

Greetings, Peninsula families!

I am so excited to be your principal this year! Peninsula is doing some wonderful things that I'm excited to be a part of. I am especially excited to join the Peninsula school community because I live in the neighborhood and have a daughter who will be a future Peninsula Kindergartener.

I look forward to getting to know you and your children, and hearing your ideas and hopes for Peninsula. I will create a variety of opportunities to connect with families. The first of these will be our community care day this Saturday. I look forward to meeting you there! Staff are returning to the building this week, and I plan to focus my time on supporting their transition back. In the meantime, I would like to share some of my core beliefs, which will guide my work at Peninsula:

- *I believe that learning should be joyful, meaningful and future focused.*
- *I believe that every student, especially those living with the burden of institutionalized racism and its impact, must feel welcome, valued, and essential to the fabric of our community.*
- *I believe that students must be held at the center of every decision.*
- *I believe that if we create systems that ensure the success of our most vulnerable students, all students benefit.*
- *I believe shared leadership and community collaboration creates the most impactful outcomes for our students.*

I recognize that we all have concerns around evolving COVID variants. I will be sure to provide transparent and regular communication around safety with families. A message will be coming your way shortly around PPS and Peninsula COVID mitigation strategies. You will also be receiving communication about our community care day and Meet and Greet scheduled for August 28th.\

Your Interim Principal,

Claire Skelly