



VAUGHN ELEMENTARY
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Dear Vaughn Elementary Parents,

What an honor to be named principal of Jimmy and Sammy Vaughn Elementary! Working in Frisco since 1994, I have the privilege of knowing the Vaughn family and I look forward to meeting all of the Vaughn Elementary families.

To introduce myself, I moved to Plano in 1977 from Detroit, Michigan. Upon graduation in 1986 from Plano Senior High School, I attended Stephen F. Austin State University where I received my undergraduate and graduate degrees. I began my teaching career in Frisco ISD at Acker Elementary, then Rogers Elementary. I opened Bright Elementary as the assistant principal in 2001. In 2002 I moved to Jasper, Texas where I was the principal of Parnell Elementary. When I returned to the area 3 years later, I returned to Frisco ISD and worked in the curriculum department. Beginning in 2005, I was named the principal of Bright Elementary. It is with a heavy heart that I leave a place where I have built so many relationships, but as I explained to my daughter, this new chapter opens new blessings of people who will enrich our lives for many years to come!

I have two children, Callie, who is fifteen and Connor, who is thirteen. I understand from a parent's perspective how much you entrust those who spend seven hours a day with your child. The hiring process has begun and my goal is to hire teachers and staff members for Vaughn who meet your expectations and mine!

Like me, I am sure many of you have driven by the school and seen the construction progress. Vaughn Elementary's design differs slightly from existing campuses and is sure to be a beautiful and functional building, meeting all the needs of our students and teachers. Current projections show that construction will be completed in plenty of time to get settled before school begins in August. Watch for pictures on our website as soon as it goes live!

Research shows that parent involvement in schools has a positive impact on student success. One way you can be involved is to join the PTA. To get us started, we will host our first PTA Organizational Meeting on April 19, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Nichols Elementary cafeteria. All of our current staff members will be present at this meeting, so we hope to see you there!

Meeting the Vaughn families before school begins is an important first step in making connections and building trust. Once the PTA is established, we will work together to set up some opportunities for students, staff and parents to gather before school starts. Now that we have email access, we will communicate these dates via email and through our Vaughn website.

I will continue my current position until the end of the school year, but I assure you that I am working in the background setting the groundwork for a superior start to the 2016-2017 school year.

Respectfully,

Susie Graham
Principal