

Dear Pearl S. Buck community,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself - my name is Brian Kern, and I have been appointed as the principal of Pearl S. Buck effective July 21, 2015. As you may be aware, Mrs. Miguelez has decided to return to classroom teaching.

I have been a part of the Neshaminy family since 1986, first working with the high school drum line, and then as a music teacher at Maple Point Middle School when it reopened. I was appointed as an assistant principal at Neshaminy High School in 1999, and continued on the administrative path at Neshaminy Middle School, Ferderbar Elementary School, and as principal of Oliver Heckman Elementary School since 2004.

On the personal side, I am married and recently celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. We have three children ages 21, 19 and 16, and live in New Jersey. As both a parent and educator, I have a very personal connection to the impact teachers have on our children, as well as the importance of a quality education.

As the summer progresses, I will be reaching out to the PTO and look forward to meeting our school volunteers. I will also be spending time with Mrs. Miguelez to learn about the many wonderful programs and events at Buck enjoyed by our students and their families. I have the very important task of welcoming families who are new to the school, and will also be interviewing applicants to fill the counselor and clerk-typist positions vacated by Mrs. Lenahan and Mrs. Doheny, respectively.

Until I have time to learn the pulse of the building, you can anticipate that the routines and expectations will not change significantly. I will be posting news and updates on the Pearl Buck web site as well as communicating through emails such as this one.

There is much to be done over the next 6 weeks during this time of transition. I am excited about joining the Buck family and meeting everyone as fall approaches, but in the meantime, please feel free to reach out by calling the school at 215-809-6300, or contact me via email at bkern@neshaminy.k12.pa.us.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Brian Kern

Principal