

Stony Point fills principal spot  
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Albemarle County Public Schools has named H. Andrew Johnson interim principal of Stony Point Elementary School. Johnson replaces Carrie Neeley, who last month transferred to Stafford County Public Schools.

“As an educator, you have the opportunity to bring all of your life learning into the classroom,” said Johnson, a former restoration specialist at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello. “The time I spent at Monticello gave me a unique perspective on the educational value of being a lifelong-learner who is thoughtful, creative and collaborative in one’s work.”

A graduate of Rowan College and Mary Baldwin College, Johnson joined Albemarle County Public Schools in 1994, and has worked at Stony Point since 2009. While at Stony Point, Johnson helped start the school’s “maker curriculum,” which uses project-based learning to teach engineering and design

principles.

“The maker curriculum is just the latest evidence that when student questions, ideas and experiences are at the center of curriculum and instruction, the quality and depth of learning is enhanced,” said Matt Haas, Albemarle’s assistant superintendent. “Our search committee valued Andy’s background, including his strong connections to students and the entire school community.”

In addition to teaching at Stony Point, Johnson has taught at Crozet and Agnor-Hurt elementary schools. He also served as a gifted resource teacher, intervention specialist, testing coordinator and a lead teacher for instructional technology support.

“I’d like to express the appreciation of our entire search committee to the Stony Point community for the helpful input they provided in our online survey,” said. “They told us that they most valued a principal with strong instructional and communications skills and someone who could be an effective leader. Andy personifies all of those attributes.”