

Dear Parents,

My name is Kim Berkey and I am very excited to be your child's 5th grade teacher! Even though we are starting off with Distance Learning, I look forward to the many opportunities we will have this year to grow and learn together!

This is my 25<sup>th</sup> year with Loudoun County Public Schools, and my ninth year at Cool Spring. I began my career at Catoctin Elementary after graduating from VA Tech. Since then, I have had the pleasure of opening two new schools, serving as an Assistant Principal, and serving as a Principal. However, with a busy young family, I returned to teaching in 2012. I've been at Cool Spring ever since 😊

Given my background, I bring a different perspective and a wide variety of experiences and knowledge to the classroom. I strive to use that expertise to challenge my students as they work to reach their full potential, both academically and socially.

I live here in Leesburg with my husband, two daughters, our son, and two dogs. My husband is a fellow Hokie, and we've spent the last 20+ years in Leesburg. He is former Secret Service, served as a detective for Fairfax County Police, and now serves as a supervisor with Fairfax County Police. Our oldest child is a sophomore at WVU, studying to be a horse vet, our middle child is a sophomore at LCHS, and our youngest is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Simpson.

In my spare time (ha, ha!), I serve as PTSA President at LCHS, volunteer whenever I can, and participate with the Daughters of the American Revolution. I have deep family roots in Loudoun and Fairfax counties, dating back to the Jamestown Settlement, so I am a bit of a history nerd. (If you've heard of Pocahontas and John Rolfe, they were my great (x11) grandparents!)

I look forward to learning more about your child and working with both you and your child this year!

Sincerely,  
*Kim Berkey*