

Matt Kitzerow To Lead KMMS

Matt Kitzerow has been named the new principal of Kettle Moraine Middle School, succeeding the school's long-time leader Mike Comiskey, who will retire June 30. Kitzerow is currently the principal at Longfellow Middle School in La Crosse. He grew up in Oak Creek, attended the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse and taught at a number of La Crosse schools before his current position.

Thank you to the Kettle Moraine Middle School stakeholders - parents, staff and students - who took part in the extensive recruiting and hiring process. While Mr. Kitzerow won't begin his KM career until July 1, we hope this Q&A helps our community get to know him a little!

What drew you to this opportunity at KMMS?

My wife and I wanted to move to southeast Wisconsin to be closer to our family. I was drawn to Kettle Moraine Middle School because of the great reputation of the district. I believe now, more than ever, we need to provide options to students and families to receive a relevant and meaningful education. The pillars of Kettle Moraine, Academic Excellence, Citizenship, and Personal Development align with my educational philosophy and core beliefs. The opportunity at KMMS for me was ideal because I have spent most of my educational career at the middle school level. I love middle school and all of its challenges, all of the laughs the daily work brings, and opportunity to build a healthy and meaningful bridge from elementary to high school.

How has your experience at Longfellow Middle School prepared you for this next endeavor?

My three years of experience at Longfellow Middle School have prepared me for KMMS. I have built skills around budgeting, hiring, supporting staff development, scheduling, building and improving school systems, and much more. Most importantly, I had the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with students, families, and staff. This work has strengthened my disposition and my love for all things middle school.

What motivates you to work with students, families and staff on a daily basis?

Todd Whitaker is one of my favorite educational leadership authors. He has a quote, "The best part about teaching is that it matters. The hardest thing about teaching is that it matters every day." The same sentiment applies to education administration. The work matters every day. Every day I have the opportunity to lead and foster growth. I love building relationships with students and with families to address challenges and celebrate successes.

What do you most enjoy doing when you are away from your school building?

I love all things Wisconsin sports. I am a die-hard Green Bay Packer fan and I am currently enjoying seeing the Milwaukee Bucks defend their championship. My wife and I are very active with biking, hiking, and kayaking. I love to camp...my wife not so much, but she's a great sport about it! We love to travel, spend time with family and friends, and try new restaurants.



Matt and his wife Amanda



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