

## Berkshire Park Elementary School

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#### Message from Mr. Lam



As we complete our last week of school before the break, we are looking forward to an exciting week ahead of us with each fun school spirit day and the upcoming Christmas concert. Thank you so much to all who help raise funds for the flood victims as well as items for the LAPS. We raised \$1,600!

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that next week will be my last week at Berkshire Park, and I will be starting at a new school in January. "Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same" (anonymous). So many of you are leaving wonderful footprints on my heart, and I will miss many of you. It has truly been an honour for me to serve this wonderful learning community for the past four years, and I am leaving with so many fond memories. I will always treasure my time here; however, I know I am leaving you all in the good hands of an amazing staff, and I have no doubt that you will thoroughly enjoy working with Ms. Ladd, your new principal.

On behalf of the staff, I wish you all good health and all the very best for 2022! For those of you who celebrate Christmas, a very merry Christmas. Happy holidays to everyone. Thank you for your continued support at home with the children's learning. Ms. Ladd and the rest of the staff look forward to seeing everyone on January  $3^{\rm rd}$ .



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR JANUARY

- 03 School reopens
- 04 PAC's Clothing Drive begins
- 10 PAC's Clothing Drive ends
- 17 Curling lessons (K-7) begins
- 28 Curling lessons end
- 18 PAC meeting (7:00 p.m.)

# It is time to register for a Kindergarten



Children who are born in 2017 are eligible to begin school in September, 2022

We will be open for kindergarten registration starting January 10<sup>th</sup>, and registration will continue to be online. If you know of any families in the neighbourhood who are eligible to register, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible after January 11<sup>th</sup>. The school looks forward to welcoming our new "Berkshire Broncs" in 2022! A separate email was sent earlier today regarding this.



## A WARM WELCOME TO MS. R. LADD

New principal of Berkshire Park January 2022



Hello Berkshire Park families,

I am really looking forward to joining your community in January and working alongside you in your child(ren)'s learning journey. Here's a brief introduction of who I am.

My teaching story began in 2003 in the Richmond School District, where I stayed for only a short while before joining the Surrey School District in 2006. I have always had a passion for learning and a desire to be a teacher. In 2018, I became an administrator in the district. I have worked at two Surrey schools as a Vice Principal: École Martha Currie and most recently, École K.B. Woodward. Being an administrator is an exciting role that allows me to work alongside students, staff, families, and the community to create a supportive, caring, and engaging learning environment. It is important to me that every member of a school finds their place to belong, be supported, and to thrive.

A few other things to know about me are that being anywhere near the ocean makes me happy and grounded, in the summer, I particularly enjoy paddle boarding on it. I am also passionate about reading and love to have the time to curl up with a good book and a hot cup of tea. Although I do not consider myself a runner, I do my best to get out for a run a couple of times a week. One other thing to note, I am a huge Vancouver Whitecaps fan and especially love going to their games.

I wish all of the Berkshire Park families a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to meeting and connecting in January.

Warmest wishes, Ms. R. Ladd