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HSD names principals for Cold Water, Jana elementary schools

The Hazelwood School District Board of Education recently approved staff recommendations to hire Dr. Christa Warner as the principal for Cold Water Elementary School and Sheilah Fitzgerald as the principal for Jana Elementary School, effective for the 2009-10 school year. Warner will replace Dr. Kate Wayne and Fitzgerald will replace Dr. Marty Pfeiffer. Both Wayne and Pfeiffer are retiring.

The principal selection was made through a multi-step process involving representation of the school community.

“I am excited about the leadership that both Christa and Sheilah bring to the principalship,” said Dr. Chris L. Wright, superintendent. “I am confident that they will work well with their respective communities to continue the progress at Jana and Cold Water elementary schools.”

Warner has nearly 15 years of educational experience, previously serving as an elementary school principal and middle school assistant principal in the Mehlville School District. She has also taught 4th through 7th grade students and spent one year as an assistant professor at the college level. She also worked as the director of a childcare facility for five years.

She has a bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and a master’s degree in elementary education from Southwest Baptist University. She also has a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Saint Louis University.

Fitzgerald has 15 years of educational experience, most recently serving as the assistant principal at Keeven Elementary School. She also served two months this spring as the interim principal at Jamestown Elementary. Fitzgerald began her teaching career in the Ritenour School District, teaching at both the elementary and middle school levels.

She has a bachelor’s degree in education and a master’s degree in educational leadership from Saint Louis University. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree from Lindenwood University.

Warner and Fitzgerald will begin in their new positions on July 1.

The Hazelwood School District serves nearly 19,000 students and is the second largest district in St. Louis County. Communities in the district include Hazelwood, Black Jack, Spanish Lake, a large section of Florissant, portions of Bridgeton, Bellefontaine Neighbors and Ferguson, and several square miles of unincorporated St. Louis County. The mission of the Hazelwood School District is to launch learners on a quest for high standards, fairness and distinguished achievement.