have made changes and will continue to make changes as we see the need. The PTO and I have discussed fundraising, and you will see some changes in this area. There is very little turnover from the staff we had last year, and it will be exciting to see familiar faces when school begins. I encourage you to become active in our school either through the PTO or maybe volunteer to read to some of our students. The rewards may not be material, but the outcomes will be fantastic.

Have a great day and I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Principal.

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