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## Spring-Ford Welcomes New 5<sup>th</sup> Grade House Principal

**ROYERSFORD, PA** – Spring-Ford Area School District would like to welcome Michael A. DeCaro, new 5<sup>th</sup> Grade House Principal. Mr. DeCaro will join the district on May 4, 2015. In a letter to parents, Mr. DeCaro wrote:

I wanted to take a few moments to introduce myself and to tell you how excited I am to be joining you on May 4<sup>th</sup> as a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade House Principal. Since my time will be short at 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, I will continue in 5<sup>th</sup> grade next year. I was able to visit for two days in March and it made me more enthusiastic about working with the students, parents, and staff here at the 5/6 Center. I was able to see students passionately debate one another on the merits of the Colonists and the British, create projects on Benjamin Franklin, and even be a part of a fire drill on what seemed like the only warm day in March! That time really made it difficult to get through the last month waiting to begin my time here at Spring-Ford!

For the last nine years, I have been an eighth grade Language Arts teacher at Colonial Middle School in Plymouth Meeting. While there, I was also a team leader and a District Master Teacher. In those roles, in addition to teaching, I was able to mentor teachers and help other teachers become more effective instructors in the classroom. While I enjoyed teaching and all of the rewarding experiences as part of the process of helping students in my classroom learn, I am even more eager to help all of the students under my care become successful learners in all of their classes as well as helping them become positive, well round individuals.

On a personal note, I am married to my best friend, Lindsey, with two beautiful daughters (Julia, almost 8, and Hannah, 5). I enjoy spending time with them, coaching them in sports or just being outside together, as well as following all of the local sports teams...especially the Phillies, Eagles and 76ers!

I am sure that these last two months will seem like a whirlwind for all of us getting to know each other and working through the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period. However, if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to me either via phone or e-mail. I look forward to helping make each student's and parent's time while at the 5/6/7 Center a positive and successful experience.