



From time to time we will have a "Spotlight" post! Our first "Spotlight" is on Lori Maxwell our new WCES Principal. We asked Lori to share a little bit about herself:

Originally from Humboldt, Kansas, I began my career in education with USD 257 (Iola) in 1994 with a fifth grade teaching assignment. During my 15 years of teaching, I taught fifth, first, second, and fourth grades, and was also a Title One teacher. In 2008, I transitioned to administration, and worked in the Iola community for ten years as an elementary principal.

Southeast Kansas has been home for most of my life, but I enjoy new adventures and challenges. I am looking forward to serving the students, families, and staff at Wichita County Elementary School as I begin my job as the elementary principal.

Family is an important part of my life. I have five adult children and ten grandchildren. My oldest son, Nick, lives in Kearney, Nebraska, with his wife, Katie, and their three children. Kindra lives in Iola and has two children. Kyle lives in Springfield, Missouri, and has two daughters and two sons. Molly and her husband, Alec, live in Leoti, and welcomed their first daughter in May. My youngest, Eric, recently graduated from K-State, and is working in an agricultural position in Garden City. I am very thankful for such great children, and appreciate each one for their unique abilities and personalities.

Having a large family fulfills much of my time, but when it is quiet, I enjoy taking my dog, Lilly, for walks, traveling, and riding my bicycle.