



Announcing Beverly Cleary K-8 Schools New Principal John Ferraro



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Dear Beverly Cleary K-8 School Community,

I am pleased to announce that John Ferraro, the current principal at West Sylvan Middle School, will be the new principal at Beverly Cleary K-8 School. John succeeds Teri Geist who is retiring.

He has served as a principal with Portland Public Schools since 2002 at West Sylvan Middle School, Jackson Middle School and James John Elementary School. John started his career as an educator in 1985 as an elementary school music teacher in Rainer, Oregon.

At West Sylvan, he successfully brought the East Sylvan and West Sylvan campuses back into one building, added more art and academic support classes to the master schedule, and developed a strong teacher team to guide culturally responsive instruction, called a CARE team.

John's vision for Beverly Cleary includes further developing the sense of community between the three campuses, building bridges between the K-8 and high school and providing time for teachers to coordinate curriculum between grade levels.

He looks forward to getting to know the entire Beverly Cleary community and working together with parents and staff to identify and take action on areas for improvement.

John and his wife have two children in college and two dogs.

Please join me in congratulating Principal Ferraro and in deeply thanking Teri Geist for her long-time dedication and service as a principal.

Carole Smith
Superintendent

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