

Northside Elementary



"Setting the Stage for Success!"

A new chapter has begun at Northside Elementary School. A chapter celebrating the traditions, successes and history of the school while embracing new opportunities for student learning and growth as citizens in the Hardin County community and beyond. Beginning with a new administrative team comprised of Rachel Morris, principal, and Ondie Mitchell, assistant principal, the year has already begun with the vision of "Setting the Stage for Success!"

Rachel Morris is proud to serve the Northside Elementary community as principal. She previously served as assistant principal at Northside for five years and brings in-depth knowledge of Northside's culture, student needs and community values to her new role. With extensive classroom experience, Morris has a deep desire to help each student grow socially, emotionally and academically. She believes every student can be successful and works hard to help each one reach his or her full potential.

She believes strongly in supporting all of our Northside families and values everyone's contributions to our school success. It is very important to her to continue the tradition of Northside being "A school of academic excellence with heart!"

Mitchell returns to Savannah after 25 years in Sumner County where she served as an administrator for 17 years. A native Hardin countian, she graduated from HCHS in 1993. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to return home and serve the families here and support this wonderful community.

Mitchell spent the last 11 years as principal of Indian Lake Elementary in Hendersonville where the staff, students and families earned outstanding recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, State of Tennessee Reward School, in areas of achievement and growth, and earning STEM School designation by the Tennessee

Department of Education. The importance of relationships between and among all stakeholders to really foster the sense of community that is vital to success for all is a core belief of Mitchell.

To that end, Northside plans to have school-wide STEAM Days each quarter in which all students will participate in activities geared toward exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Additionally, we know that students will make choices in

behavior that are not the best at times. While discipline is certainly required for a positive learning environment, Northside also wants to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful behavior, various accomplishments and displays of good citizenship among our students and staff through a House System operating under the theme of "Northside Tigers Have HEART." Students and parents will learn more about this positive celebration program in the coming weeks.



New Assistant Principal Ondie Mitchell, left, and new Principal Rachel Morris.