



May 12, 2017

Dear Genesee Hill families:

As you know, while we come together this month to celebrate great learning in our first year at Genesee Hill, we are also busy hiring and planning for the next school year. With our enrollment growth continuing, we will reach a new milestone next year: our administrative team expands to include a second assistant principal.

I am pleased to announce that Ms. Constance (Aleman) Thomas has accepted our new assistant principal position. Ms. Thomas joins us from our neighboring elementary school, Gatewood, where she has served as principal for the last four years. She has decided to make this move to the Genesee Hill community in order to continue her commitment to the West Seattle community. We are very lucky to have the advantage of an experienced administrator who will be able to hit the ground running to provide assistance with some many great initiatives we have underway. She will be able to draw deeply on her experience as a teacher, new teacher coach (STAR mentor), assistant principal, and perhaps most importantly, coordinator of the middle school Ultimate Frisbee league (and a star player in her own right).

Because she handles things with such efficiency and grace, you may not have noticed how thin Ms. Dunn has been stretched recently. We have so much underway for the 750 students we anticipate next year that the assistance of another skilled administrator assures that we can follow through with these plans while strengthening overall safety and student supervision around the building. In the coming weeks, we will be able to provide more information about how Ms. Dunn, Ms. Thomas and I will share responsibilities next year.

Please join me welcoming Ms. Thomas to Genesee Hill. Her new position starts officially on July 1st. Next week, I'm hoping to be able to announce several new teacher hires we are working on now!

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerrit Kischner".

Gerrit Kischner
Principal