

# MEET THE NEW ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL DR. BRIAN DUFFIE



DEAR GRANDVIEW ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

I am so excited to start my 1st year as your Principal at Grandview Elementary. I feel fortunate to be part of this school and to support the students, families, and community. This will be my 19th year in education, working with students in Pre-kindergarten through sixth grades. Although I have always felt at home in the classroom, it is in my position as an educational coach and administrator where I have been most fulfilled in my life's work. I started my formal education by earning my Bachelor of Arts Degree from Upper Iowa University. I earned my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at Missouri Baptist University and have been a teacher leader in many capacities throughout my career. I will be graduating this spring from Saint Louis University with a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership. My first leadership opportunities were all in the areas of education as a reading mentor, & staff developer. I have led as an Assistant Principal in Sullivan School District for 2 years, was the principal at Diamond Elementary for 4 years, and was the principal in the Independence School District for 5 years. I am looking forward to working with the staff and community as a partner in education, facilitating the growth of our students.



On a personal note, I have two amazing children who have taught me that every child is uniquely different. My daughter, Ty, is going to be a Junior in high school and enjoys playing tennis and competing in speech & debate. My son, Grant, is going to be a Freshman in high school and enjoys playing baseball and being outdoors. My wife, Sherri has been a special education educator for the past 18 years and enjoys reading as well as watching our children's activities. My family's experiences have given me a great appreciation for the partnerships between school and family that support every child to reach their potential.

I view education as a life-long process and expect that I will continue to learn much about the uniqueness of Grandview Elementary and the community this year and in the years to come. Most importantly, I bring a belief that students are at the center of all school-related decisions. I am eager to unite my experience, my openness to learn, and my child-centered approach, to support our students. Because the relationships between families and the school are vital to the success of our students, I encourage everyone to be involved in every way possible. I look forward to an amazing year with you and your children.

Brian Duffie