

# ECHO NEWS- AUGUST 2015

## NORTH FAYETTE ELEMENTARY – HOME OF THE DOLPHINS

### PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

Parent Center Location: Title I Lab, hours 7:15-3:15 Monday - Friday.  
Pave the way to academic success--check out our reading/math activities!

### WELCOME MR. OATHA DAVIS MANN III TO NORTH FAYETTE ELEMENTARY

Mr. Mann brings with him 21 years of experience in the field of education. He began his career as a teacher and coach at Salem High School in Rockdale County. After five years, he earned the opportunity to serve in educational leadership roles in Fayette County Schools as an Assistant Principal at Sandy Creek High School and most recently, as Principal of Flat Rock Middle School. Mr. Mann is excited about the new Opportunity to provide leadership and direction to North Fayette.



Mr. Mann has a passion for witnessing and playing a role in the educational and social growth of students. He sees himself as an educator at heart and views the opportunity to work with elementary level students for the first time as an opportunity of a life time. A strength he will bring to the North Fayette Elementary family is an understanding of the K-12 experience from an educational leader's perspective.

Mr. Mann's vision is to continue the legacy of success established at North Fayette by building relationships with parents, students, staff and community leaders. Additionally, his goal is for each student to be prepared for the challenges of our ever changing global environment. Educators and parents must equip students with the skills to effectively communicate in a civil and collaborative manner with others from diverse backgrounds. Citizenship in this new global environment will require our students to think critically and utilize new technologies to thrive professionally and economically. Mr. Mann looks forward to working with the students, teachers and parents of North Fayette in preparing our future leaders.

We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Mann to North Fayette, his leadership is a way of life and his passion for excellence in education will be integral here at North Fayette Elementary.

### WELCOME BACK TO NORTH FAYETTE ELEMENTARY MRS. TAMMY SIBLEY

Mrs. Sibley will be returning as Assistant Principal of North Fayette Elementary School for the 2015-16 school year. She served in this role at NFE from 2012-2013, but was re-assigned as Assistant Principal of Robert J. Burch Elementary for the past two years. Mrs. Sibley has been a resident of Fayette County for the past twenty-two years and currently resides in Peachtree City with her husband and son.



Mrs. Sibley's educational background includes twenty-four years of experience at the elementary level in a variety of roles. For the past three years she served in the role of assistant principal. Prior to this role, she served as English/Language Arts Instructional Support Teacher (IST) for three years, Early Intervention Program Teacher (EIP) for two years, and classroom teacher in grades kindergarten through second for sixteen years. Each and every position has allowed her to do what she enjoys most which is making a difference in the lives of our future generation. Mrs. Sibley is looking forward to a great year as she returns to the home of the dolphins.

## WELCOME MRS. BARBARA BUCHANAN TO NORTH FAYETTE ELEMENTARY

My name Barbara Buchanan I grew up in a small town in central Kansas and found my way to Georgia in 1978. In 1988 and again in 1992 I was blessed with my daughters. My husband Andy also works for FCBOE in the facilities department. We were married in 2008 and that gave me the honor of becoming a step parent to two more girls who are twins and finally a son! All five of the kids are successful products of Fayette County schools.

I have been with the school system since 2005 when I started in the HR department. I was part of the original staff that opened Bennett's Mill and then moved to Flat Rock in 2010 and began my career as Mr. Mann's assistant. I am looking forward to my continuing adventure here at North Fayette Elementary! Whatever I can do to assist you please ask!



## DAILY ROUTINES LEAD TO SCHOOL SUCCESS

Children thrive on routines. The beginning of the school year is an opportunity for routines to make a big difference in your child's school success. A regular schedule such as going to sleep, waking up and studying at the same time each day makes all the tasks easier and results in fewer power struggles. More importantly, it leads to self-discipline and sets a standard for daily learning.

### Get a **BIG CALENDAR**

Time management is a critical study skill for school success. To help your child develop time management skills, buy or make a large calendar for her. It should have plenty of room to write on each day.

Encourage your child to mark key upcoming dates. Begin with school holidays, visits to the dentist, or planned family outings. Then have your child add homework assignments—especially those that will take time to complete. By looking at the calendar, your child will be able to see what's coming up and learn to schedule her time more wisely.

### Help Your Child Strive for Perfect Attendance

Research shows that the single most important factor contributing to student achievement is school attendance. A student who is absent from school may be able to copy missed notes. However, other important aspects of the lessons are lost forever. Absent students miss out on discussion, raised questions, explanations and much more. Students fall behind and sometimes never recover.

To support good school attendance:

- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly.
- Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
- Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" miss or be late for school.
- Discuss what happened at school each day.
- Support school rules and consequences for skipping class and being tardy.
- Provide incentives for improving school attendance and promptness.

## NEW NORTH FAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WEB CONTENT SERVICE!

### Welcome back to the 2015-2016 school year!!

Thanks to the Dolphin Dash fundraiser, this year we are able to provide to you access via our NFE website to "**THE PARENT INSTITUTE WEB CONTENT SERVICE**". Through this wonderful website you will get **daily-updated school success information, ideas and tips**.

This service is automatically delivered to our school website every day—365 days a year! It provides **research-based tips and ideas for school success on responsibility, respect, student motivation, reading, math, homework, study skills, routines, discipline and more**. It is available for you and your children 24/7 in English. All you have to do is go to [www.northfayettees.org](http://www.northfayettees.org) click on the blue logo of The Parent Institute and then follow the site for; daily tips, idea of the day, weekly quizzes, ask the experts, school success library etc. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our parent liaison Sandy Forero: [forero.sandra@mail.fcboe.org](mailto:forero.sandra@mail.fcboe.org).