



**Media Release
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Announcement

New Principals

The School District is pleased to announce the appointment of two new principals effective August 1, 2017.

The Principal of Lax Kxeen Elementary School, Kathy Dann, will return to a teaching position effective September 5, 2017. Mrs. Dann came to the district in 1987 to teach at Lach Klan School in Kitkatla. Following teaching assignments in Roosevelt and Kanata elementary schools, she served as vice-principal and principal of a number of schools, leading to her current assignment as principal of Lax Kxeen Elementary School.

Susan Kobza will move from Pacific Coast School to be the principal of Lax Kxeen Elementary School effective August 1, 2017. Mrs. Kobza began her career as a teacher at Conrad Street Elementary School in 1988. Following 5 years as District Counsellor, Mrs. Kobza served as principal at Seal Cove Elementary School and Roosevelt Park Community School before moving into her current position at Pacific Coast School. As principal of Lax Kxeen Elementary School, Mrs. Kobza will be returning to her roots as an elementary educator and brings with her a wealth of experience in student centred learning and in developing school culture.

A graduate of Simon Fraser University, Mr. Jeremy Janz will serve as the new principal of Pacific Coast School effective August 1, 2017. Mr. Janz joined the district in 2012 as a teacher in the Hartley Bay School. Three years later he moved to Pacific Coast school, where he has continued to engage students with project-based and technology driven classes.

The Vice-Principal of Pineridge Elementary School, Deb Taylor, has announced her retirement effective July 31, 2017. Mrs. Taylor came to the district in 2005 as principal of Kanata Elementary school, and moved to Lax Kxeen Elementary School in 2008. In 2012 Mrs. Taylor moved to the principalship of Port Edward Community School, where she served until returning to a teaching position in September 2016. The district was grateful that Mrs. Taylor agreed to work as the vice-principal of Pineridge in November 2016.

The vice-principal of Pineridge Elementary School next year will be Mackenzie Hubbell. Ms. Hubbell came to the district in 2009 to work as a teacher teaching on call. Beginning in 2011 she has worked primarily at Prince Rupert Middle School, with an assignment at Charles Hays Secondary School. Ms. Hubbell's specialty as a learning services teacher with a passion for meaningful inclusion of every child will be welcomed at Pineridge School.

"The district is very grateful to Kathy and Deb for their service as principals in the district," said Superintendent Sandra Jones. "They have touched the lives of many students and staff during their long careers. We congratulate Jeremy and Mackenzie on their new appointments. They join the district leadership team at an exciting time as we continue to implement the new BC Curriculum."

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