

## **Getting to Know Dr. Daneyelle Jordan Principal, Richboro Elementary**

“It’s all about the kids.” Those five words sum up Dr. Daneyelle Jordan’s philosophy about being the new Principal at Richboro Elementary School (RES). Dr. Jordan took over the helm at RES in July 2015 after 10 years as a School Psychologist here in Council Rock.

After graduating from Ithaca College with a degree in Psychology, Dr. Jordan worked for a year at the Devereux Foundation where she conducted research and worked at a residential treatment facility for the nonprofit. She then went on to Temple University where she earned her PhD in School Psychology. Her dissertation was in early admission to 1<sup>st</sup> grade. While at Temple, she landed an internship in Council Rock. This was a great experience for her and it led to a full time position in CR.

She was the School Psychologist at Richboro Middle and Hillcrest Elementary. Dr. Jordan then earned her Principal’s Certification from Delaware Valley College, in which CR Administrators taught much of the coursework, and was chosen to replace Mrs. Rebecca Grimm as Principal at Richboro Elementary. (Mrs. Grimm moved to Maureen Welch to replace Mr. Joe MacClay who became the new Director of Elementary Education.)

Dr. Jordan has been married for 11 years and has a 6 year old daughter. She chooses to live in the district so that her daughter will have the benefits of a Council Rock education.

Over the summer months, Dr. Jordan made a point of building relationships; meeting with each staff member at RES before school started. She recognized the great staff in place at Richboro and it wasn’t long before she saw first hand how well the building functioned as a team.

Making the transition from a School Psychologist to a Principal has given Dr. Jordan the opportunity to work with a greater number of students – something she wholeheartedly embraced. She enjoys making a connection with the students.

Dr. Jordan has been involved in various district committees including Strategic Planning and Supervision and Evaluation. She has also done a great deal of work with the Gifted Program and the higher level learner, as well as the struggling learner, and will be involved with the Professional Learning Community (PLC) initiative.

As for her short term goals, Dr. Jordan will continue to build relationships with staff, students and parents. Getting into the classrooms as much as possible to learn teachers’ styles is high on her priority list, as is getting to know the students both academically and personally. In order to keep the lines of communication open, she sends a weekly email to parents and staff and publishes a monthly newsletter that the staff contributes to, which goes out to parents.

Over the long term, Dr. Jordan would like to enmesh herself in RES and wants her staff to continue to build on their success. She doesn’t feel significant change is warranted, but wants to optimize those successes. She is invested in the “whole child” and wants

her students to become “contributing members of society” by fostering their academic, social and emotional behavior.

Dr. Jordan feels very fortunate to be part of such a great team – not only at Richboro but also within CR. She has received nothing but support from every level throughout her 11 years here. She also is extremely grateful to have Rich Hollahan and Beth Fox as past and present mentors. She looks forward to the monthly meetings with Joe MacClay, Director of Elementary Education, as well as the Superintendent’s monthly meetings. To keep RES on the successful path that it is on, she is eager to learn as much as possible. And one of the main reasons why RES will enjoy continued success is that the mantra from the Principal’s office is “It’s all about the kids.”

CFE would like to thank Dr. Jordan for taking time out of her busy day to talk with us and we wish her all the best in her new position as Principal at RES.