Dear Families and Friends,

It is both an honor and privilege that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed principal of Lake Ridge Elementary School. I have been an educator for over 20 years and have served students as a teacher, literacy coach, and assistant principal. My greatest quality is my commitment to creating a learning community that empowers each student to achieve their academic and personal goals.

A common theme that I continue to hear is that Lake Ridge Elementary is more than a school, but a family. I have learned that Lake Ridge is a place where strong connections between home and school are made, and that staff members are committed to helping all students to become their personal best. As a mother of three very different children, with very different personal and academic needs, I’ve always valued a shared sense of responsibility to educate our students.

My priority as principal is to engage all families, students, and staff members. As a team, we will create a culture of high performance by working collaboratively to provide a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment. My commitment to you, alongside the Lake Ridge staff, is to set high academic expectations for all children by providing high quality instruction that is rigorous and relevant. I look forward to the work we will do together!

At Lake Ridge, we have many things to be proud of and I am so grateful to be a part of this TEAM. I am eager to meet you and thank you in advance for welcoming me into the Lake Ridge Family.

Sincerely,

Kelley M. Starks

Principal