

Dear Fire Lake Families,

My name is Christine Garbe and it is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new Principal of Fire Lake Elementary, I feel very fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful school. Along with you and our dedicated, professional, caring staff, I look forward to an amazing 2016-2017 school year. I am committed to creating a safe, energetic, environment of excellence for all your children.

Experience

I am starting my twenty fourth year in education! I have been with Anchorage School District for going on 19 years. Most recently I was the Principal of Williwaw Elementary. I have also worked as a classroom teacher, ESL teacher and the English Language Learner Supervisor.

Personal

This is my nineteenth year in Alaska. I have lived in Eagle River for 15+ years. I have two children who attend the Anchorage School District, a husband who works for the fire department and three dogs. I enjoy sewing, scrapbooking, crafting, reading and spending time with my family. I try to get outside and enjoy the outdoors whenever I can. I like to walk and hike when the weather is nice.

I am excited to start this awesome school year.

This year, our Back to School Meet and Greet is Friday August 19th from 5-6:30.

You will have an opportunity to meet the teacher(s), meet the principal, sign up for the PTA and receive information regarding noon duty positions.

A few reminders for the start of school. Please pay close attention as some things have changed.

- 2nd -6th grade begin on Monday August 22, 2016.
- Kinder and first grade begin school on Monday August 29, 2016.
- Dismissal is at 3:30 p.m. All students will be dismissed to the front of the school.
- Please remind yourself of the traffic protocol prior to the first day of school. This is essential to keeping everyone safe. Please DO NOT park at the curb of the building. If you would like to walk your child into school or pick them up at the front entrance, you MUST PARK your car in a designated parking spot and walk to the building.

I look forward to a wonderful school year working together for the benefit of all our Fire Lake students.

Christine Garbe