



# DAS Admin Team

Emre Akbaba, Executive Director/Principal

Dr. Sherry Hatch, Dean of Students

Jessica Lykon, MS Admin

Jessica Lowe, 3-5 Admin

Roni Milligan, K-2 Admin

# Mr. Emre Akbaba, Executive Director, Principal

- Father of Busra, Irem, Kevser and Salih
- Married to Muberra
- Living in US since 2003
- Attached colleges both in US and Turkey
  - University of Dokuz Eylul, Smyrna-TR, College of Physics( BAachelor's degree and Education Master's degree)
  - Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta GA, 2003
  - American College of Education, Master of Education program for Educational Leadership
- Educator since 2003
  - Physics high school grades 9-12, 2001-2003
  - Middle school science, 8th grade, 2003-2007
- School administrator since 2007
  - AP of curriculum and instruction for two years. For K-8 school in their first years
- School Principal since 2009
- 10th year at DAS as the founding board member and Principal

# Responsibilities at DAS

- Develop policy and procedures for board review and adoption
- State, district and legal compliance
- Oversee the new campus project with the board of directors
- Expansion of DAS
- Oversee the admin team
- Oversee day to day operations of the school

# Dr. Sherry Hatch, Dean of Students

- Originally from Texas, but have also lived in New Jersey, Alabama, Georgia, and now Florida for the last 6 years
- Educator for 22 years multiple roles including 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade teacher, Early Intervention Program and Response to Intervention Chairperson, School Improvement Team, Day Academy Coordinator, Education Director, and Dean of Students
- 4 daughters, ages 17-26 (Morgan, Madison, Makenzie, and Sayra)
- 4 grandchildren
- 2 fur babies - Maggie is a Yorkie/Bingo is a poodle
- Bachelor of Science Degree - Elementary Education
- Master of Science Degree - Administration
- Doctorate of Education Degree - Teacher Leadership

# Responsibilities at DAS

- Discipline
- Character Education
- Clubs and Study Halls
- Substitute scheduling
- Student/Parent Handbook updates
- Morning announcements
- Class visits to improve classroom management
- Threat Assessment Coordinator
- PBIS: Tiger Bucks, Gotcha! Tickets, Tiger Store, Student of the Month, Dean of the Day, Quarterly Incentives
- Scheduling and overseeing staff duties
- Pikmykid coordination
- Coordination of all safety drills

# Mrs. Jessica Lykon, MS Administrator

- Originally from Moorestown, NJ
- Moved to Florida in 2018
- Husband Nicholas is a PE Teacher
- We have 2 Miniature Dachshunds: Charlie & Pinto
- Educator since 2008
  - Administration
    - 2 years as a high school Operations Manager, 1.5 years as Dean of Students at DAS
  - Teaching
    - 5th-8th Science, 5th-6th Math, 7th Grade Reading, 1st & 3rd Grade Special Education, 2nd-5th Grade Reading & Math Intervention
- Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education + Math/Science/Technology from TCNJ
- Master's Degree in Exceptional Student Education + Gifted Endorsement from USF
- Currently working on a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership with American College of Education

# Responsibilities at DAS

- Principal Designee
- Curriculum and Instruction monitoring for Middle School
- Formal Teacher Evaluations for 6-8 teachers
- Creation of the master schedule for Middle School
- Oversee Testing for 6-8
- Student placement for 6-8 advanced/accelerated courses
- Oversee Science Olympiad program for all grades
- Member of Threat Assessment Team
- Manage DAS Connect

# Ms. Jessica Lowe, 3-5 Administrator

- Originally from Danbury, CT
- Moved to Florida in 2017
- I have a dog named Gatsby and a cat named Freddy
- Education since 2010
  - Kindergarten and 5th grade in Connecticut
  - 3rd, 4th, and Middle School Intensive Reading at DAS
- Additional Past Roles at DAS
  - Testing Coordinator
  - Instructional Coach
- Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education + History from Western Connecticut State University
- Master's Degree in Education + Special Education from Western Connecticut State University
- Currently working on a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at American College of Education



# Responsibilities at DAS

- Curriculum and Instruction monitoring for 3-5
- Formal Teacher Evals for 3-5 teachers
- Master schedule , ESE, Speech, Gifted for 3-5
- MTSS-Rtl - Chair for 3-5 grades
- Oversee Testing for 3-5
- Student placement for 3-5
- ESOL (ELL) Coordinator
- Member of Threat Assessment Team

# Mrs. Roni Milligan, K-2 Administrator

- Lived in Florida most of my life
- Married and we have a son, Sam, 24 and a daughter, Kate, 22
- 33 year old horse, 12 year old dog, 7 year old guinea pig, and 16 year old bird with one eye and one foot
- Taught gifted students for past 8 years ~ Kindergarten through 8th grade
- Elementary general education teacher with Pinellas County
- Prior to education career, I was a Court Stenographer and a Business Manager
- Love to vacation at my home in Hendersonville, NC

# Responsibilities at DAS

- Curriculum and Instruction monitoring for K~2
- Formal Teacher Evals for K~2 teachers
- Master schedule , ESE, Speech, Gifted for K~2
- MTSS-RtI - Chair for K~2 grades
- Testing Coordinator for K~2
- Student assignment and placement K~2
- Member of Threat Assessment Team