

October 7, 2019

Dear Banks Road Elementary School Family,

I wanted to send a quick letter of introduction to you as I assume the role of interim principal at Banks Road ES today. Dr. Robinson, Ms. Leis, the school leadership team and I met today to begin the transition process. Check out our picture on the website!

First, here is a little background information about me. I graduated from East Carolina University in 1977 with a BS in Special Education, K-12. I taught in Burlington City Schools and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools for 9 years. I worked in the Human Resources department of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools for three years. In 1989, I obtained my M.Ed. in Educational Administration, Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction from Winthrop College (now University). I was an assistant principal at Myers Park Traditional Elementary School in Charlotte and at Apex High School before being named principal at A.B. Combs Elementary in August of 1992. In 1997, I opened a new school, Olive Chapel Elementary in Apex, and in 2004 I opened Turner Creek Year Round Elementary in Cary. In December 2009, I retired and began a new chapter as the Director of Teaching Fellows at Meredith College. On July 1, 2014, I returned to WCPSS as interim principal at Herbert Akins Elementary. Between July 1, 2014 and the present, I completed 16 interim assignments.

On a personal note, my husband Jim and I have been married for 41 years and are the parents of two adult children, Cameron and Kelsey. We are the proud grandparents of Owen (5) and Lizzie (2) and a new grandchild expected in early January. Outside of school and spending time with family, reading, travel and service projects with home repair ministries are important activities that I enjoy.

As interim principal, my intent is to provide stability and support to the faculty, students and parents until a new principal is named. I feel privileged to step in and work collaboratively with the faculty, PTA and school community to benefit all students and families at Banks Road ES. Together, we are committed to a successful 2019-2020 school year.

If you have any questions, concerns or kudos, please feel free to contact me. My email address is jhargrove@wcpss.net. Thank you for your support.

Best regards,

Jan Hargrove
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