

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Kirstie Alwin and I will be your child's Art Teacher. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to a new school year at Lakes International Language Academy!

I grew up in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota and went to college at St. Cloud State University. I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Art Education and also a Bachelor of Fine Arts. While in school, I had the opportunity to study Art abroad in England where I traveled to several different countries including Ireland, Scotland and Italy. This experience sparked love in me to travel and learn about the many cultures around the world.

I spent the last year living in Watford City, North Dakota as a First Grade Classroom Teacher. Because of the oil boom, families traveled here from all over the country. In a classroom of 25 students, I had students from 14 different states! I moved back to Minnesota this summer where I got married and bought my first home in Ham Lake with my husband Scott. We enjoy hiking, fishing, going to the cabin and scuba diving whenever we get the chance!

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child throughout the coming year and watching them grow and learn as an artist. As your child's teacher, it is my goal to help him/her become a confident learner and I will do my best to make this year a positive experience! I am excited to be working in partnership with you and am confident that together we can provide the support and encouragement needed to help your child excel. I await the opportunity to meet you in person to learn more about your child and discuss any questions or concerns you may have at our Enrollment Conferences.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer! ☺

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alwin