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# Kindergarten Intro Newsletter - Room 4 ESES

## August - 2022/23 School Year

*We respectfully acknowledge that we live and work on the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council*



### **Kristine Lachance (Ms. Lachance)**

I was born and raised in Whitehorse. The Lepage Park on Wood Street is named after my grandparents who arrived in Whitehorse in 1926. My grandfather "Happy" supplied wood for the steamboats running between Whitehorse and Carmacks, while my grandmother, Pauline, operated a roadhouse and took care of 2 children. My mom, Amy, often says how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the world. I agree!

I've worked at both Elijah Smith Elementary and Takhini Elementary schools over the past 14 years. I've taught in each grade level from K-3. This is my 5th year teaching Kindergarten at ESES. I completed my B.Ed. at Yukon University in the YNTEP program. I'm currently enrolled in Masters of Educational Technology (MET) through UBC. I enjoy using these skills in the classroom. Last year I completed Forest & Nature School certification. As a class, we often spend time exploring and learning in our designated forest area beside the school grounds.

When I'm away from work, my husband Gary and I enjoy hiking with our dog, Jazz, and working on DIY projects around the house. We enjoy singing and performing music at a variety of local events and locations as a duet and with our band. This year we've joined the Pop Music Choir.

I'm looking forward to an energetic, fun-filled, and creative year of learning this year!

### **Mary Jane Lawson (Ms. L.)**

I have lived in rural Yukon for 30 years and now live in Hillcrest for the past 10 years. Many years ago, I graduated from the University of Western Ontario and have been working in many different ways with children ever since. I have 4 grown-up children and 5 grandchildren. 3 of my grandchildren attend Elijah Smith school.

I enjoy hiking in the summer months, cross-country skiing in the winter, and berry picking now!

It will be a pleasure to work again this year in Kindergarten at Elijah Smith school.

