



Matthew Donahoe Bio:

For those of you that do not already know me, my name is Matthew Donahoe, and I will be entering my second year in the principal's role for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. What an amazing run we had in year one! River Eves is without a doubt my home away from home and is very near and dear to my heart. What an amazing and special place for students, staff & parents to work collaboratively for the greater good of our eagles; our positive and supportive culture is second to none. I am very proud to have been an active participant in the development of the current culture and am very much looking forward to further solidifying the elements that make our school a very special place to work, play, feel valued, appreciated, and experience a true sense of community and belonging. We are exceptionally proud of what we are striving to accomplish and will certainly build on the great work and outcomes that were achieved during the 2018-2019 school year.

Over the course of last school year, our values became more solidified and began to take shape in our daily "speak" and actions as a teaching staff. We have come to realize and embrace that our "hold tight" are and will continue to be:

Focusing on providing all students with a learning environment that has quality instructional practices at its core.

Emphasizing student and staff growth measures from academic and social/emotional standpoints.

Being in the business of people! Therefore, we will continue to focus on establishing and developing positive working relationships with students, families and our colleagues.

To provide you with some background, I served as an assistant principal (in Fulton County Schools) at River Eves Elementary & Hillside Elementary from 2014-2018 before entering the principalship last year. I have acquired ten total years of leadership experience in three separate Atlanta area school districts. Prior to that, I taught at the elementary level for a total of 12 years. My first ten years were spent teaching 4th & 5th grade-aged students in my home state of Indiana. After moving to the state of Georgia, twelve years ago, I served as an EIP teacher for two years before transitioning into my current administrative career. I am entering my 23rd year as a professional educator. Wow! That is hard to believe!

I was born and raised in Southern Indiana about 20 miles north of Louisville, Kentucky and earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education (1995) from Indiana University Southeast in New Albany, Indiana. Master of Education (2002) and Leadership Certification (2007) status were accomplished via Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. I am married, am the proud parent of a 9-year old daughter, and reside in Decatur, GA.

I look forward to continue working with our phenomenal families and staff to support the academic & social/emotional well-being of our children.