



---

## July Update from the Interim Head of School

---

July 1, 2025

Dear Green Hedges Community,

On my first “official” day at Green Hedges School, I want to be in touch with you to reiterate my excitement about assuming the role of Interim Head of School and to share some other information to begin orienting you to the year ahead. I look forward to working closely with the Green Hedges faculty, staff, and administration along with our students and families toward a successful 2025-2026 school year.



My article in the current issue of *Clippings*, which will be available soon, stresses the importance of the upcoming school year, of inspired teaching and learning in the present, for all Green Hedges students. We are determined to make it the best year yet for those students and the best one ever for our Grade 8 students. In that article, I quote the Preface of *Green Hedges School at 75: Living the Legacy, Building the Future*: “The spark, challenge, and delight of learning are always in the present, and the true preparation is for lifelong engagement with one’s deepest self, with ideas and the creative process, and with others in the world.”

During the summer, I will be meeting with various community members—including faculty, staff, and administrators, parents and guardians, and Trustees—toward that essential goal. Of particular importance will be my shoulder-to-shoulder work with our outstanding Administrative Team, individuals who know Green Hedges exceptionally well, to shape the upcoming year. As we now engage that work in earnest together, I want to take this opportunity to lift up that group for you. While there are some important changes in its membership, the reality is that the Administrative Team is largely populated by familiar faces, by knowledgeable and talented individuals who know and love Green Hedges, are committed to its health and vitality, and share my excitement about the year ahead.

**Aaron Cahn**, who is entering his third year at Green Hedges, has added the role of Interim Assistant Head of School to his continuing role as Head of Middle School. He will also supervise the Learning Support Team. In assuming schoolwide responsibilities as Interim Assistant Head of School, Aaron becomes even more of a key player as we strive toward excellence in teaching and learning, all while fostering an environment for our students and our faculty and staff that is engaging, challenging, and supportive. Aaron’s close partnership with our superb teaching faculty in the design and implementation of a dynamic curriculum includes a new social-emotional learning initiative, the Positivity Project, and an expanding service-learning program.

Our Director of Philanthropy, **Lisa Gibb**, is a new member of the leadership group, but not of the community. Her roots in, knowledge of, and commitment to Green Hedges run deep as a past parent and former Trustee and Board Chair. Indeed, Lisa chaired the Board of Trustees when I joined that group in 2022, so I am well aware of the gifts she brings to her new role, and her fingerprints are evident in our current Strategic Plan and **Campus Plan**. Lisa comes to Green Hedges from Potomac School, where she has been coordinating their multi-million-dollar campaign. In the Office of Philanthropy, Lisa joins **Anna Shaw**, who shares a long association with Green Hedges, since 2010, as a current and past parent, a former Parent Association President and Trustee, and a long-term substitute teacher. Anna is entering her second year as Philanthropy Associate.

There is no overstating the importance of the other returning members of the Administrative Team who

provide significant continuity in the midst of this transition. They are Director of Finance & Operations **Tan Nguyen**, Director of Admission & Affordability **Katherine Vazquez**, and Director of Communications & Marketing **Reka Keller**. No doubt you have come to value, or will, the work of these talented individuals in their areas of expertise, all in support of a vibrant and dynamic Green Hedges.

I regard my partnership with the Administrative Team as essential to a successful 2025-2026 school year for students and families, as well as faculty and staff, and a seamless transition to the leadership of Head-Elect Kyle Armstrong, effective July 1, 2026. I am also grateful to former Head of School Jenn Bohnen for the care and attention that she devoted over the past nine months to prepare me to step into the role of Interim Head of School.

Underpinning the work of the faculty, staff, and administration are the varied roles that **Wanda Green** plays as registrar, administrative assistant, and front-desk presence. Now in her 14th year at Green Hedges, Wanda brings her depth of knowledge of the school and community, as well as her impressive organizational skills and attention to detail, to diverse areas including school calendars, student forms and transcripts, field trips, lunch service, and facilities matters. If you can imagine an important activity in a school setting, Wanda likely has a hand in it here at Green Hedges, one more layer of continuity firmly in place.

I want to be careful not to try to accomplish too much in this first letter. After all, we have 365 days together—well, 364 days, after today—and my determination is to have every one of those days count in support of your individual experience here and the collective experience of the Green Hedges community. Have a question or concern? I am here, and the Administrative Team is here, to respond in a knowledgeable, timely, and thoughtful way. Please let us know how we can be helpful during this summer and throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,



Peter A. Barrett  
Interim Head of School

*We inspire young people of talent and promise to develop clear values, a desire for wisdom, and an appreciation for all endeavors which broaden the mind and enlighten the spirit.*

*Read more about our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives [here](#).*

Green Hedges School | 415 Windover Ave. NW | Vienna, VA 22180 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!