

Wolverine Weekly

Parent Edition

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Greetings, Dade Middle School parents! I cannot tell you how happy I am to lead DMS. It is a very odd time to begin with you, as the entire nation hunkers down to stay safe from COVID-19. I take comfort in the fact that we are not alone in our struggle and like all of life's struggles, this too will pass.

Dr. Sandra Spivey and Dr. Jan Harris have been invaluable; spending time with me in preparation for my role as DMS principal. I'm continually impressed by the caliber of leadership in Dade.

I want to tell you a little bit about who I am and what I'm all about. On the professional side, I am a veteran educator with a background in English Language Arts. My college degrees are in education, English, social studies, and leadership. I've taught children of all levels (those who are struggling, those who are identified gifted, those with behavioral issues, etc.); no two children are the same! I love children and have made them my focus since beginning my career in 1991. I've served as an administrator since 2011. My beliefs on education can be summed up in one phrase; children first. Schools must keep our children safe while guiding them to reach their full potential. We must help students identify their individual talents and strengths and to build upon these, while also recognizing their weaknesses and finding creative ways to overcome these. An educated society is necessary to uphold our democracy; schools must ensure the United States continues to thrive by graduating well rounded students who will be strong citizens.

On the personal side, my husband, Mike, is an ordained minister who shares my love of children; much of his career has been in youth ministry. He is also a successful swim coach who was named as 2019 Georgia Coach of the Year for Boys 1-3A. We are empty nesters with children spread all over the U.S. Ashley and her husband recently moved from New York City to Florida where she works as a lighting designer. Zack served our country as a Marine and is now finishing a forestry degree in Pennsylvania thanks to the GI Bill. Will lives in Kennesaw where he is apprenticing to be a chef. Elijah lives in Virginia where he works as a steward flying both domestic and international with United Airlines. James and his wife live in Georgia where he will graduate with a math education degree in May. Mike and I are busy preparing our home in Calhoun to put on the market in a few weeks. We are anxious to find a Dade home and become part of the community. My hobbies are reading, scouring junk stores/thrift stores, performing in community theater, participating in a book club, writing poetry, painting, and gardening.

I strongly believe in an open door policy, and I know that the strongest schools are those who view parents as important partners. I look forward to getting to know you and your children. Feel free to contact me at any time. My email is michellebeeler@dadecs.org.

Quote of the week: "Comfort and prosperity have never enriched the world as much as adversity has." (-Billy Graham)