

**WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME TEAM!!!**

Welcome to the start of another exciting year at Wallins Elementary! There have been some changes over the summer and I am excited about the future at our school!

Mr. Belcher has accepted a new challenge and is the new District Assessment Coordinator for the Harlan County School System. He has been in contact with me throughout the transition and he will still be around the school at various times throughout the year. I am glad to be your new principal and am looking forward to seeing the progress that we make together this year.

We also return another familiar face to one of our classrooms as Mrs. Darlene Roberts steps back into her role as our 7th/8th grade Language Arts teacher. I would also like to welcome Mrs. Julie Roberts to Wallins as our Gear-Up Academic Specialist. We will also be adding more new additions to our staff in the near future.

This year, we will be focusing on the fact that "We are all on the same Team!" Every student and staff member should keep in mind that we are all in this together and we want each of our team members to be as successful as they can in every aspect of their lives. We have many exciting activities in store for this year related to this "TEAM" concept and will be announcing those as the year progresses.

The first "TEAM" related honor that I would like to announce is the Wallins Student Hall of Fame. Each month, 2 students from each grade will be inducted to this year's Hall of Fame. Your teachers will be discussing the requirements to be selected for the Hall of Fame and the rewards that students who are chosen will receive.

We are working toward improvements in all areas of our school--academics, athletics, band, clubs, character, and culture. We want to see our test scores rise, our sports team improve, our band and clubs grow, our character develop, and our culture become more welcoming. We can only do this together!

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