



Making a World of Difference

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Ridgeview Families:

Earlier in October I provided you information about Mr. Kip Wright, 8th grade counselor, being on leave; at this time I'm able to provide an update that at the conclusion of his leave Mr. Wright has entered his retirement with Fulton County Schools. Mr. Wright had an incredible and positive impact on Ridgeview, our students, and on his colleagues in his almost-unheard-of 19-year tenure at Ridgeview. I often times tell students that we're here to "Make a World of Difference," and to a great many Mr. Wright performed as a counselor who did just that. I hope you can join me in wishing Mr. Wright well into retirement.

While we have announced this news to our faculty, we did not make any sort of school-wide announcement as it is not our practice to celebrate staff members in their absence or after they have departed. If your student is one who would want to know this news, I invite you to share with him or her that Mr. Wright has served us so well and is now in retirement!

We will begin the search for a permanent replacement through our hiring process, and we will be deliberate and measured in ensuring we find a counselor who is the best fit for Ridgeview.

During this time leading up to the winter holidays, we will be fortunate to continue to have the support of substitute counselor Ms. Carla Cooper. She has been with us since October 24th and has been a phenomenal support to our school. You may continue to reach out to her as the primary point of contact for 8th graders and 8th grade families who need any kind of support or assistance from the counseling center. Her contact information is CooperC5@fultonschools.org or 470-254-8578.

Thank you for your continued support of Ridgeview, and I hope you have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,

Opie Blackwell, Principal