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Dear Parents & Guardians,

My name is Sam Maranto and I am thrilled to be the next Principal of Kelly Creek Elementary School! I feel instantly connected to the school community as I live in the neighborhood of Kelly Creek. My family and I have set roots in this community because of the rich diversity, beautiful landscape, and a school district committed to excellence.

For the past 5 years, I served as the Principal of Prescott Elementary School in the Parkrose School District located in Portland, Oregon. Prescott became a School Improvement School and I was hired to turn the school around. Through hard work and collaboration, I am proud to say we significantly raised student achievement and are no longer deemed a failing school in the State of Oregon. Prior to moving to Gresham, I spent 10 years in the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nevada which is the 5th largest school district in the nation. During my time in CCSD, I was able to serve at-risk students as an Assistant Principal, Instructional Coach, & Teacher.

Kelly Creek Elementary School has a great reputation for having exceptional staff members who love their students and provide them with rich academic and social experiences. Additionally, the students have been characterized as fun-loving and eager to learn. I have no doubt that together we can continue to get through these unprecedented times stronger and better than ever. My intention is to not skip a beat as we start next school year, especially with the uncertainty of what school will look like in the Fall. Believe me, I stand with our community and will fight to ensure your children receive a high-quality education with a focus on social-emotional learning while engaged in grade-level standards for Reading, Writing, & Math.

As summer approaches, spend time with family and unwind from this unconventional Spring term. I hope that our summer months bring us some much-needed normality and opportunity for families to partake in fun summer activities! If nothing else, get out in the sun and read a good book!

I look forward to getting to know the students and families of KCES! More information will be forthcoming on ways we can start building relationships from a distance! GO COUGARS!!!

Respectfully,

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Gresham-Barlow provides equal access to individuals with disabilities.*