



April 18th 2011

Dear CVA Families,

It is with great pleasure that I am announcing the hiring of Lisa Gjellum as our new Principal. I hope you will join me in wishing her all of the best as she joins our outstanding team. Ms. Gjellum will officially start her duties July 1, 2011, but she will be spending time on-site between now and then to familiarize herself with the school, the staff, and the students.

The method used to select Ms. Gjellum was rigorous. Beginning in March, sixteen outstanding candidates were identified. Leading candidates went through a six-stage process that included interviews with the search committee, parents, faculty and myself. In fact, I interviewed Ms. Gjellum three times, and was very impressed with her knowledge, leadership and passion for education. In all, over 40 individuals participated in the process.

Currently employed at Landmark Academy, Ms. Gjellum received her BS in Elementary Education from the University of Colorado at Boulder. After teaching in California for several years, she returned to Colorado. During this time she began teaching the Core Knowledge sequence at Peak to Peak Charter School in Lafayette for several years before moving to Landmark. Ms. Gjellum also possesses a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Regis University.

Residing in Erie with her husband, Ms. Gjellum plans to enroll her son at Carbon Valley Academy for the next school year.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize, and thank, Sherri Stephens-Carter for her assistance and support during the past few months. We are fortunate to have individuals of her caliber working on behalf of our mission and our students.

Should you have any questions, please be sure to let me know. I hope you all will join me in providing a warm welcome for Ms. Gjellum.

Sincerely,

Tony Carey
Executive Director