Meet Mrs. Best

Hats off to a wonderful school year in 4th grade!  I am Belinda Best and this will be my 25th year teaching.  I have had the great pleasure to teach 20 of my 25 years right here at Conn Magnet Elementary School!  I am so excited about returning to 4th grade. I recently taught eight years in 5th grade.  Prior to 5th grade I taught 4th grade here at Conn for thirteen years.  Before coming to Conn, I taught 2nd grade for three years in Warren County, NC.  I have also had the opportunity to teach preschool 4 year olds.  
     I am proud to say that I was born and raised right here in Raleigh, NC and that I am a product of Wake County Schools.  Believe it or not, I attended 6 different schools here, graduating from Broughton High School.  I furthered my education here in Raleigh and graduated with honors from Saint Augustine’s University, where I received a Bachelor’s of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education.  So with all that said, Wake County and this community is a great place to be!  
     I am married to the most wonderful man in the world and we have two wonderful children.  In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, cooking, making arts and crafts and shopping.  
     Since working in Wake County, I have become a certified Mentor to Beginning Teachers and a Cooperating Teacher to Student Teacher Interns with local colleges and universities.  In 2002 I was recognized as Conn’s Teacher of the Year.  Again in 2008, I was given that same honor and went on to represent our school as one of 10 Finalist for Wake County’s Teacher of the Year.   I was also recognized as the Wal-Mart/Sam’s Club’s Teacher of the Year in 2008.  
     This year I will work hard to establish a classroom that is conducive to learning for everyone.  I hope to challenge students as well as help them to reach personal and academic growth.  As I strive to prepare our students for middle school, I will focus on self-confidence, organizational skills, and time management.  I look forward to working with our 5th grade students and their families.  I truly believe that we are family and our time together will be full of memorable experiences!   
     Thank you for supporting Conn students and staff.  Please remember that “***Communication is one of the many keys to success”***, so if you have any questions and or concerns, please do not hesitate to click on the contact link to leave me a message or email at [**﻿btbest@wcpss.net**](mailto:btbest@wcpss.net)**.**﻿

