

Dear West Field Families,

I'm beyond thrilled to have the opportunity to return to West Field! It is truly a special place where families and staff partner together to support our children. From the moment I stepped through the doors three years ago, I've been continually impressed with the kindness and positive culture. I was immediately welcomed by students, staff, and families and can't wait to come back home. I've missed all our Wildcats and can't wait to see how much they've grown this past year!

For those I haven't met yet, here's a little about me... I grew up in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and always wanted to be a teacher. I had a student desk and chalkboard in my bedroom and made my younger brother play school on a regular basis. I moved to Edmond for college, graduating from UCO with a Special Education degree and later returning for my Masters in Educational Leadership. I taught at John Ross here in Edmond for eight years before helping open Frontier Elementary as their first Assistant Principal. After three years at Frontier, I came to West Field for two years and have been at Cross Timbers this past year. My husband Brad and I have been married for ten years. We met at the gym and continue to be avid fitness enthusiasts. I enjoy teaching group fitness classes at several local facilities. We're obsessed with our three rescue dogs. Pepper Ann the Jack Russell Terrier is 16, mixed-breed Lincoln is 12, and Benelli the Blue Heeler is 5. I'm so excited to meet all the new Wildcats and get to know everyone better.

I will be working closely with the West Field staff and the new PTO Board to ensure a smooth transition. Watch for more communication and a survey to get your input as we move closer to August. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly. Email is probably the best way to get in touch with me quickly over the summer: crystal.smith@edmondschools.net.

I have a million dreams for the 2019-2020 school year. I can't wait to hear yours!

Learning Together,



Crystal M. Smith



“Every child deserves a **champion** - an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of *connection*, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.”

-Rita Pierson