

PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS WELCOMES OUR NEW ADMINISTRATORS

DR. TALI AXELROD

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION



From her earliest memories, Dr. Tali Axelrod has demonstrated a passion for education and a love for teaching children of all ages. Having spent her entire career in the NJ Public Schools, she believes in excellence and collaboration, and creating an environment conducive to bringing out the best in teachers and students.

A native of Westchester County, NY, Tali attended Brandeis University, earned Masters Degrees from Kean University and Farleigh Dickinson University, and completed her Doctorate at Rutgers University, where she remains as a part time lecturer in the doctoral program at the Graduate School of Education. After spending many years teaching in Holmdel, she was proudly welcomed back to her school a few years later to take on the role of principal. Most recently, she served as the Superintendent of the Alpine School District.

Tali is actively involved in the field of Teacher Leadership and is at the forefront of helping to develop the Teacher Leader Endorsement at Rutgers University. With experience as both an elementary and middle school classroom teacher, Curriculum Supervisor, Assistant Principal, Principal, and Superintendent, Tali believes in always seeking to grow and learn more. Her goal is to inspire students and teachers to be their best.

In her spare time, Tali loves to travel, cook, run, and read. She is married to Matt, and has two sons, Judah, a recent graduate of Rutgers University and Josh, a Junior at Tulane University.

MR. MICHAEL NICOSIA

PRINCIPAL—TROY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



After graduating from Parsippany High School, Mr. Nicosia attended Montclair State University to pursue a degree in mathematics. Initially, he had planned on pursuing a career in law enforcement with utilizing mathematics and statistics to help fight crime. During his college years, he began coaching baseball and substitute teaching at Parsippany High School. It was through those experiences that he fell in love with teaching and entered the field of education. He returned to his alma mater after graduating, and spent a number of years as a mathematics teacher. At Parsippany High School he had the pleasure of teaching a variety of courses from extra support math to AP Statistics. During that time he completed a Masters Degree from Centenary University in educational practice and a Masters in educational leadership from Montclair State University.

For the past three years, Mr. Nicosia has served as Assistant Principal at Brooklawn Middle School. Some of the major accomplishments at BMS over the past three years have been developing a culture among students where they take pride in their school, expanding on the transition from 5th to 6th grade to allow for a better integration to middle school, and revamping the programs for students with multiple disabilities.

Since being named the next Principal of Troy Hills Elementary School, Mr. Nicosia has had the pleasure of attending several events at Troy Hills and has already seen firsthand the caring and outstanding students and hard-working staff he is joining! He is eagerly looking forward to starting in July!

MR. SEBASTIAN POWELL
PRINCIPAL—EASTLAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Sebastian Powell has enjoyed his career in education for more than 20 years. His teaching career includes experiences in elementary, secondary, world language, adult, and special education. His administrative experiences have covered Pre-School to 12th Grade including working as a Supervisor of Guidance and Counseling, Elementary Principal, and Athletic Director.

Mr. Powell earned his high school diploma from Verona High School in Verona, New Jersey where he grew up. He then attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick where he earned a BA in a double major in Political Science and Africana Studies. He then attended William Paterson University where he earned his Elementary Education Certification. While working as a High School Social Studies Teacher and Track Coach at Verona High School, Mr. Powell earned his Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from Montclair State University.

After a successful teaching and coaching career at Verona High School, Mr. Powell took on the position as Assistant Elementary Principal/Athletic Director in the Belvidere School District. After one year serving in that position, Mr. Powell then moved into the position of Elementary Principal for the Pre-School-8th Grade in Belvidere. After four years of service to the Belvidere School District, Mr. Powell then moved into the position of Assistant Principal in Bloomfield High School in Bloomfield, New Jersey where he was the Supervisor of Counseling and Scheduling.

Mr. Powell is ecstatic to have the opportunity to serve as Elementary Principal at Eastlake School in the Parsippany-Troy Hills Township School District. He is looking forward to using his experiences for the benefit of the district, as well as being able to learn and grow from the staff and community of the school district.

When he is not working, Mr. Powell enjoys spending time with his wife and 2 daughters.

MR. MATTHEW STANZIONE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL — BROOKLAWN MIDDLE SCHOOL



Mr. Stanzone has worked in the Parsippany Troy-Hills Township School District for the past twelve years. His first 10 years as an elementary physical education teacher where he was named Teacher of the Year in 2010. For the past two years Mr. Stanzone has taught P.E/Health at Central Middle School.

Mr. Stanzone's education experience includes a Bachelor of Science, a Master of Arts in Physical Education with a concentration in Coaching and Sports Administration, and his Principal Certification from Montclair State University.

Mr. Stanzone is looking forward to being a key contributor to a great school and community as Assistant Principal at BMS. Mr. Stanzone prides himself that he is reliable and approachable, as it is important for teachers and students to know that they can count on him for support and guidance.

Mr. Stanzone will be assuming the position of Assistant Principal at Brooklawn Middle School beginning in July 2018 and is looking forward to a great year at BMS!