

'Get Organized!' — local educator wrote book on time management

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Dr. Frank Buck stays busy as the curriculum and special education supervisor with the Talladega City Schools.

Despite the large amount of time his job takes, he still found the time to write a book.

With all the constraints on his time, what else could he write about except a subject he knows a great deal about, time management.

Titled "Get Organized! Time Management for School Leaders," it provides a system for teachers and administrators in education to be productive in a world of growing demands.

"This is 26 years in education for me, and during that time, the same problems keep coming back whether it was 1982 or 2002 or 2007, I just don't have enough time. Time is the enemy," Buck said.

With all the advances in technology, jobs have been made easier, but on the other side of the coin, more is expected from the person in the job.

"(The book) is a very nuts and bolts approach designed to help people manage their time and help people get organized," Buck said.

Buck said, like many people, he had wanted to write a book

for a number of years. "Probably everybody at one time or another has thought about writing a book," Buck said.

"Two-thirds of the world has in the bottom desk drawer five pages of the great American novel."

His motivation came when Bob Sickles, the president and publisher of Eye on Education, read an article Buck had contributed to Principal Magazine, checked out Buck's Web log and asked Buck if he had ever thought about writing a book. A year later, Buck's book is hot off the presses.

Buck said, "It's a 2008 copy-right, but it actually has been available for sale for the past couple of weeks."

According to Buck, the most gratifying parts of the experience was seeing all of the support staff come together to work out the details of the book, and of course, being able to hold the finished product in his hands.

"The big thing is being able to make a difference for people I've never met," Buck said. "There'll be people that buy this book and get things out of it that hopefully will change their lives for the better that I may never meet."

Buck said the scenarios in the book are school scenarios but can be used in any profession.

"Whereas so many time management books are just a smorgasbord of little ideas, this is a comprehensive system," Buck said.

To purchase Buck's book, people can check out the Eye on Education Web site at www.eyoneducation.com and look under the "What's New" link, or go to Buck's Web log at www.frankbuck.blogspot.com and follow the link "Order a copy of Get Organized!"

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