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### **Marin Primary & Middle School Appoints New Head of School**

LARKSPUR, Calif. — Marin Primary & Middle School is thrilled to announce the appointment of Julie Elam to be our next Head of School beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

Julie has been in the field of education from the start with over 30 years experience as a teacher and an administrator. Since 1998 she has been the Lower School Head at San Francisco Day School. Prior to that she was the Lower School Director at Breck School in Minneapolis for four years after teaching kindergarten at the school for a number of years. She has also worked with students in preschool through eight grades in public and independent schools.

Julie holds a Bachelor of Science in Child Development from the University of California, Davis and a Masters of Education in Early Childhood Education from the University of Minnesota. Julie is married to Jon who is General Manager of the Tamalpais Community Services District and has two grown children: a son Rob who is in a bio-diesel services company in Seattle and a daughter Kristin who is a middle school teacher in Colorado. Julie loves to read and spend time outdoors.

Julie comes to MP&MS with outstanding references from educators, heads, colleagues, teachers, parents and administrators. She is described as a warm, compassionate lover of children, a strong communicator, an inspiring collaborative leader, an excellent teacher and administrator and an individual who is deeply committed to children and child based education.

Educating our children to become kind and caring individuals prepared to work to improve themselves and the world is an exciting and critical charge. Julie is extremely excited by the mission of MP&MS and the entire MP&MS community is looking forward to welcoming her in July.

Marin Primary & Middle School is a Pre-School, K-8 Coeducational Day School with 370 students in Larkspur California. MP&MS makes education meaningful, while encouraging pride in self, respect for others, and enthusiasm for learning. The school believes in treasuring childhood, teaching to reach children, teaching children to reach and inspiring children to make a difference.

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