

Dear Frost Families,

My name is Ric Baileykaze and I'm excited to continue as Associate Principal at both Frost and Muir elementary schools! For the last seventeen years I've been working in an elementary school environment: thirteen years as a teacher, and the other six in an administrative role. My path to teaching started back in college when I accepted a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coaching job and absolutely loved it; ever since then I've been working with kids. Don't be surprised to find me with my shirt and tie "hooping" it up with some kiddos at recess, after I stretch of course. 😊

I believe strongly in building relationships with families and students and working hard to help each and every child feel safe and successful in school. I'm also a strong believer in restorative justice, helping students to not make the same mistake again by teaching them rather than simply punishing them. Throughout the year, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns, or simply to introduce yourself.

My wife is a high school chemistry teacher and my daughter is a senior in high school. We have a very tight knit family that loves to listen to music, eat good food, travel abroad, and laugh and joke with each other. I look forward to learning more about your children, families, and the Muir and Frost communities each and every year!

Sincerely,

Ric Baileykaze

Associate Principal

Robert Frost Elementary