



Redmond Junior High School
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Dear Redmond Junior High School Community:

I am excited to have this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new principal of Redmond Junior High School. Redmond Junior High and Redmond Learning Community have a rich tradition of student learning success. It is my mission to continue building on this success through the collaborative teamwork between school and community. We will continue to ensure that all of our students have the best possible experience at Redmond Junior High, both academically and personally. I would like to share some information about my background so you can start to get to know me a little better before we begin our journey together.

I began my teaching career in 1987. I started teaching English at a junior high in Oak Harbor, and then I spent 13 years in the Arlington School District, teaching at both the middle and high school. Then in 2002, I moved to Everett High School where I taught everything from 9th grade English to senior Advanced Placement English. For most of my teaching career, I coached cross country and track as well. After finishing my administrative program at Western Washington University, I became an assistant principal at Everett High in 2006, and I am currently the assistant principal at North Middle, a diverse urban school that feeds into Everett High.

In addition to being passionate about education, I have some interests that help keep some balance in my life. I have been a runner my whole life—always a slow one, and getting slower—but I still have goals that I want to achieve. My original goal for this year was to run my first marathon since high school, but with a recent injury and a new job, I don't know if that will happen. Last year I added a new hobby and started taking guitar lessons, and I love it! I am also an avid reader and am addicted to my Kindle. I take it with me everywhere.

I am looking forward to meeting you and working with you as I make the transition into the role of your new principal. I will be at Redmond Junior High throughout the month of July, Tuesday through Thursday, from 7:30 – 4:30, so please stop by to introduce yourself and chat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly A. Clapp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly A. Clapp