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Steering a ship without a captain is almost impossible. Bunche has been fortunate two extremely capable captains were available to keep the vessel moving in the right direction after the former principal moved to another school district. During the final minutes of any tight game, the coach always puts the best players in the game. The search committee handed Mrs. Greer and Dr. Snowden the ball. They picked up the ball and hit the ground working. Both are retired educators who employ their combined expertise to ensure the ball isn't fumbled or dropped. Their collective leadership experiences encompass:

MRS. FRANCINE GREER

- Bachelor of Science: University of Pittsburgh
- Master of Education: Curriculum & Instruction and Athletic Administration, California State University, Los Angeles
- Teacher: Pittsburgh Public Schools, Los Angeles Unified School District
- Middle School transformation Lead, Testing & Evaluation, Dean of Students: Los Angeles Unified School District
- Head of Lower School: Westridge School for Girls, Pasadena California
- Assistant Principal / Principal: Therrell High School, Garden Hills Elementary, Inman Middle, Coan Middle, Bunche Middle and King Middle
- Member Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Cascade United Methodist Church
- Favorite pass time: Training and competing in Triathlons
- Favorite Quote: *"We are more alike than unalike"* - Maya Angelo

DR. PAULA SNOWDEN

- Bachelor of Science: Morris Brown College
- Master of Education: Georgia State University
- Doctorate: Atlanta University
- Teacher: Guice Elementary School and Bunche Middle
- Assistant Principal: Bunche Middle School
- Principal: Dobbs Elementary School, Lakewood Elementary School and Grove Park Elementary School
- Director of Teacher Preparation-Shorter University
- Member: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Cascade United Methodist
- Favorite quote: *"Whatever you do strive to do so well that no man living and no man dead and no man yet to be born could do it any better."* - Benjamin Mays

Please join the RBMS Administration in Welcoming Our New Administrative Leaders, Faculty and Staff!

DR. WARDELL HUNTER, INTERIM PRINCIPAL at Bunche articulated how much he loves the opportunity to help people who are looking to become leaders and make an impact in their chosen occupations. Dr. Hunter was deployed by APS Associate Superintendent Paul Brown, to augment the value of the Interim Principals team. Dr. Hunter has served in leadership roles at APS District offices, various Atlanta Public Schools, and Dekalb County Schools. His accomplishments have been many during his over 20 years in the education field. As a leader, he has effectively managed school operations and resources, promoted student learning, and formed collaborations with parents and community members to promote the success of all students.

Dr. Hunter attended Cortland State University, Kennesaw State University, Central Michigan University and Georgia Southern University. He earned his doctoral degree in Educational Administration at Georgia Southern University. Dr. Hunter credits each institution with affording him the opportunity to improve his leadership skills. He is a Buffalo, NY transplant to Atlanta. Along with his wife, Danielle Hunter, they are the parents of three sons, Wardell C. Hunter IV, Winston C. Hunter, and Warren C. Hunter. Dr. Hunter enjoys watching youth athletics, learning to play the saxophone, and exercising.



SITE MANAGER, BARRY KNOWLES moved from Miami to Atlanta three years ago when he retired from Dade County Aviation Administration after 30 years of service as a maintenance supervisor. The realization that life is a gift, believing that moving and being is not only freedom but a gift are the motivators causing him to return to work after retirement. "Every day I'm blessed to rise is an opportunity to live more fully and to not do so is like squandering an opportunity," said Knowles. He has been married to his wife Tracie for 34 years. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Working out and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle have been his ritual leisure pursuits for more than 15 years.

FACULTY MEMBERS

Katrina Green
ELA



Lakeshia Maclin
Interrelated
SPED



Rhonda Robinson
ELA



D'Mageo
Dickerson
Interrelated



Amy Stenson
Individuals and
Societies



Kathy Prince
Social



Malika Graves
Social Studies



Not Pictured: Tatianna Biggs, Ali Brinson, Jasmine Brown, Jeffrey Cason, Carey A'Enka, Sharonda Gullat Cooper, Keonia Griffin, Stephanie Hicks, Samantha Hudson, Robbie Johnson, Lamar Karim, Isaiah Mitchell, Ayana Moore, Jasmine Owens, Nicole Rivers, Erika Tillman, and Kerry York.

BUNCHE FAMILY PORTRAITS



LONA FOSTER, FAMILY ENGAGEMENT LIAISON, considers her role an opportunity to celebrate and encourage families as the purpose that drives her life. Prior to moving to Atlanta, she was a Top Chef and Supervisor at the revered Walnut Room in downtown Chicago. Born and raised in Newark NJ. Attending college in Rhode Island caused her to move away from her hometown. She earned undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Culinary and Hospitality Management. Later she earned a Master's in Business Administration. Foster loves to travel, seeing plays as well as enjoying a spa day when time permits. "One of the greatest honors in my life is to be a mom. According to Foster, "My daughter is a women's basketball player Development Director at a Big 12 University, as well as a commentator for the WNBA. My son is a movie producer working out of California and New York managing clients."



SPANISH TEACHER EVA LAVIN ARROYO is originally from Madrid Spain. According to her, Spain has the "best food in the world." Mrs. Arroyo earned a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and a Juris Doctorate from Autonoma University of Madrid. She practiced family law in Madrid for a little over 2 years before migrating to the United States and marrying her high school sweetheart, Malcolm. The couple have adorable twin boys, Daniel and Matthew who are now 8 years old. They just started their 3rd grade school term. She says, "they definitely keep me busy." According to her, eating a healthy and amazing breakfast daily of either freshly squeezed orange juice or fresh fruit gets her re-energized to come back to school every day. Playing tennis, bike riding and enjoying a good book are her leisure activities.



QUENTIN WILSON, MASTER TEACHER LEADER, MATHEMATICS, before "finding his "calling in education," worked in sales for 2 years, and management for 2 years. Wilson proudly declares himself "a Grady baby born and raised in Atlanta." His university accomplishments include earning a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering Technology and a master's degree in Mathematics Education. He has worked at Atlanta Public Schools for 10 years and at a South Florida school district for 4 years. Prior to teaching at Bunche, Wilson coached basketball for 3 years at Young Middle School. They won the championship game every year. His final record was 40 wins and 2 losses (to RBMS). Wilson and his wife Neci have 3 beautiful daughters (Kye, Kayden and Kena). For relaxation, he enjoys working out, watching movies, sports, and binge worthy television.

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8TH GRADE PHYSICAL SCIENCE TEACHER, WILLISHA DAVIDSON is not afraid to travel in pursuit of an education. Although she was born in Tacoma Park, Maryland (right outside of Washington, D.C.), she attended schools in Alexandria, Virginia, Savannah, Georgia, and Fayetteville, Georgia. She left for college and came back to Atlanta in 2004. She added earning a bachelor's in Chemistry from Fort Valley State University, another bachelor's degree in Geology from the University of Oklahoma and a master's degree in Education from Georgia State University to her education travels. Pittsburgh and back to Atlanta is where she interned during her college years.

No doubt all that travel enabled her to not be afraid of hard work either! In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she has worn many supplementary hats since she began at RBMS seven years ago. Most notably she has served as 8th Grade Level Science Department Chair (2019–2021) as well as Black History Program Coordinator (2018–2021). Davidson also served on Bunche's GO Team and was selected as RBMS's Teacher of the Year (2021-2022). She enjoys spending time with her 8-year-old son Chauncey (recently selected to attend the Barak and Michelle Obama School of Technology) as well as other family members, shopping, watching sports, reading, and playing tennis are Davison's respites away from work.



COACH, ARMAND XAVIER NAILING has Jamaican and Haitian ancestry. His father was Jamaican, and his grandfather was Jamaican/Haitian. He serves as RBMS' 8th Grade Level Assistant as well as the softball, basketball, and baseball Head Coach. He has been at RBMS since 2019 and has over 20 years of coaching expertise. Nailing is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Nailing moved to Atlanta after graduating from 8th grade in 1994. During his high school years in the Atlanta area, he attended Southwest Dekalb High School, North Atlanta High School, and graduated from North Springs High School 1998. While at Clark Atlanta University Nailing was featured in the movie "Drumline." He pursued an Associate Degree in Sports Medicine and Certified Medical Assistant/CNA accreditation at Laurus Technical Institute.

His passion is Deejaying, which satisfies a considerable amount of his spare time. Nailing plays a compilation of music genres at his gigs. Also, he plays percussion, brass, and string musical instruments. Nailing credits, a desire to inspire, mentor, and be a role model to today's youth as the motivation that gets him up raring to come to school every day.



SHARON HECKSTALL, HEALTH TEACHER/STAFF WELLNESS COORDINATOR has many loves. She loves to eat at upscale restaurants. She loves sitting at the edge of the ocean. She loves a good and intriguing conversation. She loves to talk about the future of education. She loves to listen to friends and laugh at life's encounters. She loves to read serial killer novels, invest in the stock market and buy/sale investment properties. But her greatest love is being married to husband, Shaun. Together they parent, Coltrane, their tan and brown 12-year-old Yorkie.

"I am a Grady baby born and raised in the "A" and I lived in New York City as well," said Heckstall. After she earned an undergraduate degree in Corporate Fitness at West Georgia, a master's in Educational Leadership, plus an Ed.S Educational Leadership Specialist degree Heckstall began her journey as an educator. Prior to becoming an educator, she worked in the non-profit sector as a YMCA Director and Red Cross Health Coordinator. Heckstall's corporate achievements include working at Cable News Network (CNN) in addition to performing as an operating room pharmaceutical sales executive. Her many experiences in the work world add to the breadth of knowledge she brings to the classroom where she explains nutrition, fitness, sex education, and disease prevention to 6th thru 8th grade students.

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KAMI TUCKER, POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORT COORDINATOR is originally from Tuskegee, Alabama. She has lived in Atlanta for the past 27 years. Tucker describes her two children, four grandchildren, three sisters, five nieces and one nephew, that she absolutely adores, "My lifeline!" She was an electrical engineer for 8 years before becoming an educator. While working as an engineer, Tucker worked for General Electric and Future Electronics as a Design Engineer/in technical sales. During the years she worked as an engineer, she lived in Denver, Colorado, Waukesha, Wisconsin and Chicago, Illinois. What gets her up raring to go every day is the knowledge that, "This is the day the Lord has made, and I will rejoice and be glad in it! I will wake up every day ready to serve God all day!" Tucker has multiple leisure pursuits: loving to dance, singing, interior designing, socializing with family and friends, crafting, event planning, robotics coaching and art.



BRODERICK JONES, INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES INSTRUCTOR was serious with a capital "S" when he decided to pursue a graduate education at the University of Mississippi that might put him above other educators. He earned (3) master's degrees: a master's in Teaching, and a master's in Public Administration. Then just to put a cherry on top of those two degrees, he earned a master's in Educational Leadership. While pursuing an undergraduate degree, Jones was an offensive lineman at the at the University of Mississippi. He is a native Atlantan (Eastside) who is "all about family, friends, the gym, and football." Prior to the onset of his teaching career, he was a college football coach at Savannah State University. Jones and wife Ashley are the parents of Taylor, age 17, who is a Senior at North Springs High School and son Wesley, age 6. Per Jones, a decision hasn't been made if Wesley will play football like his father. Jones is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. His philosophy for living a productive life is, "I wake up every morning with expectations. Every morning I invest in myself before anything else." Jones and his family enjoy spending vacations at beaches in Florida, or in outdoor cabins in north Georgia.



KELLI JONES, 6TH GRADE MATHEMATICS AVID TEACHER says, "I am super excited about growing and learning as a teacher. I hope my students pick up this trait. Learning and growing your brain should never stop!" She grew up in multiple regions of the United States (Northeast, Midwest, and Southwest). Jones was born in Indianapolis, but her family quickly transitioned to Phoenix, AZ. The family remained in Arizona for 10 years. Their next move was to Philadelphia where they resided for 8 years. She graduated from Morgan State University, an HBCU located in Baltimore, MD and earned a master's degree in Mathematics at Walden University. Jones worked as a handyman at a German Festival in Pennsylvania to, "help pay the bills until I graduated from college and became a teacher." She feels "blessed" to have her husband Eric and their two children, Logan, age 9 and Parker, age 6. Both are students at an APS school. "Every day I look forward to working with my students and finding new ways to teach math," said Jones.



LADONNA KNIGHT, 8TH GRADE MATHEMATICS TEACHER, is originally from Detroit Michigan, by way of Tennessee, and has been in Atlanta since 2019. When Knight joined the faculty at RBMS, she already had 21 years of experience teaching. She earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at Carson Newman College in Tennessee and a master's degree in Elementary Education at East Tennessee State University. Knight views her sons, Darius and Donovan, as her inspiration to get up and become a better person every day. One of her two sons already graduated from college with a Bachelor of Arts in Business, and her other son is currently a student in college studying sports management. Her leisure activities include running, comedy shows, and movie nights.

APS Implements Clear Bag Protocol

To provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite fan entry into Atlanta Public Schools athletic venues, the Office of Safety and Security has implemented the **Operational Clear Bag Procedure that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into stadiums, gymnasiums, and other athletic fields.** Prohibited items include but are not limited to purses larger than a 4.5" x 6.5" clutch bag, coolers, briefcases, backpacks, fanny packs, grocery bags, cinch bags, non-approved chair backs and seat cushions**, luggage of any kind, computer bags and camera bags or any bag larger than the permissible size.



Fans will be able to carry the following style and size bag at stadium plaza areas, stadium gates, or when approaching queue lines of fans awaiting entry into the stadium:

- Tote bags that are clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar), AND/OR
- Small clutch bags with or without a handle or strap, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" (Approximately the size of a hand), can be taken into the stadium with one of the clear plastic bag options.
- Diapers and wipes may be carried in a permissible 12"x6"x12" clear bag (diaper bags are not permitted)
- Metal detector screening and a search of all items being carried in may take place at all APS Athletic Venues. There are no provisions available to store or safeguard any prohibited bags.

*An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at a gate by respective gate supervisor. **Non-approved chair backs/seat cushions include large traditional seat cushions that have pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers, please see your respective gate supervisor to have your seat cushion examined.