

Summer Enrichment Teacher Bio

Pre-K Enrichment

Teacher Name: Candace Lillis

Professional Bio:

- Currently working in Belmont at the Winn Brook Elementary School as a paraprofessional in a first grade classroom
- Pursuing a Master Degree in Early Education
- Many years experience working with preschool, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten

Personal Bio:

- I enjoy running road races with family and friends to support local charities
- I also enjoy spending time walking my dog around rivers and parks
- I love sitting on the beach and swimming in the ocean
- What I enjoy most is SHOPPING!

Kindergarten Enrichment

Teacher Name: Christina Cirame

Professional Bio:

- Kindergarten teacher at local private school
- Over nine years experience working in early childhood setting
- Master of Education concentration Early Childhood from Salem State University
- Taught at the Summer Institute for the Gifted creating individualized summer learning experiences for children.

Personal Bio:

- Ice cream connoisseur (My father makes homemade ice cream and is former owner of *Christina's Homemade Ice Cream* in Cambridge)
- Life-long learner
- Love of the outdoors!
- Boston sports fan!

Grade 1 Enrichment

Teacher Name: Katie Caritey

Professional Bio:

- Second grade teacher at the Mary Lee Burbank School for the past 8 years
- FBE's Outstanding Teacher of the Year 2015
- Trained in Open Circle
- Dual Certification in Elementary Education and in Teaching Students with Moderate Special Needs
- Mentor teacher for Teachers new to BPS

Personal Bio:

- Avid Reader
- Mom to two rescued fur babies
- Tutor
- Photographer
- World Traveler
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Grade 2 Enrichment

Teacher Name: Randi Sosin

Professional Bio:

- Degree and certification in Elementary Education, with a Masters in literacy
- Have been working at Burbank for five years
- Taught the 2nd grade enrichment class last summer
- Worked 4 years prior to that in another school district
- Was a 2nd grade long-term substitute

Personal Bio:

- Nursing home volunteer
- Dog lover
- Avid reader
- Nature enthusiast
- Amateur photographer

Grade 3/4 Enrichment

Teacher Name: Jolene Stewart

Professional Bio:

- Masters in Education
- Dual certified in general education and special education
- 5th grade teacher in Cambridge
- Teaching for over 10 years

Personal Bio:

- Dancer
- Used to choreograph in college
- I have read all the Harry Potter books (and The Tales of Beedle the Bard)

Grade 5/6 Enrichment

Teacher Name: Yasmin Khan

Professional Bio:

- Dual certification in Elementary Education and a Masters in SPED K-8
- In my 3rd year teaching at Chenery Middle School
- Taught all subject areas for year 1 and 2 and this year I taught Math and Science
- Taught 5/6 Enrichment last summer and had a blast!

Personal Bio:

- Enjoys strength training of all sorts- loves to CROSSFIT
- Runner
- Make-up Artist
- Tree Hugger-Loves to read about environmental issues

Literacy (Entering Grades 1 and 2)

Teacher Name: Melissa Mignault

Professional Bio:

- B.S. in Elementary Education & M. Ed. in Reading
- 1st Grade Teacher at a local private school during the school year
- Orton- Gillingham Certified
- Experience with Wilson Reading Intervention & Foundation Phonics Program

Personal Bio:

- Love to read – Big Mo Willems fan!
- Runner
- Boston Red Sox fanatic
- Love DIY projects & crafts

Computers/ iPad Class (Entering Grades 2-6)

Teacher Name: Allie Ruane

Professional Bio:

- I teach sixth grade social studies at Chenery Middle School
- I've been at Chenery for five years; in grade six for three years
- I graduated from Bowdoin College and earned my master's degree from Tufts University

Personal Bio:

- Grew up in Belmont!
- Boston sports fan
- Yogi
- Animal lover

Theater Workshop (Entering Grades 3-6)

Teacher Name: Sarah Fard

Professional Bio:

- Medford High School Music Teacher
- Worked in the Chenery Middle School's Opportunity Program for 3 years
- Certified k-12 Music Teacher
- Ran lower school theater workshop and improv theater workshop at Chenery middle school for 2 years; summer theater workshop for 3
- Practicing local artist in music; jazz, rock, and musical theater orchestra
- Experience teaching grades k-12 in performing arts, currently teaching high school music and private music lessons

Personal Bio:

- Guitar enthusiast
- Sci-fi fan: bring on the dinosaurs, superheroes, and Star Wars!
- Name That Tune superstar
- Lover of all things improv- music and theater- because of its everyday life applications!

Green Art (Entering Grades 4-6)

Teacher Name: Kathleen Byrnes

Professional Bio:

- 10th year teaching as Visual Arts Educator
- Taught two years in Gloucester Massachusetts before coming to teach in Belmont
- Bachelor of Fine Arts from Umass Amherst as well as a Master of Arts in Art Education from Boston University
- Has received numerous Gold Key awards as well as a national Gold and two silvers in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
- A part of multiple school professional teams including the Fine and Performing Arts Steering Committee and Staff Development Council

Personal Bio:

- As an artist I prefer to work with oil pastel and clay and often focus on nature as a theme
- I paint my nails every Friday and try to make them as artistic as possible
- I love to travel and have been to places all over the world from Alaska, to Buenos Aries, to Slovakia
- I stay fit through dancing in Hip Hop class and Zumba
- I enjoy trying out new recipes and love to cook

Sports (Entering Grades pre-k- 1)

Teacher Name: Robin Morrow**Professional:**

- Currently working as 2nd grade long-term sub at the Mary Lee Burbank.
- Worked in Autism Inclusion program at the Winn Brook elementary for four years.
- Licensed elementary and special education teacher.
- Trained in Open Circle curriculum.
- Former college athlete.

Personal:

- HUGE Boston sports fan (gooo Pats!)
- Enjoys reading cheesy romance novels
- Takes line dancing classes, and regularly listens to country music.
- Lover of the beach and ocean.
- Has been known to own Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Lego sets.

Sports (Entering Grades 2-6)

Teacher Name: Kristin Ciappina**Professional Bio:**

- Middle School Physical Education Teacher for the past 4 years
- Enrichment teacher for the past 3 years
- Planned and organized LPGA Legends Tour Golf Tournaments for 5 years
- High School Softball Coach
- High School Basketball Coach
- Coached middle school basketball for 3 years
- Coached youth softball for 1 year

Personal Bio:

- Running
- Fitness enthusiast
- Sporting Event Fan
- Loves all sports

Name: Brian Publicover**Professional Bio:**

- Special Education Teacher
- Physical Education Teacher, Summer
- High school indoor and outdoor track and field coach

- Work in the school setting since 2008
- Licensed teacher

Personal Bio:

- Semi-pro football player for 4 years
- Fan of all sports Boston
- Food Network Lover
- Enjoys cheesy Arnold Schwarzenegger quotes
- All around fitness fanatic