

in this issue >>>

- *Staff Biographies*
- *Caps for Cancer*
- *Meet the School Board*



Volume 1 Issue 1

Every Student,
Every Day

Anderson County Community Connections

Meet The Staff



Margaret Burrell
Director of School Nutrition

Margaret received her B.S. in Food and Nutrition in 1976 from the University of North Carolina – Greensboro. She was a social worker in North Carolina for two years following graduation. In 1977, she worked in School Nutrition Education in Anderson County. She then worked in restaurant management in the private sector for 21 years. Margaret was a stay at home mother un-

til 2005 and she studied at the University of Tennessee to become a Certified Public Accountant. She was an accounting manager for a non-profit in Oak Ridge from 2005 – 2007. In 2007, she joined Anderson County Schools as the Director of School Nutrition. Margaret has received her School Nutrition Specialist certification and completed her Master of Business Administration. She has been an Advisory Board member of the North Anderson County Boys & Girls Club since its inception.

Pam Crawford
Executive Assistant to Dr. Tim Parrott

Pam has been with Anderson County Schools for 14 years. She attended RSCC and has worked as an executive assistant for over 25 years. Pam supports the board of education as their recording secretary and serves as communications coordinator for the system. She also serves as a board member for the Education Foundation for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools.

Pam and her husband Greg are Clinton High School graduates. They have two daughters, Lyndsay and Allison (CHS grads) and five grandchildren, Mia, Konner, Parker, Deacon and Kooper.

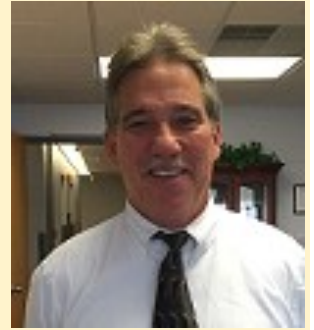


Greg Deal

Assistant Director of Schools

Greg Deal has worked for the Anderson County School system since 1979. He taught at Briceville Elementary, Medford Elementary, Norris Junior High, and Lake City Middle Schools. During that time he also

served as a football coach at Lake City and Anderson County High Schools. Greg became an assistant principal at Anderson County High School in 1998 and then served as principal from 2005-2010. Greg currently serves as the Assistant Director of Schools for the Anderson County School system.



Joe is the husband of Pamela for 38 years. They have 3 Children; Lee and wife Abby, Jared and wife Rachel and Loren Forgety; one grandchild, Emma age 3. An active member of

Callahan Road Baptist Church, he served as bivocational music minister in churches for 34 years. He loves to play golf.

Joe graduated from the University of Tennessee Knoxville in 1980 and is currently in his 36th year in Anderson County Schools. He completed his Master's at UTK in 1986, Ed,S at Tennessee Technological University in 1999 and 21 hours toward a Doctorate at Tennessee State.

Joe Forgety

Director of Transportation and Safety

He retired in June 2016 and returned on a 120 day contract remaining in current positions resulting in major savings to Anderson County Schools.

Work Experience in Anderson County:

- Agriculture Education Instructor; 1981 – 1992
- Job Placement Coordinator: 1992 – 2001
- Principal Norris Middle School: 2001 – 2007
- Director Adult Education: 2007 – 2014
- Director of Safety: 2009 – Present
- Director of Transportation: – 2010 – Present
- Collaborative Conferencing Facilitator: 2014 – Present

Shelby Haun

Chief Academic Officer of the Anderson County Schools' Preschool

Shelby Haun was raised in the Claxton community of Anderson County. Her educational career began as a mother of two children; a son and a daughter. She was employed at Claxton Elementary School as a teacher assistant for Head Start and later a Head Start lead teacher at Norwood Elementary School. From there she continued her education, graduating from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education, a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction and an Ed.S in Administration from Tennessee Technology University in Cookeville, TN. As an educator, she has taught first and fifth

grades, and was one of the first Reading Recovery teachers and literacy coaches in the county. She has been an assistant principal and principal for Anderson County Schools. Shelby now serves as Chief Academic

Officer of the Anderson County Schools' Preschool where she is honored to work with the youngest learners and their families to support them in school readiness and building better lives in Anderson County.



Frank Hillon

Director of Maintenance

Frank has been employed by the maintenance department for 40 years. For the last seven years, he has served as the Maintenance Coordinator. He was named Energy Coach in 2015, responsible for implementing the energy policy set by

the Board of Education. Frank has been married to his wife Teresa for 38 years. They have one daughter and three grandchildren.



Kelly Myers

Director for Career and Technical Education

Kelly Myers has been working for Anderson County Schools for 22 years and started his teaching career in Knox County as an interim teacher. His next position

was at Lake City Middle as an interim, after which he landed a position as an Industrial Arts teacher at Norris Middle School. After 13 great years at NMS, Kelly moved to Anderson County

Career and Technical Center to teach Engineering. After a year, he was promoted to Assistant Principal and the next year he became Principal of ACCTC where he served for seven years.

Kelly grew up and lives in Oak Ridge. He graduated from ORHS and went to work before going back to school at UT to major in Industrial Arts Education. Also, Kelly holds a Master's Degree in School Administration from Lincoln Memorial University.

Katrina Oakley

Chief Academic Officer of Elementary Education and Director of Federal Programs

Katrina Oakley is beginning her 23rd year as an educator. She has served in several different capacities over the past years, including seven years as a classroom teacher, four years as an academic coach, and six years as a principal. All but one of the past 23 years has been in Anderson County Schools.

Mrs. Oakley serves on several local and regional educational committees. She is committed to childhood literacy and looks forward to continuing her work with the students and families of Anderson County.



Dr. Timothy N. Parrott

Director of Schools

For the last seven years Dr. Parrott has led Anderson County Schools' Instructional Team and has overseen Secondary and Career and Technical Education. During this time, he led the school system in its implementation of district-wide PLCs. He also led in the design and implementation of a blended learning program for high school students that includes an on-line program, dual enrollment, middle college, and TCAT Knoxville programs on the campus of Anderson County Career and Technology Center. He was named 2014-15 Supervisor of the Year for the state of Tennessee. In 2013 he was recognized for his outstanding service in Career and Technical Education by the state of Tennessee. He was a member of the State Leadership Council for Curriculum and Instruction and a member of the State Leadership Council for CTE. He led a team in securing a GearUP Grant for 1.3 million dollars in 2012. GearUP supports college and career readiness for all students and this program has been recognized as a model program for the state of Tennessee. He has delivered professional development and presented best practices at both state and national conferences for Career and Technology Education.

Dr. Parrott holds a doctoral degree in Educational Administration from Tennessee State University, a Specialist in Education degree, a Master's degree in Instructional Leadership from Tennessee Technological University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Tusculum College. He also completed over 50 hours in mechanical engineering classes at Pellissippi State Community College and a machinist apprenticeship at Y-12 Union Carbide Corp. in Oak Ridge before going into the teaching field.

Dr. Parrott was in a work-based learning program at Clinton High School as a student and because of that experience, even though he did not go directly to college after high school, he

had the skills needed to enter the field of machining. He worked as a tool and die and maintenance machinist for 13 years before accepting a job at ACCTC to teach machining and engineering. The program was on the verge of closing and he was given a chance to turn it around. In the nine years he taught the program it became a model for the State of Tennessee and in 2002 one of his students, Davy Hobble, won the national SkillUSA contest in machining. Today the program has three teachers and 42 students.

Dr. Parrott has lived in Anderson County his entire life. For the past twenty-four years he has dedicated himself to the success of Every Student, Every Day as a teacher/ administrator and now as the director of schools for Anderson County. He has also volunteered within his community, supplying backpacks and school supplies to those in need.

Dr. Parrott has been married to the love of his life, Rachel, for 34 years. They have two children; Amanda, a first grade teacher at Fairview Elementary School and Matthew, an engineer at Nissan in Nashville. He also has a son Gary that lives in Clinton. They have three grandchildren Jayme, Carly, and Carson.



Suzi Schmidt

Chief Academic Officer of Middle Schools

Mrs. Suzi Schmidt has an undergraduate degree in Social Sciences/Secondary Education from Middle Tennessee State University and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee. For the last 30 years, she has worked at the middle school, high school, and district level serving students, teachers, and principals of Anderson County Schools.

According to Mrs. Schmidt, her most rewarding moments are when previous students return to teach and mentor the children of Anderson County!



Paula Sellers

Director of Student Services

Paula Sellers is the newly appointed Director of Student Services for the 2016-2017 school year. She received her Bachelor's degree in Special Education from Tennessee Technological University and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership in Administration from Tennessee Technological University. For the past four years, Paula has been employed as the Data & Evaluation

Coordinator for Anderson County Schools, and has worked as both a teacher and administrator at Briceville Elementary and Lake City Middle Schools. She lives in Briceville with her husband David and their two children Hannah and Jon Paul Sellers.



Eric Snider

Chief Academic Officer & Director of Secondary Schools

Mr. Snider has been in education for 19 years and in that time he has served as a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, principal, and now is the Director of Secondary Schools. Mr. Snider previously served as the Principal of Clinton High School for the past six years. He and his wife relocated to Anderson County, TN from South Carolina. When asked about his current position, Mr. Snider stated; "This has always been my dream job. I have always been a big supporter of public education and I have loved every position that I have been fortunate to hold, but this is where I aspire to be. I will always carry and use the tools and knowledge that I have gained from each posi-

tion and each school where I have worked. I have no doubt that the team of educators that I'm currently working with at central office are some of the best in the State! I am honored to be a part of this team!"





Kim Towe

Director of Special Education

Kim Towe – Kim Towe grew up in the Karns community, graduated from Karns High School and attended The University of Tennessee where she received a BA in Special Education. Kim received her Masters of Administration and Supervision

from Lincoln Memorial. She previously worked for Knox County Schools for 30 years, with 17 of those in a Special Education classroom setting.

Kim has been an administrator for 11 years, eight of which have been principal positions. Her last position from 2013-2016 was Principal of Karns High School. Kim brings 23 years involving direct work with students who are at-risk of not completing school or in Special Education. Kim’s family moved into Anderson County four years ago. She is married to Chris and has two grown children, one who teaches elementary school and the other an attorney in Knoxville. Kim stated she is very excited to be a part of this school system and the great work that is happening with our students.

Josh Tipton

Data and Evaluation Coordinator and Middle College Supervisor

During Mr. Tipton's 12 years with Anderson County Schools, he has worked as a teacher at Clinton Middle School and Clinton High School and most recently as an Assistant Principal at Clinton High. He is a local product of Anderson County, having attended Claxton Elementary,

Clinton Middle, and Clinton High School. Mr. Tipton and his wife Brittany have 2 daughters, Tatum and Juliette.



Johanna Cole Whitley, a life-long citizen of Anderson County, has been our district

Technology Director for over 15 years. Johanna has served as teacher, principal, parent support trainer, technology trainer and now the Director of Technology and the ACTV Station Administrator during her 38 years of service. Ms. Whitley holds a BS degree from the University of Tennessee, a Master’s Degree from Tennessee Tech University, and graduated with an Ed.S from Tennessee

Johanna Whitley

Director of Technology

Tech University in 1999.

The Office of Technology is located at 141 East Broad Street in Clinton. The technology staff supports all Anderson County Schools and district offices. Technology is used as an instructional tool in all our Pre-K – 12th grade classrooms. ACS has over 4,000 computers and 4,000 Chromebooks in operation within our district and classrooms. Check the Anderson County District website for an update on projects and events. www.acs.ac



Mary Winchester
Human Resources Manager

Mary Winchester began her career with Anderson County Schools in 2007 and is the Human Resources Manager. Mary is responsible

for recruitment, employee relations, substitute teachers, teacher licensing, and workers compensation. Mary is certified as a Society for Hu-

man Resource Management Certified Professional (SHRM-CP). She also is the secretary/ treasurer for Tennessee Association of School Personnel Administrators (TASPA), and is responsible for coordinating the bi-annual meetings for TASPA. Mary and her husband Dean live in Heiskell and have two sons, Ryan and Russell.

Jim Woodward
Chief Financial Officer

Jim Woodward is currently the Chief Financial Officer and System Support Director for Anderson County Schools. Jim has served as the Anderson County Schools' Finance Director for 12 years. Prior to his career with the school system, he worked for 25 years in various accounting and property management positions at the Y-12, K-25 Plants and Lockheed Martin Corporate Staff in

Oak Ridge. He holds a Bachelors in Commerce from Cumberland College (Now the University of the Cumberlands) and a Masters with a concentration in Finance from Lincoln Memorial University. Jim served our country as a Marine completing a 13 month tour of duty in Vietnam (1968-1969).



Putting a Cap on Cancer

The students of Dutch Valley Elementary School were surprised by members of the Clinton High School Baseball Team for their "Put a Cap on Cancer" celebration. The CHS Baseball players, along with coach Matt Byrd, had breakfast with the students on Friday, September 16th and helped them celebrate Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Students at Dutch Valley brought in donations for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital to help raise awareness and to honor one of their own students. In exchange for their donations, students were able to wear a hat to school all day and were asked to wear yellow shirts in honor of student Riley Mazingo who has been battling brain cancer for several years.



Caps for a Cure continued from page 7

The Dragon Baseball team also honored Riley by wearing their hats. Additionally, they presented Riley with a special letter and a baseball signed by members of the team. The school raised over \$200 for St. Jude's and all funds will be donated in honor of Riley.



Meet The Anderson County School Board



Dr. John Burrell, Board Chair

District 4 - Rocky Top

Dr. John Burrell was elected to the Board of Education in 1980 and was first elected chairman

until 1996 and has served almost continuously since then. He was instrumental in the board being recognized as a "Board of Distinction," and has worked diligently to improve the board's relationship with the community and local public officials.

in 1982. He served as chairman intermittently

Don Bell

District 7—Oak Ridge

Don Bell graduated Oak Ridge High School in 1974 and worked for Oak Ridge Schools for 24 years as head custodian in Maintenance and Operations at Glenwood Elementary School. Don is a lifelong resident of Oak Ridge. Don produced a TV show and was co-host of Ciderville Farm and Home on local channel 12, BBB Communications. Don is a freelance writer for the Oak Ridger newspaper, and his articles feature nostalgia in and around Oak Ridge. Don wrote a book entitled Life of a Secret City Kid, published in 2008. He ran for Anderson County Board of Education in 2013 as a representative from the Glenwood community. Don enjoys collecting sports

memorabilia; he enjoys music and pets, and he supports the animal shelter in Oak Ridge. He currently hosts Anderson County Conversation on local channel 95. His favorite guests have been former University of Tennessee Coach Johnny Majors and current Board of Education Chairman Dr. John Burrell. Mr. Bell is interested in a common sense to education by a common man to make a difference in young people's lives and their future.



Dail Cantrell

District 3—Andersonville

Dail Cantrell was born and raised in the north end of the county. He attended Glen Alpine and Norris in elementary and middle school and was in the first graduating class at ACHS. He received his undergraduate, graduate and Doctorate degrees from the University of Tennessee. He also has attended LMU working towards a Masters in education. He has taught at the University of Tennessee for approximately ten years. He is currently the

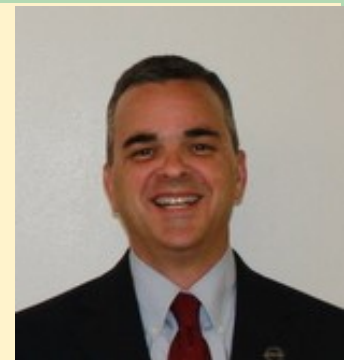
managing partner of Cantrell, Goodge and Associates, and is a retired Administrative Law Judge in Special Education and school-related issues. Dail has represented Boards of Education and students throughout the State of Tennessee for many years. He has authored multiple books and articles including one textbook. He is beginning his fourth term on the Anderson County Board of Education. He is currently the longest tenured coach in the Anderson County School System. Dail is married to Nicki and they have two children, Benjamin and Erin who are both students in the Anderson County School System.

Scott Gillenwaters, Vice Chair

District 6—Oak Ridge

Scott Gillenwaters was born and raised in the Karns Community of West Knox County. He graduated from Karns High School in 1982, received a BA in Secondary Education and Political Science from Emory & Henry College in 1986. Scott completed an internship with the United States Congress, Washington, D.C. in the sum-

mer of 1986. He was then employed as a Staff Assistant to U.S. Congressman John J. Duncan and John J. Duncan Jr., 1986-1989. Mr. Gillenwaters began full time church youth ministries in 1989, working at First United Methodist Church in Cleveland, TN (1989-1992) and First United Methodist Church,



Scott Gillenwaters cont. from pg. 8

Oak Ridge (1992-Present). Scott served eight years as an Anderson County Commissioner (2002-2010), where he chaired the Operations Committee (2005-2008), Tourism Committee, and Legislative Committee. He served as Parliamentarian for Commission two years. He also served as East Tennessee Representative to the Tennessee County Commissioner's Association (TCCA) from 2006-2008. Mr. Gillenwaters received an M.A. in Youth Ministry Leadership, Huntington University (IN), 2010. He was appointed to the Anderson County School Board in January 2011. He was then elected to the remainder of the term in 2012, and elected to a full term in 2014. Scott has contracted as an adjunct Teaching Assistant at Huntington University (IN), 2011-2014. He has written numerous articles and curriculum for the United Methodist Publishing House. He co-authored Ordinary to Extraordi-

nary VBS curriculum (1999), Published Sage Advice: Stories from Seasoned Youth Workers (2002) and most recently wrote a three-part series for The Youth Worker Journal, and two articles for Youth Specialties (2016). Scott is a trained volunteer mediator for Community Mediation Services: Volunteers with the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) and Teen Parent Mediation (TPM). Both programs involve mediating court and non-court referred cases involving teenagers. He is a member of the Oak Ridge Lions Club and served four terms as President along with various other offices and committees. Scott enjoys reading political history and non-fiction, writing, singing and playing piano. Scott is married to Kathy Kilday Gillenwaters (1989). They have two boys; Andrew, a student at Tennessee Tech, and Chris, a student at Emory & Henry College.



Glenda Langenberg

District 8—Oak Ridge

Glenda Langenberg was elected to the Anderson County Board of Education in 1984. At that time, she was the only Oak Ridger

on the board and she had to run county-wide as an at large candidate. She served two four-year terms until 1992 when she decided she would not seek reelection after completing two terms. In 2007, Glenda was appointed to complete the term of a board member who resigned. She has been elected to serve district 8 since that time. Glenda is an Oak Ridge High School graduate. She completed business courses at Knoxville Business College and Roane State Community College and worked for the Clinton Courier News in Clinton. Glenda has been married to her husband Wayne since 1968 and they have three children, one of whom is deceased. They have 11

grandchildren who keep them busy with sports and other activities. They attend First United Methodist Church in Oak Ridge. According to Glenda, she feels we have an excellent school system. We have a broad curriculum that reaches out to students to prepare them for college. We also have an outstanding career and technology program that prepares students for careers after high school in many fields including nursing, auto mechanics, advanced manufacturing, construction, business administration, agriculture and mechatronics. Our school board members work well together and are fortunate to have an excellent superintendent and staff. I enjoy serving on the Anderson County Board of Education and feel it is an honor to make decisions that will affect the future of our students and help each one achieve the goals and dreams.

Andy McKamey

District 5—Dutch Valley

Andy McKamey was born and raised in Anderson County. He attended Shinliver Elementary School and Clinton High School. He is a 1973 graduate of Cumberland College. Andy began working for Anderson County in 1974 at the Maintenance Department. He then moved to teaching at Glen Alpine Junior High and coaching baseball and basketball for Norris High School. After several years, Andy transferred to Materials Clerk and then had the opportunity to move up to Transportation Supervisor. After serving the county for over 40 years, Andy retired in 2016 as Director of Operations. Andy is married Pamela

(Byrge) McKamey and they will celebrate their 44th Anniversary in December. He and his wife have two children, Lyndon Clay McKamey and Andrea

(McKamey) Irwin. Andy has four grandchildren Kevin, Duncan, Kyla and Dakota.



Teresa Portwood

District 2—Clinton

Teresa Portwood began her professional career in 1984 as a teacher for Anderson County Schools. In 1997, she accepted a job as a pharmaceutical representative. While working in the pharmaceutical industry, she went to school to become a

REALTOR and worked weekends in real estate. In 2012 she began working as a realtor full-time with Sellers Realty. Teresa has been a member of the board of education since 2014.

Jo Williams

District 1

Jo Williams is starting her ninth year serving on the Board of Education. She retired from the Anderson County School System in 2007 when she was appointed to the School Board. Jo has served the Board as its Chair, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Policy Committee and is currently the Chair of the East District Nominating Committee of the Tennessee School Boards Association. She is on the advisory committee of the Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education (AWARE) initiative, a volunteer for Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP), the board representative of the governing body for the Head

Start/Early Head Start program, and a member of the Collaborative Conferencing team working with the Anderson County Education Association. Jo is a Level V/ Master School Board Member in the TSBA Boardmanship Program. She is a native of North Carolina and attended Roane State Community College. She and her husband, Ken, have two daughters who graduated from Clinton High School and five grandchildren.

