

Dear Oak Grove School Family,

I am honored to be chosen as your next Assistant Principal and walk alongside Ms. Bias as we work together to lead and support the entire Oak Grove school community each and every day. I began my teaching career right here at Oak Grove Elementary in 1994 as a kindergarten teacher after earning my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from UNCW. I continued to teach various other grade levels over the years and earned my National Board Certification in 2008. Soon after, I moved into the role of the K-5 intervention teacher until eventually taking on the literacy coaching/ instructional facilitator position a few years ago. I have served as the Testing Coordinator, Intervention Team Facilitator, Read to Achieve coordinator, and a mentor for beginning teachers for several years. All of my leadership experiences here at Oak Grove are what inspired me to earn my Masters Degree in School Administration from ECU in 2020.

Both of my children have been fortunate enough to attend Oak Grove. Hailey is now a 10th grader at Apex High School and Hunter is currently in 5th grade on Track 4. I enjoy spending time with my kids, taking walks, dancing, watching college basketball, and drinking Starbucks!

I am thrilled to be moving into this administrative position, especially since I am already so familiar with the staff, students, and the families of Oak Grove. I have always believed that it is "Better in the Grove" because of our school community's positive interactions and strong commitment to our students and their success. I will work hard every day to provide our school community with the support, respect, resources, and safe environment that it deserves. Thank you for trusting me to be your leader!

This career opportunity is extra special to me considering I was once a beginning teacher that walked these halls back in the early 1990s. I am extremely proud to be an Oak Grove Otter and ecstatic to walk the halls now as your new Assistant Principal.

Respectfully,
Jo Tysor