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Shadow Lake Families and Community,

I wanted to introduce myself as your new principal so that you would get a chance to know a little about me before the school year starts.

Personally – I live in Maple Valley with my husband, Michael, two sons, Carson (13) and Charlie (11), and daughter Celine (16 mo.). Carson and Charlie will both be attending school at Maple View Middle School in the fall and attended Lake Wilderness for elementary school. We love sports and anything outdoors no matter the time of year.



Professionally – This school year is my 20th in education. I have taught elementary school all of my teaching years including grades – K, 2, 4, 5, and 6. Before moving to Washington, I taught 4th grade in Milwaukee, WI. I worked in Kent for ten years at Meadow Ridge, Scenic Hill, and Pine Tree. I was an Instructional Coach for two years before going into Educational Leadership work in Federal Way. I was a district administrator overseeing all English Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum and instruction for Preschool through Fifth grades. I also served as an Assistant Principal and Principal at the Elementary level. The last two years, I served as Principal at Ridgewood Elementary School in Kent School District.

I am very honored to be joining the Shadow Lake community and cannot wait to partner with you, as your students' first teachers, and all of our Tigers, staff, and greater community.

I firmly believe that safety (both physical and social emotional), a love of learning, and having fun while learning are the cornerstones to a successful elementary school experience. Listening, building relationships, and learning will be my first goals as we enter into the 2022-2023 school year.

I look forward to joining the World's Greatest Elementary School and becoming a part of your community.

I hope you enjoy your summer with your children.

I look forward to meeting and collaborating with all of you.

With Tiger Pride,

Kellie Christiansen, Principal

P.S. If you'd like to learn a bit more about me, you can [watch a video Q&A HERE!](#)