



Dear Ball Ground Elementary STEM Academy Families,

I am so excited to announce my appointment as the Principal of Ball Ground Elementary STEM Academy for the 20-21 School Year. We have faced some very challenging times at the close of this year, but I look forward to beginning a new chapter with each of you.

I have served in the Cherokee County School District for the last 16 years and absolutely love our district! I started as an elementary classroom teacher, where I developed and refined my love for effective teaching and meaningful learning. I have also served as a Response to Intervention Facilitator, Instructional Lead Strategist, and Assistant Principal within the district. I am eager to use each of these experiences to continue the awesome work that is taking place at Ball Ground Elementary STEM Academy.

I have been married for 17 years to my husband Phil, who is also a CCSD educator. We have been blessed with three beautiful daughters that range in age from middle school to entering kindergarten. Our family loves to spend time outdoors, finding a neat place to hike, or a fun river or lake where we can swim. We also enjoy visiting our friends and family in Pennsylvania.

As we look forward to next school year, I am excited about the amazing things we have planned to continue developing this awesome community. Our goal is that every single student knows how much we love and care about them as an individual. Through the development of these relationships, we also strive to provide instructional opportunities that lead to academic excellence.

This school has an amazing community and I look forward to collaborating with each of you to support our students. I can't wait to meet all of you and let you know how thrilled I am to be a part of the Ball Ground Tribe!

Sincerely,
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