

Dear Lafayette Community,

It is with great pleasure that I have accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Lafayette School. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and really getting to know my new school community. I wanted to take a few paragraphs to introduce myself.

Professionally I have worked for the Seattle School District for the last twenty years. I have taught kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 5th grade. About fifteen years ago I discovered West Seattle and began working as the librarian at Pathfinder K-8 School. Being a librarian was one of the most favorite things I have done. Reading and children are such a great combination! However, being an organizational person I couldn't keep my fingers out of the daily running of the school and moved into administration as Head Teacher at Pathfinder three years ago. I enjoyed being Head Teacher so much I went back to school for my certification as a School Leader. Most recently I have taught a 2nd/3rd grade classroom.

Personally, I am a West Seattle resident, a great reader of the West Seattle Blog and most importantly a mother to Olivia, age 8, and Fiona, age 6. Since both of my girls were born in China I have a great passion and interest in learning Mandarin Chinese, Chinese culture and history. This last summer I spent three weeks traveling in China. I would love to share my pictures holding a panda bear.

There is so much I look forward to during the year. I am especially excited to work with Mrs. Turner and in such a high caliber West Seattle school. Please make sure to stop by my office just two doors down from Mrs. Turner. Let me know how I can best support your child's academic learning.

Lisa Clayton, Vice Principal

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