



Copperfield Elementary

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Pattie Ann Swain and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the principal of the new school that's being built in Copperfield.

With the generous support of an enthusiastic community of parents, I have had the privilege of leading a truly gifted team of teachers and staff at McKenzie Lake School. It has been incredibly rewarding to have worked with them as their children have discovered the joy of learning. In fact, what I have realized over the course of my career as an educator is that each school community teaches me new ways to engage children in the excitement of discovery.

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

At the beginning of April, I will be dedicated to the work of opening the new school in Copperfield. 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. The new school in Copperfield is expected to open in September and will offer regular programming to students in Kindergarten to Grade Three in 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 Copperfield and is a supportive and positive place for your children to learn.

I am interested in having your input on the organization of the new school in your community. Please fill out this brief survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Copperfield_community before April 4, 2016.

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

It is an exciting time to be a child! Undoubtedly, some of the things our children will learn about, discover and explore are beyond what we can yet imagine. I hope that together we can model the passion for learning that will open doors to a new, shared future.

Yours Truly,

Pattie Ann Swain - Delighted to be the Principal of Copperfield School