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Dear Garrison Mill Community:

I wanted to take a moment to briefly introduce myself to everyone. I was notified on Thursday evening of my appointment to Garrison Mill, and I could not be more excited! I've had the great fortune of knowing Paula Huffman for the past 4 years, and realize that her departure is a great loss to Garrison Mill and to the school district as a whole. I genuinely wish Paula and her family the best in their future endeavors.

I understand that there is great dedication of the Garrison Mill staff and parents to the education of the students. Parents are vital to the educational process, and I'm well aware that the Garrison Mill parents are vital both inside and outside the building. Additionally, I look forward to working with Dr. Vicki Stasiak and the entire Garrison Mill staff in moving the school forward as we provide the groundwork for a lifetime of learning. Finally, but most of all, I cannot wait to meet the students of Garrison Mill. In the end, students are the reason I pursued a career in education. I am reminded every day that they are the reason that I walk through the front door each morning. It is an honor and a privilege to be an educator, but it comes with great responsibility, as we prepare them to one day be the informed leaders of our nation. This I do not take lightly. Mrs. Huffman and I have spoken several times and plan to meet in the near future to make this transition as smooth as possible.

For those wanting to know a little bit more about me and my family: I'm a product of the Cobb County School District, attending Blackwell Elementary, J. J. Daniell Middle, and Sprayberry High. I met the love of my life, Kristen, while at the University of Georgia. A few years later, we married and now have two beautiful girls, Lauren (7), and Ansley (4). Although my "career" began in August of 2000, I wore other hats in Cobb schools during my college years: 2 summers as a custodian at J. J. Daniell Middle and several years of substitute teaching. As a substitute, I discovered my love of teaching and abandoned the plan to go to law school. Since August of 2000, I have taught at McCleskey Middle and been an administrator at Palmer Middle and Rocky Mount Elementary.

Although this introduction is brief, I wanted to give you more of an idea about who I am. You are sure to learn much more about me as time goes on. I look forward to meeting all of you and becoming a part of the Garrison Mill Community in the weeks to come.

Sincerely,



Kyle Giesler

