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## COUNTRY TRAILS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Country Trails Elementary Families,

I am honored to be able to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself. My name is Jeff King, and I have the privilege of being the principal of the high achieving Country Trails Elementary School. I have been in the field of education for the last 15 years, and an administrator for the last seven years. My last administration assignment was at a neighboring preschool through fifth grade elementary school, Gilberts Elementary. Five years ago when Country Trails was opening its doors for the first time, I had the privilege of opening Gilberts Elementary School. While the majority of my teaching experience is at the elementary level in the general education classroom, I have also been an elementary gifted teacher and middle school through high school alternative classroom teacher. My professional experience has involved working with diverse populations of students including general education, gifted, English Language Learners, and special education students. From the moment I interviewed for the position at Country Trails Elementary School, I remember going home to my wife and discussing the excitement and energy I felt throughout the interview and my hopes of being the successful candidate. We look forward to becoming involved in and learning about the areas within our boundaries.

Although I don't officially start until July 1st, I have already had the opportunity to meet families, staff and students. I am confident that the Country Trails Elementary staff will continue meeting the intellectual, physical, and social/emotional needs of your children, our students. Partnering with you and your children, we are looking forward to the 2012-2013 school year.

As an elementary principal, I realize the education of children is a difficult job, and cannot be accomplished without the assistance of parents and the surrounding community. With our students coming from various subdivisions and areas within our boundaries, our school and district will continue to strive to make Country Trails Elementary a center hub to build and maintain this sense of community. I encourage parents and community members to be active participants in the education of our students. There are many ways to participate in the education of our students. The easiest way, however, is to maintain effective lines of communication. We welcome ideas and volunteers both now while we are preparing for the upcoming school year and throughout the year as well. If you have concerns, praises, or would like to volunteer, please feel free to e-mail me at: [jking@burlington.k12.il.us](mailto:jking@burlington.k12.il.us).

In closing, I would like to thank current District 301 staff, the Board of Education, and the community of Country Trails Elementary for giving me this opportunity. I will work diligently to continue to provide an excellent educational experience for the students of District 301.

In partnership with you,

*Jeff King*

Jeff King, Principal  
Country Trails Elementary School