



Dear Happy Valley Elementary School Families,

My name is Mr. Chris Dell and I am so excited to introduce myself as the new principal of Happy Valley Elementary School. Over the past 22 years, I have worked as a teacher and administrator. The most important part of education is to be a child advocate. I will spend a lot of time with your children, getting to know their personalities, learning styles and interests. I will celebrate their successes, small and large. I will encourage them every day and let them know they are valued and have a special place in our school community.

Not only am I excited to begin working with your children, but I look forward to the work we will do together. I look forward to celebrating with you the great things they do throughout their days here at Happy Valley Elementary. And of course I will be here to work with you should they need any help navigating any aspect of the school day.

My goal is to ensure that all children are safe, responsible and respectful, so they can academically, socially and emotionally grow to their potential while in school. This has been my philosophy since I began my career in education. I was a classroom teacher for 12 years, then for the past 10 years I have lead the professional growth for many schools in our county and region to improve instruction and leadership. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to bring all that I have experienced and learned with me to your wonderful community. I look forward to getting to know you and your children.

The staff and I welcome your participation and support during the school year. By working together as parents and educators, we can build a foundation of lifelong learning. Your contributions are invaluable to the school through volunteer time and support of school activities. The foundation of a successful school is the cooperation between the students, staff, parents and community. I look forward to working with you and developing a relationship that will assist in the growth of your child/children.

Warm Regards,

Chris Dell

Happy Valley Elementary School Principal