

## **My Values and Beliefs:**

- First and foremost, I believe that all students can learn. We all learn at different rates and in different ways but we all have the capacity to learn. Any decision I make will always center around this belief and on what is best for students.
- I believe that for any child to be successful in anything it starts at home. Successful education takes the home, school, and community working together, but the home is where a child initially learns behavior and values and where they go for reassurance and acceptance every day. A child that does not have this support system will have difficulty in school and life.
- I believe it is the parents' responsibility along with the child to make sure that they get to school on time, have what they need for school, and are dressed appropriately within the guidelines of the dress code. Parents, it is also your responsibility to review the discipline code with your child and help reinforce appropriate behavior. Effective discipline, like education, must be present in both home and school.
- I believe in saying "Sir" and "Mam", and being respectful to others. I tell students that the way you present yourself to others will leave a good or bad impression based on how you speak and your appearance. We want to make good impressions in life as I have never known anything good to come from making a bad impression.
- I believe that with hard work, effort, and determination you can accomplish most anything. I feel that rewarding effort is instrumental as all students are not going to make A's. Some give their all to make C's and they need to be rewarded for that effort as well.
- I believe in earning your own way in life. Students need to understand that the only way to succeed in education, which in turn will help them succeed in life, is through hard work. As a coach I always would tell my players that you will not become great by just practicing at practice. You must put in the extra time and work to really become a success. The same goes for education. Students will have to study, read, and practice skills in order to improve and be a success in the classroom.
- Finally, I believe that by working together we can help all students reach their fullest potential. I take this job very seriously and will do all in my power to make sure all students are safe and getting the best education possible.

My door is always open. If ever you have any questions or concerns, please call or come by the school. I am honored to serve this community.

Sincerely,

Josh Burton

Principal Belton Middle School