

# Announcing Buckman's New Principal Susan Kosmala





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Dear Buckman Community,

I am pleased to let you know that Susan Kosmala has been named principal for Buckman, following a period as interim principal.

Ms. Kosmala has brought more than 20 years of experience in the arts, teaching and administration to Buckman. She earned degrees in Clarinet and Music Education from Hartt School of Music and the University of Hartford and a Master of Arts from Michigan State University and taught music in Maine, Michigan and Pennsylvania at grades 3-12.

She joined Portland Public Schools in 2004 as the Charter Schools Manager after serving three years as a program specialist at the Oregon Department of Education. From 2006 until 2010 she managed the Title I program for the district.

In 2010, she joined the leadership team at Lee K-8 School as assistant principal where she started the Lee running club and taught an architecture class for talented and gifted students through the Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) program. Ms. Kosmala also worked with Lee teachers to build school-wide behavior systems, managed the components of the school's Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID/college-readiness) program and worked closely with teachers in the school's self-contained Special Education classrooms and the Special Education Department to support the needs of vulnerable students. She become interim principal at Buckman last August.

Ms. Kosmala said she finds working at Buckman a joy and is excited to continue to support this great school together with the school staff and community.

Please join me in congratulating Principal Kosmala!

Carole Smith
Superintendent

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