



# Principal

# Spotlight



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## **What do you love about your school?**

I love Lake Joy Primary and all the people in it! We are a special place because we grow readers and leaders. We are all about helping our students achieve at high levels, but we do it in a fun, loving, and engaging way. I love that we are so welcoming here, and we make everyone, staff, students, and parents, feel like a part of the family. Lake Joy Primary is a place where everyone fits in, and we all come together to bring out the best in each other.

## **What do you love most about being a principal?**

I love supporting so many different types of educators, students, and families in one role. It brings me such JOY to watch students learn and grow academically and socially. I also feel that same JOY when I watch our staff members grow as professionals. It is such a fulfilling job! Being a principal brings new adventures and challenges daily, but at the end of the day, I can only do my best because I have a great team to support me and the awesome work that we do.

## **Tell us about the person who inspired you to become a leader.**

Leading others is a privilege! I was inspired to become a leader by working with the most dedicated teacher-colleagues right here in the Houston County School District. I learned from my peers, and they encouraged me to be a leader every step of my career. I fell in love with teaching and learning as a profession which grew into a passion for leading these people who LOVE teaching children. I have always loved school and learning for myself, and I see leadership as a way of continuing to learn and teach others too. Our District does an excellent job of inspiring educators to pursue leadership, and I am one example of this commitment.

## **Fun Fact**

I have been blessed to spend my entire career here. I was a teacher, Assistant Principal for Instruction, and now I am the Principal! I have lots of PRIDE in being a LION.