



# Announcing Chapman Elementary School's New Principal Pamela Van Der Wolf



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Dear Chapman Community,

Please join me in welcoming Pamela Van Der Wolf as the new principal for Chapman Elementary School. She succeeds Scott Choate, who will be on special assignment. Pamela is currently an assistant principal at Lane Middle School.

Her goal at Chapman is to bring together the community to support the whole child and to help students grow and flourish. Pamela believes that schools are the heart of the neighborhood and she is excited to work with the community to best meet the needs of students and families.

She is a veteran of 18 years with Portland Public Schools. Pamela began her career in education in 1998. For the following 10 years, she served as a Language Arts teacher and Instructional Specialist/Literacy Coach at Portsmouth Middle School and Binnsmead Middle School, now Harrison Park School. Pamela is a strong leader with five years administrative experience as an assistant principal at Alameda Elementary and Lane MS.

Accomplishments at Lane include supporting Collaborative Action Research for Equity (CARE). CARE work involves developing culturally relevant learning and teaching practices. Pamela worked with teachers to plan school-wide mindfulness curriculum and taught mindfulness practices to students. She has extensive experience leading teachers to examine data to close the achievement gap and also organized math and reading intervention classes.

She has two children, ages 10 and 13, who attend PPS schools. Pamela is a member of a choir that specializes in Gregorian chant and music from the renaissance. She also enjoys hiking and camping.

Please join me in congratulating Chapman Elementary School Principal Pamela Van Der Wolf.

Carole Smith  
Superintendent

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