

# Piney Branch Elementary School

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7510 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912



Dear Piney Branch Community,

I am Chris Oberdorf and I am honored to serve as the Principal of Piney Branch Elementary School. I have enjoyed learning about the great work of the staff and students, and appreciate the hard work and efforts to make Piney Branch such a special learning environment. I am eager to join you in continuing this journey of excellence.

My tenure with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has afforded me a variety of experiences. I began as a first grade classroom teacher at Takoma Park Elementary School. As I completed my Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Maryland, I began working with teachers more closely as the Math Content Coach at New Hampshire Estates Elementary School and the Staff Development Teacher at Oak View Elementary. In 2015, following the completion of my Administration and Supervision certificate from Hood College, I became the Assistant Principal at Beverly Farms Elementary School, and later the Principal Intern at Brown Station Elementary.

While I am fully dedicated to my work with MCPS, additionally I value time with my family. I am married and have two children: Robert (22) and Aley (19). Robert works full time and Aley is a student at the University of Maryland. While they are very busy, my husband and I do love spending time with them as often as possible. As a family, we enjoy the outdoors and especially like exploring trails and parks on the weekends along with our beloved goldendoodle Maggie. Additionally, I love roller coasters and ride them with my kids, as my husband refuses. Just as I value and advocate for my family, I will do so for the students and families in this community.

Over the course of the school year, I will spend a lot of time getting to know your children, their learning styles and their interests. I look forward to celebrating their successes and helping them navigate challenges. I will encourage them to put forth their best effort, striving to set and achieve their goals as a valued member of this learning community.

I am grateful for the opportunity to combine my experiences with the exciting work already in place at Piney Branch and look forward to working and growing together in the best interest and well-being of all students.

Sincerely,

Chris Oberdorf