

## HUGHES NAMED PRINCIPAL AT BLACK MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY

Black Mountain Elementary School students, faculty and staff, and the community will have a familiar face leading their school when the new principal takes the reins on September 3.

Kenny Hughes, a former teacher and assistant principal at Black Mountain, has been named principal.

Hughes has nearly 18 years in the district, having taught 10 ½ years serving students at Hall, Black Mountain and Evarts and seven years as assistant principal at Black Mountain. He returned to the classroom last year at Evarts Elementary, teaching third grade students for one year. He has served in many other capacities including substitute custodian, bus aid, homeless coordinator and supervised student teachers as a cooperating teacher for multiple universities.

Hughes has coached the elementary and middle school academic teams, and served as the coordinator for the district academic competitions, school technology coordinator, teacher representative for site base and building assessment coordinator.

He was the Harlan County 2016 Campbellsville University Excellence in Teaching Award recipient for elementary teachers.

“I have complete confidence in Mr. Hughes. He is from the community and has a true passion for producing positive growth for the school. I am confident, based on my experience through working with Mr. Hughes, that he will be an excellent leader. His work ethic is unsurpassed. He will continue to build on the academic programs in place to enhance student opportunities and successes.”

Hughes learned of his selection Wednesday afternoon in a meeting with Roark.

“I feel so incredibly blessed to be given this opportunity,” said Hughes. “I appreciate Mr. Roark, the school-based decision making council, the staff and the community for their support and vote of confidence. I’m prepared to work together with the district and school to ensure a successful transition. I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, students, and families as a team to continue the school’s many successes.”

“My goal is to continue the school’s academic and athletic accomplishments, encourage the students to chase their dreams, and work with our school staff to foster a strong school and community partnership,” said Hughes.

Hughes attended Lincoln Memorial University and received his bachelor’s of science in elementary education and master’s in education leadership. He earned his Rank I from Union College for supervisor of instruction.



Roark said he is appreciative of the Black Mountain Elementary School's site base council members and the professionalism each displayed during the selection process.

Black Mountain Elementary has approximately 250 students in kindergarten through eighth grade.