



Griffith Woods School

7652-26 Avenue, SW, Calgary, AB

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new principal of Griffith Woods School.

In my 26 years with the Calgary Board of Education, I have had the privilege of working in a variety of school settings across our city. My experiences include classroom teacher Kindergarten through to Grade 8, Learning Leader, Literacy Consultant for a System Kindergarten to Grade 12 project, Assistant Principal, and Principal. I take on this work for Griffith Woods School as an outstanding opportunity to provide an intellectually challenging learning environment for your children. Our work as a new staff will be an opportunity to inspire children to realize their gifts, skills, and true potential.

I have had the good fortune of being Principal at Killarney School for the past seven years, where the building of leadership, independence, and student advocacy has been a large part of our work. I will continue to focus on my responsibilities at Killarney School for the next month and will support this school's transition to a new principal.

Beginning April 3, I will be dedicated to the work of opening Griffith Woods School. In the months leading up to the new school's opening, I will be doing many things to prepare. Some of that work will include meeting with parents and students, hiring staff, determining the organization of the school, and preparing the school budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

I am excited to work with parents, students, and staff to build a new school community that reflects the unique qualities of the learners it serves. I know that Griffith Woods School will be a dynamic and innovative place for your children to learn. I look forward to hearing your thoughts about the type of school you feel would honour its population and to meeting each and every one of your shortly!

The Griffith Woods School temporary office will be located at Battalion Park School and should be operational on April 10, 2017. The new administrative assistant and I will then be available to connect with you. To reach us please call 403-817-3572.

In support of a growing student population, the Calgary Board of Education has been involved in the opening of many new schools this past year. Griffith Woods School is anticipated to open in September 2017 with approximately 620 students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. The school will expand to include Grade 9 at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

- Students currently attending a Calgary Board of Education School in Kindergarten to Grade 7 who reside in Discovery Ridge or Springbank Hill will be automatically registered at Griffith Woods School unless enrolled in a CBE Alternative Program.
- Parents and guardians of students residing in Discovery Ridge or Springbank Hill who are currently attending a CBE alternative program and are considering Griffith Woods School are asked to contact the temporary school office after April 10.

For information on the new school and answers to some of your questions, you may visit the website below. Please check this site regularly for updates as new information is posted as it becomes available:

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/Springbank-Discovery-Ridge-School.aspx>

You can also e-mail cbecommunications@cbe.ab.ca with questions related to new school construction and accommodation.

I am deeply honoured for this opportunity and look forward to connecting with you as we create an amazing place of learning and community for your children.

Sincerely,

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Principal Griffith Woods School

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