Ahoy Sailor Families!

I am so excited to be a part of the administrative team here at Scotts Ridge and wanted to take the opportunity to share a little bit about me and my background.

I'm a local, raised in North Raleigh by two North Carolinian parents. In fact, I'm a product of the Wake County Public School System, having attended schools in the district from kindergarten through twelfth grade. I didn't stray too far as, following high school, I ventured to Chapel Hill and received my undergraduate degree in Psychology from UNC. (Go Heels!)



Once I graduated, I taught special education for about eight years at Rand Road, Barwell Road, and Laurel Park Elementaries, primarily working with children on the autism spectrum. I was presented an opportunity at Laurel Park to leave the classroom and have a schoolwide impact in the Instructional Resource Teacher (IRT) position. I loved that experience and learned so much. Based on the love of leadership that I was developing, during my third year in the IRT position, I began the Master's in School Administration (MSA) program at NC State.

As part of the second year of the MSA program, students are given the opportunity to complete a full time assistant principal internship. I was lucky enough to spend last school year as an intern here at Scotts Ridge. The experience of opening a new school with the wonderful leadership of Ms. Leach and Mr. Evans and with the fantastic teachers we have was amazing. My internship ended when I graduated from NCSU in May 2016 and I returned to teaching while looking for an assistant principal position.

I was thrilled when Ms. Leach and Mr. Evans were able to add a second assistant principal position and invited me back to Scotts Ridge in October. Now, with Mr. Evans moving on to his principalship at Salem, I have stepped up into the position that he is leaving behind. (We will soon be welcoming another assistant principal aboard into the



position that I left.)

I have very much enjoyed being a part of the Scotts Ridge family from the beginning and am very excited for this next step on my voyage. My two children have also hopped on board at SRE and are sailors in first and third grade. I'm looking forward to continuing this voyage with all of you!