

Lifelong resident makes impact as Assistant Principal

By Stacey Shannon

As a lifelong south Muncie resident, Chuck Reynolds is a good fit as assistant

classroom experience of music with the students."

He still remains involved with music, though. Reynolds is the coordinator for

principal at Wilson Middle School. He himself attended Southview Elementary, Wilson Middle and Southside High Schools before graduating in 1993.

Reynolds earned his bachelor's degree in music education from Ball State in 1998 and soon after became the band director at Southside where he led the marching band, Spirit of South, to numerous first place finishes. By 2004, he received his master's degree in education.

In the fall of 2006, Reynolds accepted the position of assistant principal at Wilson – a job that took a bit of adjusting.

"I'd had music in my life on a daily basis since sixth grade," he said. "The biggest change is just not having that daily

the Central Indiana Track Show Association, judges competitions for the Indiana State Music Association and instructs at Southside during the summer. His wife, Rhonda, is the color guard director at Southside, so she keeps him connected as well. The couple, who dated in high school, now has one son with another child on the way.

Reynolds said his work at Wilson allows him to have a more widespread impact. He and the other assistant principal deal with disciplinary issues. Reynolds also is responsible for all the school's non-athletic events, field trips



and various reports.

"I like talking with all the students," Reynolds said. "I dealt with a lot of kids as band director, but not nearly as many as I do as assistant principal."

He also likes the south Muncie community. He still lives on the south side and said his dad owns and operates South Side Motors.

"I feel a real connection, a real calling over here," Reynolds said. "It's just home."

The Muncie Star Press. May 14, 2007. Photo included.