

Hancock Heat Family,

I am very excited to join the Hancock Heat community! My name is Dr. Joe Walters and I am currently the principal at Conley Elementary School. I am married to Samantha who currently is a sixth-grade teacher. We have five children and live in Queen Creek. You can say our lives are centered around education because even the children have spent countless hours helping in the classroom, creating bulletin boards, preparing art projects for mom and so many more things.

I am so fortunate to be finishing my 31st year in education. After completing my pre-med degree at Arizona State University, I was talked into interviewing for a teaching position in East Los Angeles, California. I was offered a sixth-grade teaching position and immediately loved it! I saw the potential of impacting the lives of children in an incredible way and this was so impactful to me, the direction in my life forever changed.

After teaching several years which included high school science, I went on to get my Masters in Administration and finally my Doctorate degree in Education Leadership. I coached high school baseball and football and was an athletic director/assistant principal for several years. In 2000, my family then moved to Arizona where I accepted my first elementary principal position. I am completing my seventeen year as a principal, fifteen years in Chandler. I also have taught at several universities.

I am so honored to follow Mrs. Hull at Hancock. Through her leadership, Hancock has become a model school in the district. The school is established with a great reputation of high excellence. I will be committed to upholding this and bringing new ideas to enhance Hancock.

My greatest passion over the past 31 years is providing quality educational experiences for all children regardless of their background. I have been in several different schools and I have come to the conclusion that when a child is in a quality learning environment that includes sincere care for the child, structure, and quality instruction, the potential of the child is endless. I have been so blessed to be part of seeing children excel at their highest level.

I am very excited to begin this next journey at Hancock and to meet and get to know all students, parents, and staff.