



RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*Where all students learn, grow and succeed*

October 9, 2019

Dear Northwood Hills Elementary Community,

It is with great excitement that I introduce myself as the new principal of Northwood Hills Elementary. I have heard amazing things about the campus, community, and faculty, and cannot wait to begin working together to help students succeed every day. It will be a great honor to lead this school community and be a part of this wonderful team. I have a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for working with students and families and cannot wait to begin building strong relationships with everyone.

As an educator, I am in my 26th year of working with students and families. I graduated from the University of Houston with my undergraduate degree before completing my master's degree in education leadership at Concordia University. Recently, I completed my work at the University of Texas at Arlington in the superintendent certification program. I am a lifelong learner and enthusiastic to pass on my excitement for learning to students, teachers, and staff members. I have worked as a teacher, instructional coach, and administrator in a wide variety of grade levels and settings. As an elementary principal, I have worked to make sure that each day is a positive and enriching experience for everyone.

When not at school, I enjoy riding my bike, reading, or trying out exciting new recipes in the kitchen with my wife, Catherine. As an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Arlington, Catherine has already made the transition to the Dallas area and I am excited to join her. Together we have one daughter who is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Captain.

I am passionate about student learning and forming partnerships with the community in order to provide opportunities beyond the classroom for our students. I look forward to meeting with our PTA and community groups to begin building a strong and lasting relationship.

My first day in RISD will be Monday, October 21. We'll hold a schoolwide assembly in the afternoon so I can introduce myself to students, and then parents and community members are invited to stop by our library between 4 – 6 p.m. for a meet and greet.

I am very excited to begin the transition to Northwood Hills and looking forward to working with Mrs. Low and the Northwood Hills Elementary community.

Sincerely,

David Lewis  
Principal  
Northwood Hills Elementary