



## Eric Harvie School

345 Tuscany Dr. NW, Calgary, AB

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Lorraine Kinsman and I'm pleased to introduce myself as the principal of the new Eric Harvie School that's being built in the community of Tuscany.

I am currently principal at Cranston School, a K-4 school I opened as principal when it was first constructed in 2010. Prior to opening Cranston School, I was assistant principal, and then principal, at Douglas Harkness School for nine years. I have been teaching in the Calgary Board of Education for 26 years. I am currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Alberta, researching the teaching of reading with young readers. I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to open the new Eric Harvie School and to be able to develop a dynamic, future-focused centre of learning with the students and parents of Tuscany!

My greatest passion about teaching is actually working alongside students, teachers and parents to ensure every learner has every possible opportunity to be the most successful learner they can be. I believe schools that prepare students for productive, open-to-learning lives must be places where there is a palpable energy and excitement about learning, and learning opportunities are generated with imagination, creativity and innovative thinking. I am a huge advocate of peace education and believe school should ensure literacy and math development are fundamental to all learning. In this 21<sup>st</sup> century, digital technology should be as natural a learning tool as the pencil for our digitally native students.

I am the mother of five children, all CBE educated and successfully launched in the world. I am also delighted to be the grandmother of six amazing grandchildren. My husband and I are in the process of building a home west of the city near Sibbald Creek Trail after raising our family in Arbour Lake for the past 21 years.

As the current principal of Cranston School, I will continue to focus on my responsibilities there during the next few weeks and will support this school's transition to a new principal.

At the beginning of April, I will be dedicated to the work of opening Eric Harvie 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 2016-17 school year.

As you may already know, the Calgary Board of Education has 21 new school construction projects underway in communities throughout Calgary to support its growing student population. Eric Harvie School is expected to open in September and will offer regular programming to students in kindergarten to Grade 3 during the first year. I am very excited to work with parents, students and staff to build a new school

community that reflects the unique qualities of Tuscany and is a supportive and positive place for your children to learn.

I would like to gather your questions and comments regarding the new school. Please fill out this brief online survey that can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EricHarvie> before **April 4, 2016**.

For information on the new school and answers to some of your questions, visit [cbe.ab.ca/schools](http://cbe.ab.ca/schools) and click on Building and Modernizing Schools. Please check back regularly for updates as new information is posted when it becomes available. You can also e-mail [cbecommunications@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:cbecommunications@cbe.ab.ca) with any questions related to new school construction and accommodation.

I am very much looking forward to these new challenges and to meeting all the students and parents of Eric Harvie School in the coming months. I am confident we will build an amazing centre of learning together!

Yours truly



Lorraine Kinsman  
Principal