

August 23, 2019

Hello SMS Families,

My name is Kevin Mason and I am very excited to introduce myself as the new principal of South Mountain Elementary School and Annex. I am honored that I was chosen to lead such an amazing school and school community. I have heard nothing but positive things about the students, teachers and parent community. In my first couple of days on the job I have met several teachers, office staff and PTA members and they all have been welcoming and enthusiastic about the school and upcoming school year and have already made me feel like I am part of the South Mountain Family.

I come to you with 19 years of experience as an educator in rural, urban and suburban settings ranging from the elementary, middle and high school levels. My experiences have helped me see the social, academic and behavioral transitions from Kindergarten to senior year of High School. I have spent the last 13 years in the South Orange Maplewood School District as a Math/Science teacher at Maplewood Middle School, Assistant Principal at Tuscan Elementary School and Assistant Principal at Columbia High School.

I wholeheartedly believe that great schools are the result of great teachers and my primary goal is to continue to support the teachers of South Mountain Elementary School and Annex and to provide them with the tools they need to continue to be successful and help your children grow and prosper.

I am thrilled about this school year and look forward to working with Assistant Principal Shane Ziegler to ensure that the students of South Mountain have a school year filled with quality instruction and fun. Please get involved with our school PTA to guarantee that your voices are heard and know that my door is always open.

Thank you,

Mr. Mason