



Dear Milan Area Schools Families,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I introduce myself as the new principal of Symons Elementary School. I am truly honored to be a part of the Symons Elementary family and look forward to partnering with you as we continue Symons' long tradition of providing students with a supportive, challenging, and high-quality learning environment.

I live right here in Milan with my husband, Shane, and our four wonderful children: Ella (age 15), Ben (age 11), Abby (age 6) and Sam (age 3). We love living in Milan and can't imagine a better place to raise our family. As a parent myself, I know how important your children are to you and I thank you for your trust and partnership as we work together toward our common goal of student success.

Professionally, I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than sixteen years. I earned my Master of Education degree from the University of Michigan and obtained my Administrative Certification from Eastern Michigan University. During my career in education I have worked with both elementary and middle school students in a variety of settings, including students with special needs and accelerated learners. My philosophy of education is built around the belief that students learn best when they feel capable, connected, and contributing to the school community. As your principal, my goal is to support a learning environment in which all of our students are empowered with the skills and mindset to achieve their personal best academically, emotionally, and socially.

I look forward to working with each one of you as we continue to build upon Symons's legacy of academic achievement, family involvement, and a positive learning environment for all. Please know that my door is always open to you and I welcome your input and ideas. I look forward to celebrating our collective successes during the 2019-2020 school year.

You can reach me at bookoutj@milanareaschools.org or 734-439-5300.

Yours in education,
Jennifer Bookout