

My name is Ms. Leach and I am the principal of Scotts Ridge Elementary in Apex, NC.  $\sim$  The Peak of Good Living & "Learning"  $\sim$ 

SRE boys and girls, allow me to introduce briefly myself...

I was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. (Love pizza and a huge Bears/Cubs fan.) I have two younger brothers that live with their families. One brother and my nieces live in Charlotte, NC and the other brother and my nephews live in Washington DC. My Dad and many extended family members still live in the Chicago area. I try to visit often or they travel here for the warmer climate so that we can visit the wonderful beaches and mountains in North Carolina. I like to spend many of my weekends in Oak Island or in West Jefferson with my two dogs Cosmo & Sadie.

Following my college experience at Cornell College in Iowa, I moved to Dallas, Texas to be an elementary school teacher. My 15 years of teaching included\_1<sup>st</sup>\_through 4<sup>th</sup> grades and a couple of years as the Academically Gifted teacher (AIG). After getting my masters degree at the University of Texas, the next 20 years of my career I served as an Administrator. I have much experience opening new schools. First, I opened a new school in the Dallas Independent School District. We were the Thomas Tolbert Tigers.

Then I moved to Apex, North Carolina and had the privilege of working at Olive Chapel, as one of the Clippers and Holly Springs as a Cheetah at both elementary schools I served as Assistant Principal. In 2004, I was thrilled to become a Tree Frog and opened Turner Creek Elementary School.

Following seven joyful years at TCE I hopped to Green Hope Elementary and became a Falcon. I served as their principal for five wonderful years. The students and teachers worked hard and made outstanding academic growth. Together the "Falcons Soared" to become a School of Excellence!

As you can probably tell I LOVE Kids and Schools! Opening Scotts Ridge Elementary in 2015 has been an honor. I look forward to many years of "Good Living & Learning" at SRE with all of you. So, *let's sail on* Scotts Ridge Sailors to another awesome year!

Your "Happy" Principal, Ms. Leach