

2009 BIO FOR COACH KEITH WHITAKER

**Defensive Backs Coach
Outside Linebackers Coach**

This year will be Keith Whitaker's third year at Kell High School. He is from Ellijay, Georgia, where he played football, basketball, baseball, and ran track at Gilmer High School. After high school, he served four years in the United States Marine Corps as an infantry squad leader in the Third Battalion 1st Marines, Camp Pendleton, California. While serving in the Marines, Coach Whitaker deployed all over the world and played football, basketball, and soccer in the Marines. After being honorably discharged in 2001, he became a police officer at the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office for five years. During this time, he worked in the Warrant Division, Uniform Patrol, Jail Division, and the agency SWAT Team. He played running back, receiver, safety, and helped coach the Sheriff's Office football team for four years. While working at the Sheriff's Office, Coach Whitaker earned his bachelor's degree in health and physical education and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kennesaw State University in 2007.

He teaches law enforcement at Kell High School and is the Head Men's Varsity Basketball Coach. This will be Coach Whitaker's second year coaching football at Kell. He is married to his wife, Carol, who teaches English at Sequoyah High School. He and his wife have a baby daughter named Elsbeth.