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Dear Ardmore Community,

I am excited to join your community as Principal of Ardmore Elementary beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. It is truly a privilege to have the opportunity to be a part of such a supportive and diverse community.

While the 2010-2011 school year will be my first in the Bellevue School District, it follows years of a variety of experiences in public education. I began my career as a 5th grade teacher in South Florida at an environmental science magnet school. Following my time in South Florida, I taught 5th grade in Evansville, Indiana and 3rd and 5th grades in Covington, Kentucky. While in Kentucky, I earned my Master's degree and in Educational Administration at Xavier University and began my experience as a District Instructional Coach and spent some time as an Elementary Assistant Principal. This past year, I was an instructional coach in Federal Way before I was given the opportunity to join your community.

On a personal note, I was born in Great Falls, Montana, but grew up in Kent, Washington. I graduated from Duke University with a degree in Psychology. Duke University is also where I met my husband, Jason, who is an engineer. We enjoy spending much of our time outdoors hiking and biking in the summer months, and skiing in the winter months.

I look forward to working with you and gaining a deeper understanding of the community's goals and aspirations for our school, as well as meeting all of you in the upcoming weeks!

Wishing you all the best for the remainder of the summer!

Sincerely,

Yuko Porter
Principal