

# Alpine School District

"Home of the Sharks"



## SARATOGA SHORES ELEMENTARY

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Dr. Vallen Thomas, PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents & Students of Saratoga Shores Elementary:

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter to each and every one of you today. I have been asked by the Board of Education to take on a new assignment at the district level as the Director of Educational Services starting in July. As change is always inevitable, I had hoped that this day would never come and I would spend the rest of my career as principal here. Now that day has come and my feelings are very close to the surface.

You need to know how much I love Saratoga Shores. From the smallest Kindergarten student to our many parent volunteers, this school community is amazing! In my six years here we have built a stronger school community through combined efforts of our students, teachers, and parents. We have moved Saratoga Shores in a positive direction through those efforts to deepen student learning; and our students are continuing to learn at high levels in that process. I consider myself fortunate to have been lucky enough to be a part of the fabric that makes up this wonderful school. My life will forever be changed from my association with each of you, our teachers, and your incredible students.

These incredible students will continue to move forward with their new principal, Ms. Helena Mueller. Many of you may remember Ms. Mueller who was a former fourth grade here, and is currently serving as the Assistant Principal at Riverview Elementary. She is a great leader, who is student-centered and who knows our Saratoga Shores community and staff well. She brings a wealth of elementary experience and I have every confidence in her to carry the school forward.

Again, I wish to express my gratitude to each of you for your support over my tenure as principal. Saratoga Shore will always be in my blood. Here's to the future and more opportunities to continue to **"Build the KNOW, DO, BE in our Learners - One Student at A Time!"**

Sincerely -

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Thomas' followed by a stylized flourish and the initials '-Dr. T'.

Dr. Vallen Thomas - Dr. T, Principal