

Southside Elementary

Meet the Teachers & Staff
2021 - 2022



Meet Mr. Backmeyer

About Me

Hello! I am the principal at Southside & I'm proud to be a Southside Mustang! I was born and raised in Hagerstown, IN. Prior to Southside, I was principal at Mt. Healthy Elementary School, worked in the technology dept., and taught 3rd/4th, 4th, 4th/5th, and 5th grade at Smith Elementary School..

I live in Columbus with my wife, Kelly. I have 2 daughters, Anniston and Lauren (Knapp), and 2 bonus sons, Todd and Trent Liggett. I love to go camping and support my favorite sports teams, the Indiana Hoosiers, Cubs, Colts & the Bull Dogs! I also enjoy landscaping, & spending time with family.

This summer my grandson, Owen Michael Knapp, was born to my daughter & son-in-law, Lauren & Brandon Knapp, and his sister, Ava. I have also enjoyed camping trips to Wisconsin and Michigan with my wife!.

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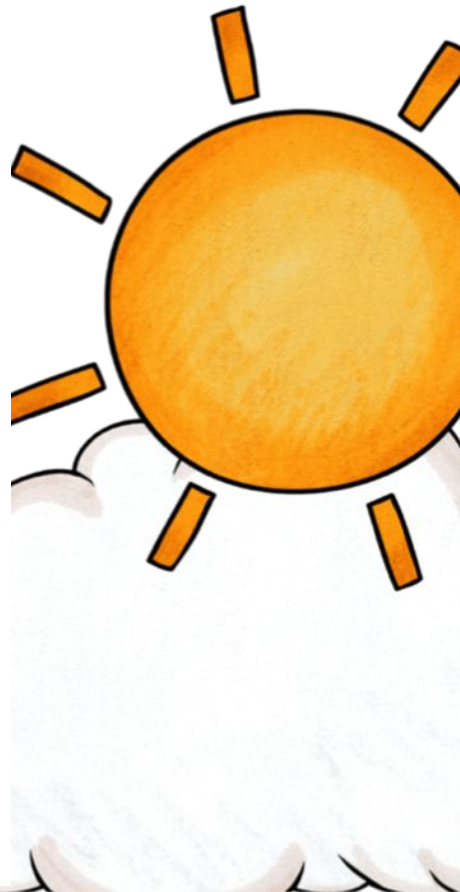
Meet Mrs. Jackson

About Me

Hi! I am Cathy Jackson, Assistant Principal at Southside. This is the start of my eighth year as part of the Southside team. Prior to being a Mustang, I was an iGrad Team Leader in BCSC and a middle school art teacher in Franklin.

I am married to Robert and we have two children Dakota, married to Haley, and Makena. Dakota is a Mechanical Engineer at Cummins, Haley teaches Kindergarten at Rockcreek, and Makena is about to begin her freshman year of college in Nashville, Tennessee. We were blessed this summer with our first grandchild, the new love of my life, **Charlie Wayne Jackson!**

We spend our "free time" at the race track and in the barn supporting our kids with their hobbies and will hopefully *sooner rather than later*, be taking on the adventure of building a new home after living in the same home for 26.5 years!



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Meet Mrs. Newell

About Me



Hello! I'm Jeannie Newell and I'm the school counselor here at Southside. I started out in community mental health services, working with kids K-12. I chose to pursue school counseling as I wanted to work with kids in an ongoing, natural part of their lives. I've been a Mustang for 15 years now!

My husband and I have 4 grown children and 2 dogs. When not at school, I like to hike, ride bikes, run, read, play outside, and listen to music.

I'm inspired by kids and can't wait to start working with them again - it's going to be a great year!

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Meet Mrs. Arbuckle

About Me

Hello, I am Mrs. Arbuckle and I teach Kindergarten. I was born in Scotland, but have lived in Columbus for 17 years with my husband, Ivan. We have two children who both went to Southside. Zoe is 23, a Purdue graduate, now living in Boston, and Connor is 19 and a nursing student at Purdue. We have a dog named Bonnie, who is sweet, fluffy, and loves to play nap. I love to read, practice yoga, and travel with my family.

This will be my 7th year teaching at BCSC after attending IUPUC for Elementary Education with an endorsement in Teaching Reading. Teaching Kindergarten students to read each year is one of my favorite parts of my job. I am excited to meet our newest Mustangs!



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Meet Mrs. Blasdel

About Me

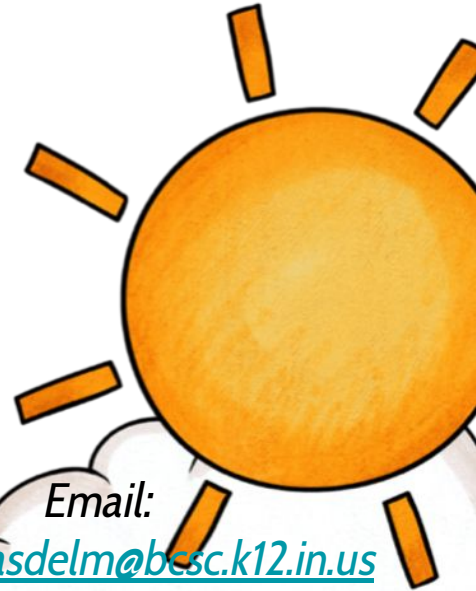
Hello! I am Michelle Blasdel and I teach Kindergarten. 😊

This will be my 26th year of teaching.

My husband Jeff and I have three grown children. Jacob, Janelle, and Jason who all three are former Southside Mustangs.

I enjoy helping children learn through social interaction and working on their academic skills .

We are going to have a great 2021–22 school year!



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Meet Ms. Davis



About Me

Hello! My name is Kristine Davis, and I have been teaching kindergarten at Southside since January 2017.

I have two children. Xander is a first grader at Southside, and Kye will be starting 7th grade at a Northside!

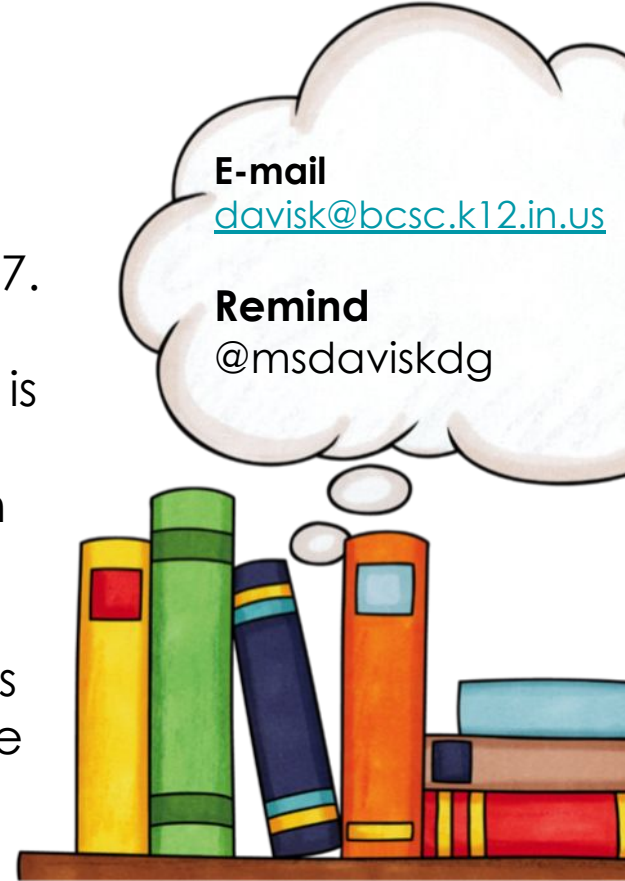
We love going on bike rides together and spending time at the pool.

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Meet Mrs. Gambrel

About Me

Hello! I am Mrs. Gambrel and I teach kindergarten. I have taught kindergarten for 22 years. I first started teaching at Smith Elementary. After 12 years, I transferred to Southside and am in my 10th year here.

I am blessed to have 2 children and 4 bonus children. They are 12, 14, 17, 19(twins) and 30 years old. With my oldest bonus child, I have 3 bonus grandchildren. They are 5, 7 and 9 years old.

My husband and I love spending time with our family. We are also animal lovers. We have 3 dogs, Cisco, Beasli and Cali, some other furry animals, and 2 geckos. We love to travel with our family, especially to Disney.

I love watching the kids grow and reach their goals. I also enjoy watching them interact with each other. I am looking forward to an amazing school year!



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Meet Mrs. Harpring

About Me

Hello! I'm Mrs. Harpring and I teach Kindergarten. During my career I've taught all grades K-5, and have spent 15 years teaching Kindergarten. 😊

My family includes my husband, John, and our grown sons, Jacob and Luke. We are excited to soon add a daughter-in-law, Logan, to our family!

I love helping my students learn our Kindergarten skills, and also enjoy watching them grow and change in their years at Southside.

See you soon! We'll have a great year together!

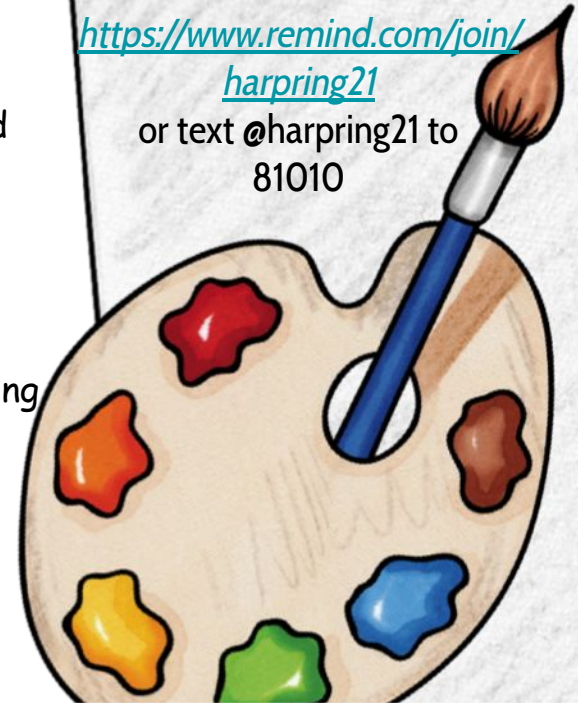
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Meet Mrs. Burnett

About Me

Hello! I am Mrs. Burnett and I teach first grade. This will be my third year teaching first grade at Southside. I previously taught pre-k at Southside and special education at Schmitt.

My husband, Josh, and I were raised in Columbus. We always wanted to raise our children here as well, close to our extended family. We have three children. Will is nine, Ryan is six and Scarlett is two years old. We love doing things together as a family. Some of our favorite things are having game nights, watching movies and playing baseball together.

I am looking forward to getting to know your child and family!



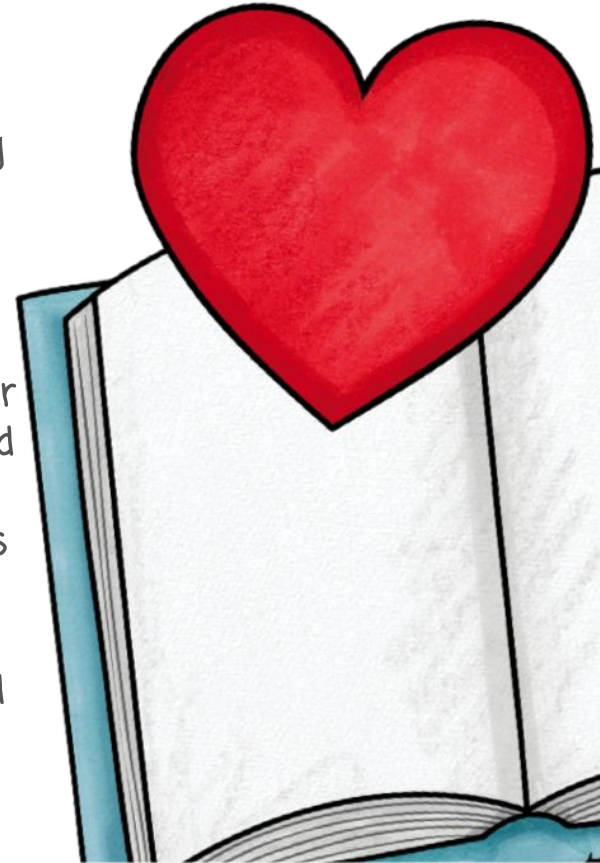
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Meet Mrs. Likens

About Me

Hi! I am Katie Likens and I am a first grade teacher here at Southside Elementary. This will be my 6th year teaching. I just recently got married last September. My husband, Nick, and I have a dog named Sampson that we love very much! When I'm not teaching, I love baking, exercising, and spending time with my family!

One of my favorite things about teaching is getting to watch everyone grow and blossom throughout the year.

I am so excited to be your teacher and for you to be a part of this AWESOME class!

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Meet Mrs. Olson

Hello! My name is Stephanie Olson. I grew up in Columbus and am happy to raise my family here. This is my 27th year of teaching and my 24th year as a Southside Mustang. I have taught first, second, third, fifth, and sixth grades.

My husband, Kyle, teaches third grade at Schmitt. We enjoy being a teaching couple and sharing ideas from our different schools. We have two sons (both former Mustangs). Eric will be a freshman at IU Jacobs School of Music this year, and Bryce will be a freshman at North. We also have an adorable Australian shepherd named Daisy who is our pride and joy.

I enjoy spending time with family, going on long walks, learning about nature, singing, and eating in unique restaurants.

It's going to be a great year! I look forward to getting to know my new first graders.



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Meet Miss Ortman



About Me

Hello friends! My name is Miss Ortman and it is my first year teaching. I'm so excited to be part of the Southside first grade team! I am getting married next year to my fiancé, Tyler, and have a fur baby named Noodle. When not in school, you can find me camping, hiking, getting crafty, and picking wildflowers.

I want every student that comes into my classroom to feel welcomed, loved, seen, and heard. I want to empower students to take ownership of their learning. I want to remind them, and myself, that we are live-long learners and are capable of changing the world. Can't wait to see you in OUR classroom!

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Meet Mrs. Robbins

About Me

Hello Mustangs!

My name is Nikki Robbins and I am a first grade teacher at Southside Elementary. This will be my 8th year teaching, and my 3rd year at Southside. My husband, Eric, and I have an energetic puppy named Ruby. We are very excited to be welcoming our first Baby Robbins to our family in November! I love being outside, going for walks, traveling, paddle boarding, and spending time with family. I am looking forward to this year and meeting all of you!

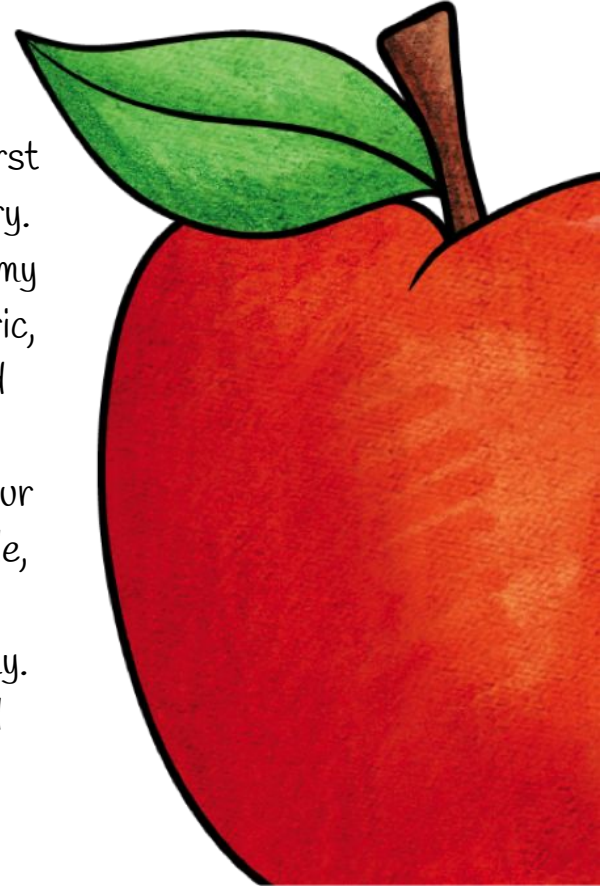


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Meet Ms.



Wampler

Hello! My name is Denise Wampler. I am the proud mom of Derek and Lauren, both former Southside Mustangs and now students at IUPUC. I have taught for 32 years at Southside. I work as a private tutor weekdays after school and at Target on the weekends where my daughter is my boss! I am a two-time recipient of the Lilly Teacher Creativity grant and traveled to Hawaii and Cuba to study hand drumming and percussion instruments as well as Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic to study Latin dances. I love going to concerts with my children. I also love traveling to tropical islands where I collect hand-carved wooden native masks and percussion instruments. My daughter recently nominated me as her "favorite hero" - her 1st grade teacher and mom - and we won a fabulous trip for a week in St. Lucia! I am looking forward to a great year with my new students! I can't wait to meet everyone! 1st grade ROCKS!!!

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**10 Ways to Help
Your Child Succeed
in Elementary School**

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Meet Mrs. Fox

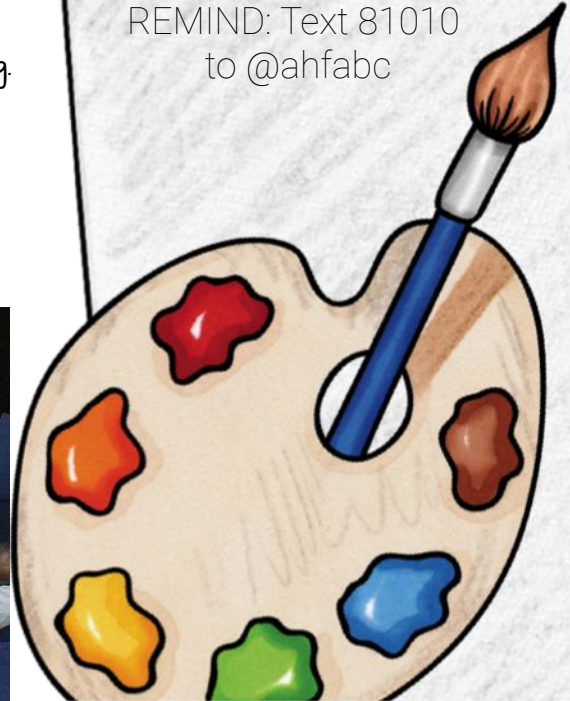


Hello!! My name is Wendy Fox. I teach second grade. This will be my twenty-ninth year of teaching. I am looking forward to meeting all of the students. We will have a year of fun and lots of learning.

I am married to my wonderful husband, Greg. We have two daughters who both graduated from IU, and live in the Indianapolis area. We have a terrific dog, Buster, who is 12. In my free time I like to read, explore, be outside, and be with family and friends.

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Meet Mrs. Major

Hello Mustangs!

My name is Polly Major and I am teaching 2nd grade. This will be my 32nd year of teaching! My husband John and I have 4 children, Tyson is a teacher & football coach at Seymour high school, Hannah teaches 4th grade at CSA Lincoln & coaches cheer, McKenna is a Pre-Med major at IU and Harry is a senior and plays baseball at East High school. We also have 3 rescue dogs, Jake, Charlie and Emma.

When I'm not at school you can find me at a baseball diamond watching Harry play ball. I love the beach, Disney World, and traveling. On the weekend I love spending time with family and friends.

I am so excited for the new school year and look forward to meeting my new students!



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Meet Mrs. Nordyke



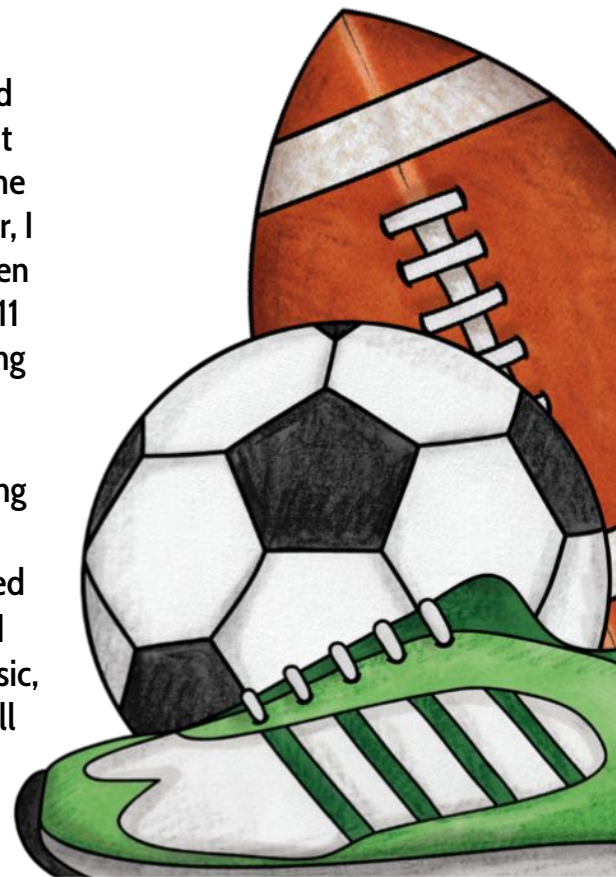
About Me

Hello! I am Charity Nordyke and I will be teaching 2nd grade this year. This will be my 15th year teaching, but my first year at Southside. I am thrilled to be joining the Mustang family! At the beginning of my teaching career, I worked at Mt. Healthy for 3 years. I taught kindergarten and 2nd grade while I was there. I have spent the last 11 years teaching kindergarten at CSA Fodrea. I am looking forward to my new adventure here at Southside.

If I am not at school teaching, then you can find me spending time with my husband, Chris, of 17 years along with our three boys, James (7th grader), Daniel (4th grader) and Jeremiah (1st grader). We have a dog named Bailey. I enjoy watching my boys play basketball and baseball. I love to travel, hike, play sports, listen to music, and photography. I am looking forward to meeting all the wonderful students and families here this year!

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Meet Mrs. Rubadue



About Me

Hello Mustangs!

My name is Erika Rubadue and I am a 2nd grade teacher here at Southside.

This is my 5th year teaching.

My husband Cori and I have 2 boys, Brayden is 14 years old and will be starting high school, Emmitt is 10 and will be going into 5th grade this year. We also have a dog named Benny, but he just lays around the house and sleeps all day.

When I am not at school I am usually driving my boys around to their sport practices and games. As a family we also like to go hiking and travel.

I am looking forward to starting the school year!

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Meet Miss Burton



About Me

Hello! My name is Sierra Burton, and I am a second grade teacher. This year will be my second year teaching but my first year closer to a normal school year!

This summer I had an amazing opportunity to travel around Europe. I visited London, Rome, Athens, and ended in Paris!

When I am not teaching, I enjoy traveling, being outdoors and being with my friends and family.

I am super excited to meet you and have an awesome year!

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Meet Mrs. Stultz



Hello!

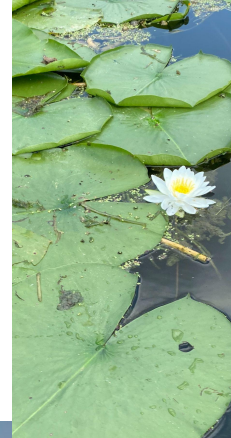
I am a TEAM teacher and you will find me in teaching in Room 014 THIS year. Last year I taught online from home, so being back at Southside and teaching in person again will be awesome! I am looking forward to meeting all the new TEAM kids and reuniting with all of the returning TEAM members. It will also be great to be teaching with Mr. Voelz again!

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Meet Mr. Voelz



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About Me

Most students refer to me as “Mr. V!” This is my 37 year in teaching and I am as old as dirt. I have taught in the Team Classroom since 2006 and with my teaching partner, Mrs. Stultz, since 2012. I live with my wife

Pam on a lake with our weiner dog, Wilson! I am looking forward to being a grandparent someday. My oldest son, Chase is a chef in Houston and just got married in Austin, TX this summer. My daughter and son in law are living the dream in NYC with their 2 German Shepherds: Maya and Murphy. Some people do not know that I am also a professional photographer and own: Parker Portraits, a studio right here in Columbus, IN. I am very excited about this year. I cannot wait to meet all of our new Team students and watch them learn and grow academically this year.

First up: “Tie Dyes!”



Meet Mr. Bean

About Me

Husband: married 22 years to my wife, Kimberly.

Father: 2 kids - Meredith (17) is a senior at Columbus East HS. Mason (13) is an 8th grader at Central MS.

Teacher: 23 years...18 of them at Southside ES. This is my 5th year as a 3rd grade teacher.

Coach: I've coached girls basketball for a LONG time! This year I will be the new 8th grade girls coach at Central MS.

Hobbies: listening to music (Jam Bands), binge watching Law & Order, and brewing the perfect cup of coffee.



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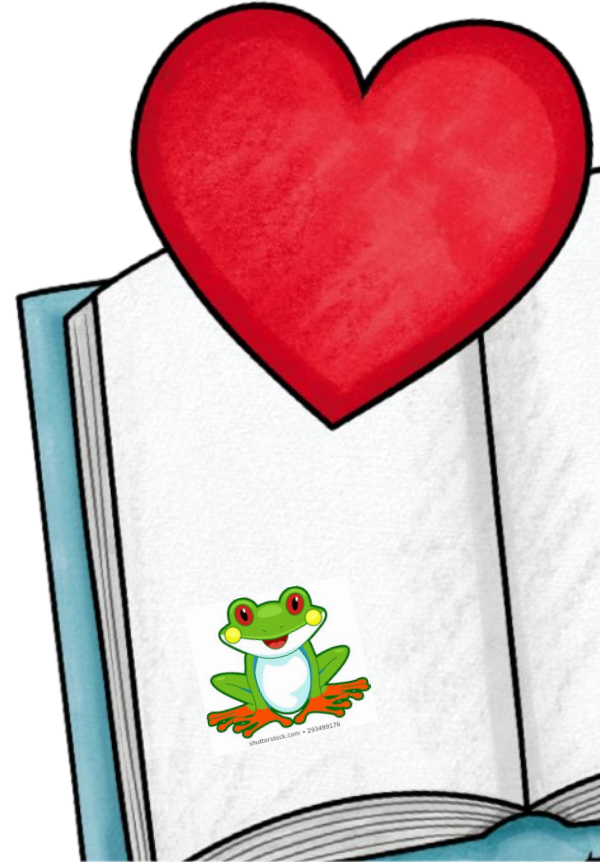
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Hello! I am Erica Coy and I am teaching third grade this year! I am in my 14th year of teaching and am looking forward to meeting all of my new kiddos!

My husband Isaac and I have two boys that both attend Southside. Maddox is in 3rd grade and Maverick is in Kindergarten. We have two dogs, Bailey and Bella that love the country life!

When I'm not teaching, you can find me at the ice rink cheering on the Columbus Flames and Columbus Icemen!



Meet Mrs. Garrison



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About Me

Hello! I'm Mrs. Garrison and I teach Third Grade. I have taught grades 1-3 throughout my teaching career at Southside.

I was born and raised in Columbus and now live in Franklin with my husband, Todd, and our wonderful daughter, Alyson. We enjoy quick weekend trips, beach vacations, finding new restaurants, and JEEP rides!

If I'm not outdoors, enjoying time with family and friends, or working in the yard, I'm usually in a gym cheering on The Franklin Lady Cubs Volleyball or Basketball Team.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year and can't wait to meet all of my new students!

Let's GO MUSTANGS!



Meet Mrs. Kiel

About Me

My name is Robin Kiel and I teach 3rd grade. This will be my ninth year at Southside and my thirty-third year of teaching!

My husband Greg and I have three amazing kids, Drew, Mallory and Sydney. We also have three beautiful grandchildren, Easton, Millie and Greyson. They are the light of our lives!!

When I'm not at school I can be found playing with my grandbabies, traveling, reading or relaxing with friends and family!



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Meet Mr. Yeaton

About Me

Hi! I'm a fourth grade teacher and this is my 38th year of teaching. I've been at Southside since the last century. I enjoy teaching, reading, writing, bicycling, motorcycles, guitars, and have been blessed with an extraordinary wife, two children and four grandchildren. Life is to be lived as an adventure!

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Meet Mrs. Abney



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About Me

Hi! I'm Emily Abney, and I teach 4th grade. This is my 6th year at Southside!

I have been married to my husband Dylan for 4 years, and we have an energetic two-year-old named Dawson. We love playing outside with our beagle Wes!

When I'm not teaching, you can find me at the ball field watching my husband play softball, in our pool, or just enjoying time with family.



Meet Mrs. Baker

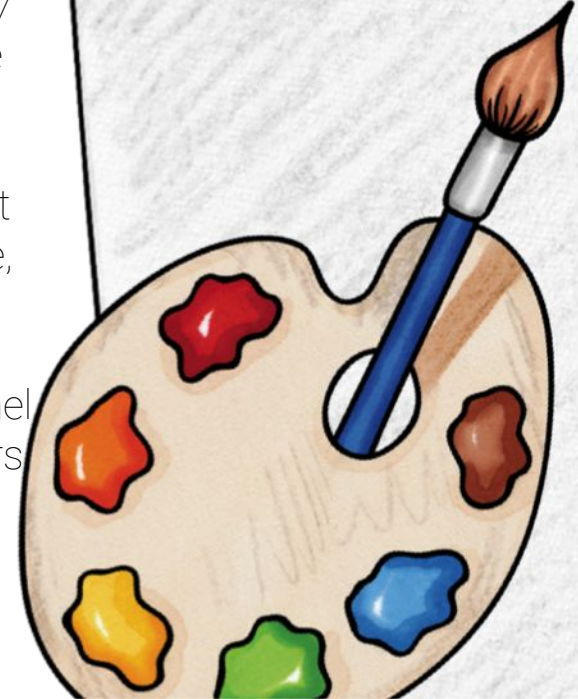
About Me



The first thing that you need to know about me is that I am a storyteller. If you talk to the students from my 27 years in BCSC, they can tell you the "There She Goes" story and the "Ten-thousand dollar finger" story. I am very proud to be a Mustang, at last. I have been a Cougar, an Eagle, and a Pirate. My children were also Spartans and Bulldogs. Grandkids have been Pirates, Lions, and Carmel Patriots, Hoosiers, and Boilermakers. I will be the new 4th grade AC teacher. It will be a wonderful journey!

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Meet Mr. Bodart

About Me

Hello. I am starting my 8th as a 4th grade teacher and my 24th year teaching, all at Southside. I am married to Denise. I have 2 children, Abby a sophomore in college and Trent a senior at CNHS. I also have 3 adult step daughters. We have a dog, Hammy, a golden retriever. I am the Southside basketball coach and have coached basketball, baseball and cross country at all levels in BCSC. I enjoy travelling with my family and finding new restaurants. You'll notice a Mrs. Bodart at Southside.

She is my sister-in-law and unfortunately for her, she's married to one of my brothers.

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Meet Mrs. Bumbalough

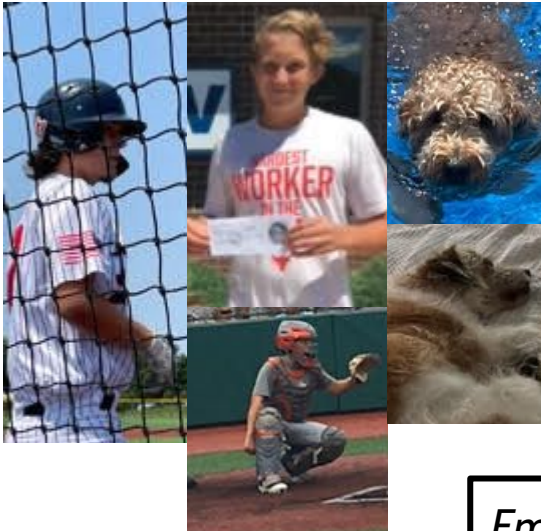
About Me

My name is Jamie Bumbalough and this will be my 6th year in 4th grade at Southside. I have a passion for science and love to watch kids discover new things.

My husband Max is the computer science teacher at Central Middle School and we have 3 boys that keep us very busy. Tyler is a senior at East, Ethan is a freshman at East and Aiden is in 7th grade at Central. We also have 2 dogs. I'm pretty sure our Golden Doodle Buddy is half fish and Daisy is living her best life.

We are a sports family and there is always something in season to watch. When I'm not watching a game, I love to read, garden, and lay in the pool.

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Meet Mrs. Keele

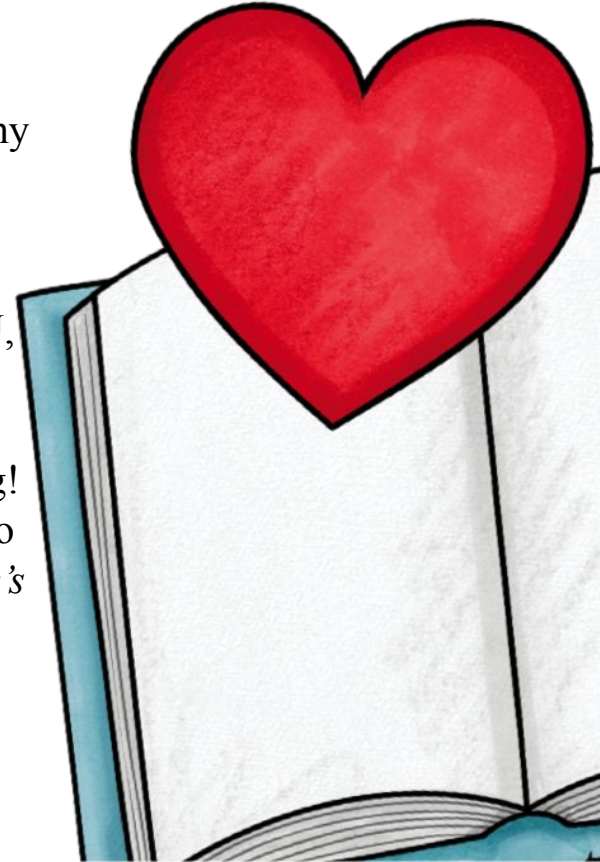


Hello! I'm Mandy Keele, and this will be my 14th year at Southside and my 11th year teaching in AC. I adore working with my students and instilling a love of learning in each of them.

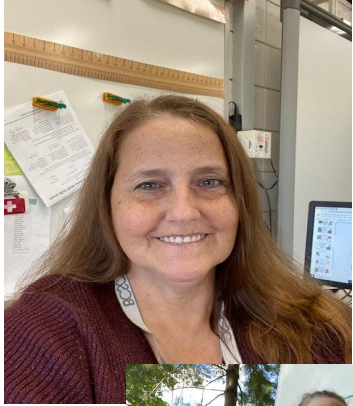
My husband, Seth, and I have three wonderful sons: Graham, a sophomore at IU, Flynn a junior at CNHS, and Boden, a 2nd grader in TEAM. As a family, we love playing games, traveling, hiking, and reading! Some of my favorite literary characters are Jo from *Little Women*, Charlotte from *Charlotte's Web* fame, and Professor McGonagall. Finally, we are a soccer family. All four of "my boys" (Mr. Keele included) play the sport, and I've come to love watching "The Beautiful Game."

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Meet Mrs. Chamberlin



About Me

Hello! I am Kim Chamberlin and will be teaching 5th grade at the school this year. Last year I taught Bridge the entire year from my home.

I live in the country on a small farm. I love animals and nature. I am married to my husband, Phil, and we have six grown children and lots a grandchildren. We also have a boxer named Ginger.

This summer we went camping. We stayed fairly local, but we enjoyed getting away from the house.

I look forward to making this an awesome year.

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Meet Mrs. Bodart

About Me

Hello!

My name is Amanda Bodart and I am a 5th grade teacher. This will be my 15th year teaching at Southside. My husband Mike and I have two children, Lizzie will be a freshman at Columbus North High School and Michael will be a 4th grader here at Southside. We also have a very sweet German Shepard named Indie. As you may have noticed there is a Mr. Bodart in the building, he is my brother-in-law.

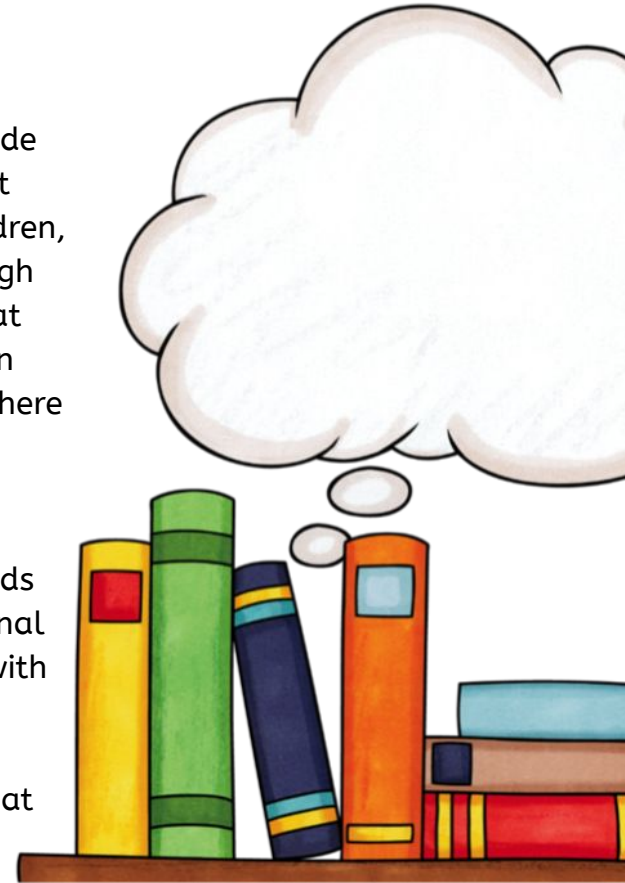
When I am not teaching, I enjoy watching my kids play their sports, attending college or professional sporting events, reading, exercising, and being with my friends and family.

I look forward to meeting you and having a great school year.



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Meet Miss Kahlenbeck



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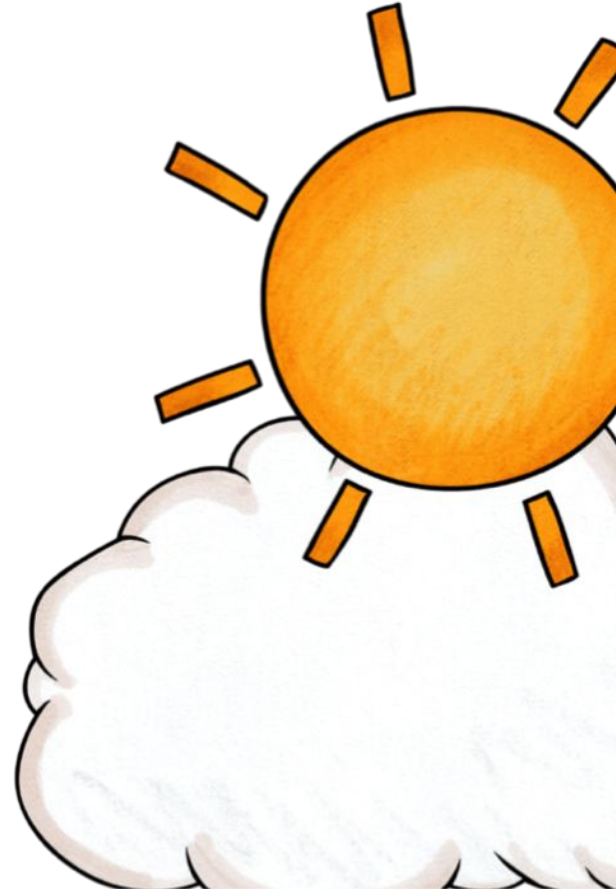
Hello, I'm Erika Kahlenbeck, an AC teacher. This will be my 7th year teaching, 4th in AC. My favorite part of teaching is forming close relationships with my students.

A few of my favorite things are traveling, spending time with my friends and family, reading, and exercising (triathlons and half marathons are my favorite).

I look forward to another great school year with all of you!

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Meet Mrs. Luken

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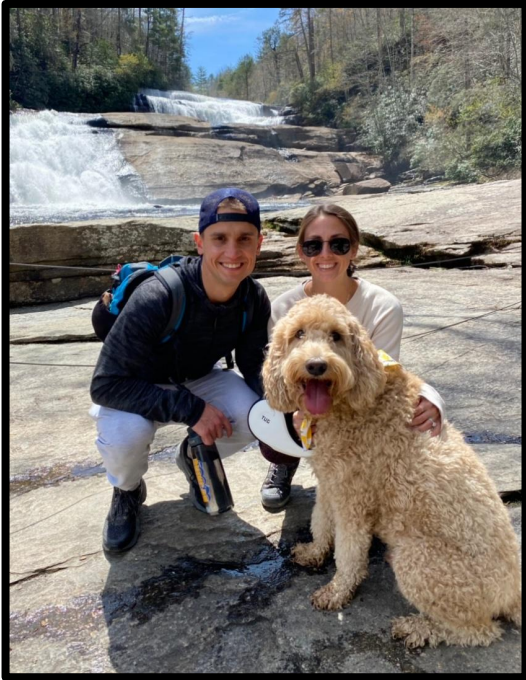
Hi! My name is Allie Luken, and I'm excited to start my 3rd year of teaching at Southside, as a 5th grade teacher. I am a Columbus native who grew up going to school in the community, as well as playing golf and tennis for Columbus North. I graduated and played tennis at the University of Indianapolis.

My husband and I enjoy sports and exercising, as well as spending time with our family, especially our golden doodle dog, Vivor (yes, we love the show Survivor). Along with teaching, I also help coach the girls tennis at Columbus North, and I enjoy making creative projects using my Cricut.

I'm looking forward to meeting my students and having a great school year!

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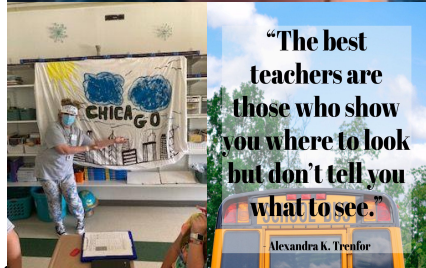
Meet Mrs. Horsley

About Me

Hello! I am Mrs. Horsley. I was born in Indiana, but have lived in Nebraska and Missouri as well. Since 2003, I have been teaching in either 4th, 5th, or 6th grade. This year I will be teaching a 5th/6th grade split class.

When not in the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my three daughters and five grandchildren. My husband, Robert, and I also enjoy traveling and volunteering in our community.

It will be a great year to be a Mustang! I look forward to all the adventures we will have together.



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Meet Mrs. Mackey

About Me

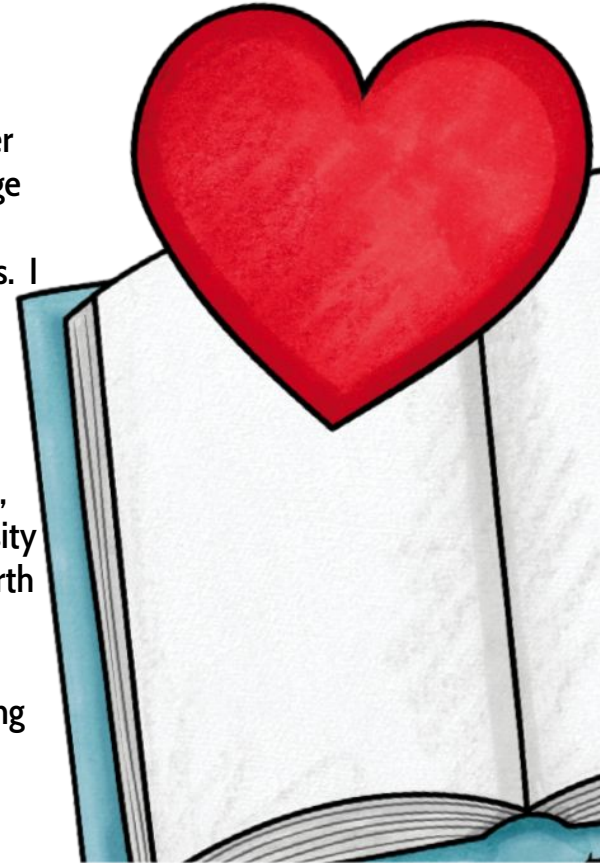
Hello! I am Mrs. Mackey, and I am a member of the sixth grade Torch Dog TEAM. I teach language arts and social studies. This is my 21st year at Southside. I have taught both fifth and sixth grades. I am a former Mustang student as well. I was in the Academic Challenge Program for fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.

My husband Jason and I have two daughters, Lauren and Lillian. Lauren is a senior at the University of Louisville, and Lillian is a senior at Columbus North High School.

I love spending time with my family, watching my younger daughter play softball, and traveling.

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Meet Mrs. Tidd

Hello! I am Mrs. Tidd and I teach sixth grade math and science. This is my second year as a Mustang!

I love music and dancing! I tent camp and love the mountains! I also LOVE Tie Dye!!

I am married to Brad and we have three children and three grandchildren.

I am excited to meet our new Torch Dogs and to learn with you this school year!



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Meet Mr. Wallace

About Me

Hello Mustang Families! My name is Mark Wallace. I am a Columbus native. I have been teaching at Southside for 18 years and I have been a 6th grade Torch Dog teacher for 17 years.

I have been married 34 years. My wife Kathy and I have three adult sons.

I enjoy spending time outdoors. My hobbies include disc golf, cycling and hiking. This summer I was able to hike in the Great Smoky Mountains and in the Shenandoah Valley.

I am looking forward to this new adventure with you.

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Meet Mrs. White



Hello! My name is Allison White, and I teach 6th grade on the AC team. This will be my 6th year at Southside, and I spent 17 years at Central and Northside teaching 7th/8th grade math prior to becoming a Mustang!

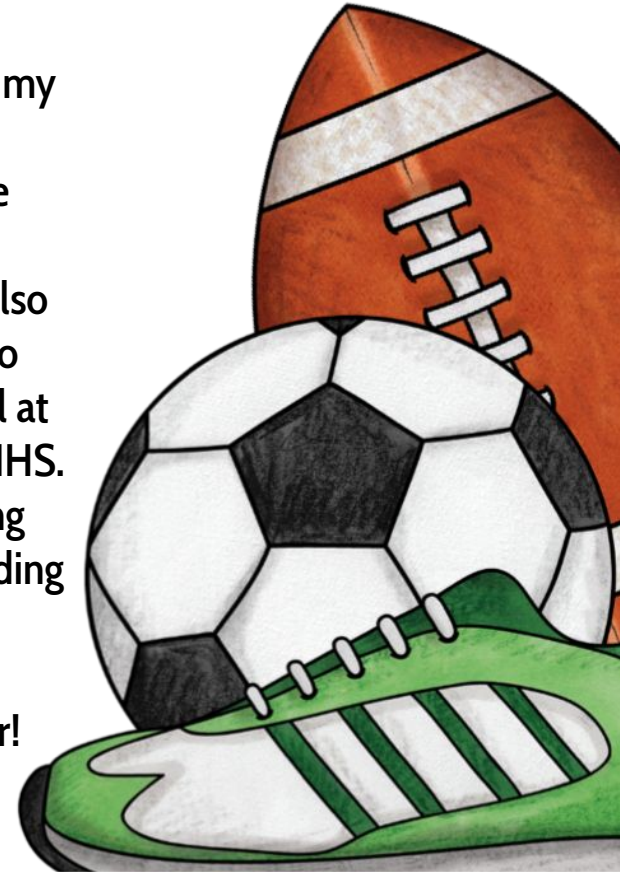
My husband, Brett, teaches math and also coaches basketball at CNHS, and we have two daughters. Madison will begin college this fall at SMWC and Kaitlin will be a sophomore at CNHS.

When I'm not at school, I enjoy watching our girls play volleyball and basketball, spending time with my family and our dogs (Maylee & Gus), being outside, and exercising.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

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Meet Mrs. Wolf



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Hi! I am looking forward to my ninth year at Southside and my second full year as UDL Facilitator. I have enjoyed teaching grades first through fifth during my 17 year career.

This summer, I helped my daughter get ready for her first year at the University of Notre Dame and my son prepared to be a junior at Columbus North HS. My husband and I celebrated our 24th wedding anniversary this year. We enjoy walking our Goldendoodle, watching our kids play soccer, and traveling to National Parks.

My favorite free time activities are having coffee on the couch with my dog, reading, exercising, hiking, shopping, and finding new places for plant-based eating.



Meet Mrs. Duchow

About Me

Hello! My name is Karin Duchow and this will be my 13th year teaching at Southside! I have taught kindergarten, first grade, and am now a special education teacher. I love this role, as I get to work with many different grade levels, wonderful teachers, and awesome students.

My husband, Jack, and I met in college and will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary in two weeks. We have two children, Jackson and Emelia, who both now live in Bloomington. We are adjusting to being "empty nesters", along with our black goldendoodle, Nimbus, and our three cats, Charlie, Jellybean, and Mufasa.

When I am not at school, I enjoy reading, walking Nimbus, watching movies, knitting, cooking, and other fun crafty activities. I love the fall time, especially football. Go Wisconsin Badgers!

I look forward to a great school year with our awesome Mustangs!



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Meet Mrs. Holtsclaw

About Me

Hello! My name is Mrs. Holtsclaw and I am the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher at Southside! I am going into my 4th year teaching and I could not love it more!

A little bit about me is that my husband, Gaje, and I just welcomed our first child, Maevis, over the summer. We have a few pets as well! We have 3 ferrets (Dany, Clover, and Emilio), a puppy (Tobi), and a kitten (Whisket). And when I'm not at school I'm spending time with my family and pets! I also spend time outdoors hiking and kayaking when I can! I cannot wait to see everyone in the fall when I get back!



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Meet Mrs. Lee

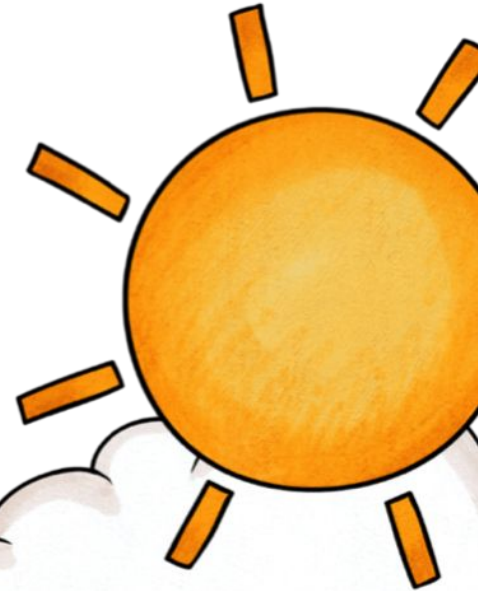
About Me

Hello! My name is Jennifer Lee, and I am the Speech-Language Pathologist at Southside Elementary School. This will be my tenth year as a Southside Employee. I was also a Southside Mustang parent with both of my children.

I have been married to my husband, Tony, for almost four years. We have four children between the both of us. Three of our children, Jacob, Parker, and Kylie, will be in college this year. Tate will be a senior in high school.

I grew up in the upper peninsula of Michigan on the shore of Lake Superior. I love going on vacation to the beach and watching the waves.

I am looking forward to having a wonderful year!



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Meet Mrs. Mayer

About Me



Howdy! I am one of the special education teachers here at Southside. This is my 6th year as a Mustang!

I was born and raised in Columbus and went to Indiana University. After spending 17 years in Texas teaching, we were thrilled to move back in 2013 and be closer to family. My whole family is in education. My husband is a German and speech teacher. My daughter, Ruth Anne, is headed to IU and my son, Jackson, is in 9th grade. We are a 4 dog family too.



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Meet Mrs. Miller

About Me

My name is Jaime Miller. I have been a Physical Therapist for 21 years with the last 15 ½ years at BCSC.

I have three children, Bryce is 18 and a Freshman at Purdue, Avery is 15 and a Sophomore at Seymour HS, and Wesley is 13 and an 8th grader at Seymour MS. I love going for walks and traveling. This summer we had a great trip to Hawaii.

I look forward to working with my students this year!

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Meet Miss Palmer

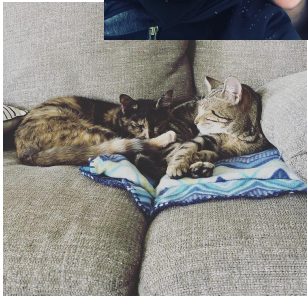
About Me

Hello! I am one of the special education teachers at Southside. This will be my sixth year teaching and my fourth year at Southside! I am so excited for the coming year!

I grew up in Columbus and currently live here with my partner and our two cats, Hazel and Finnegan. I love to be outdoors, especially camping and kayaking. This summer we went camping at Mammoth Cave National Park where we got to explore the cave and go on several hikes. I look forward to seeing what other adventures this year holds!

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Meet Mrs. Wilder



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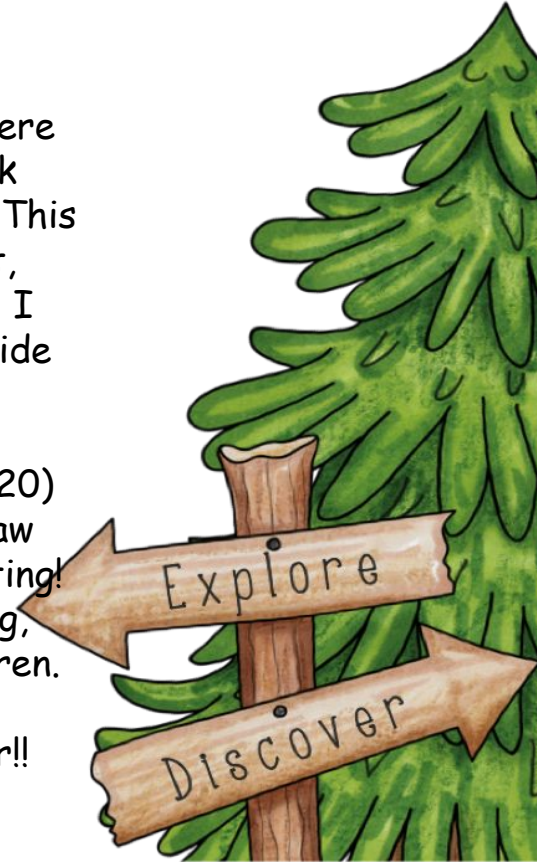
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About Me

Hello! I am an occupational therapist here at Southside Elementary. I also work at Rock Creek and Clifty Creek Elementary Schools. This is my 26th year as an Occupational Therapist, and I'm starting my 18th year here at BCSC. I have been lucky enough to be here at Southside the whole time!

I live in North Vernon with my husband Baron, son Bailey (23), and daughters Callie (20) and Mia (10). I will have a new daughter-in-law join our family next June, which is very exciting! I enjoy reading, working in my yard/gardening, and attending sports activities with my children. (Go Jennings County and Hanover Panthers!)

I look forward to another amazing year!!



Meet Mr. Butiste



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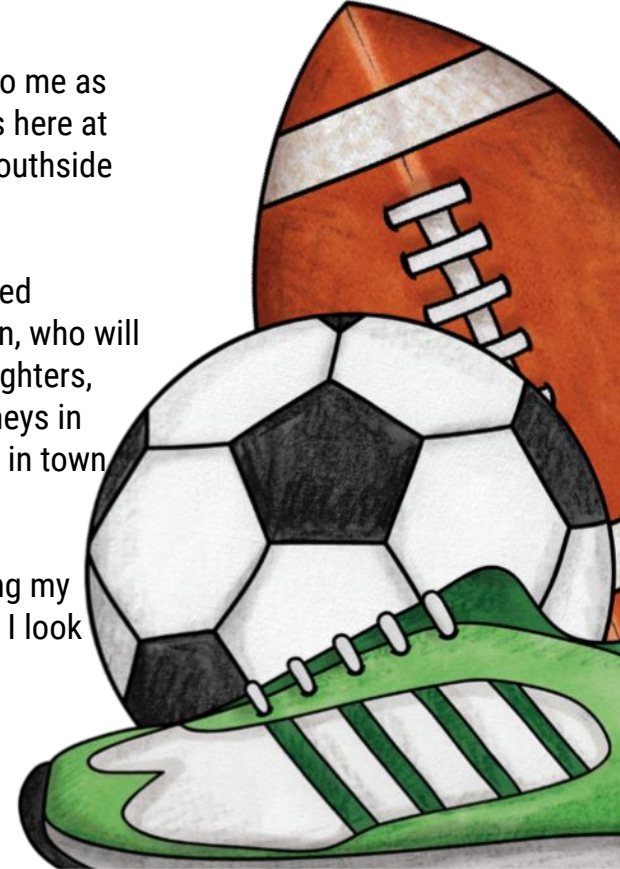
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About Me

Hello, my name is Tony Butiste, and my students refer to me as "Mr. B". I am one of the English Language (EL) teachers here at Southside. This will be my 13th year teaching here at Southside and I love it!

I am originally from South Bend, Indiana, but I have called Columbus home since 2010. I have a daughter, Lakelynn, who will be a freshman at Bloomington South, and two step-daughters, Cassie and Cloie, that are embarking on their own journeys in college. My wife, Missy, is a small business owner here in town and continues to keep me busy when I am home.

The students and families that I have worked with during my time here have helped me become a better teacher and I look forward to a great 2021-22 school year.



Meet Mrs. Bowers

About Me



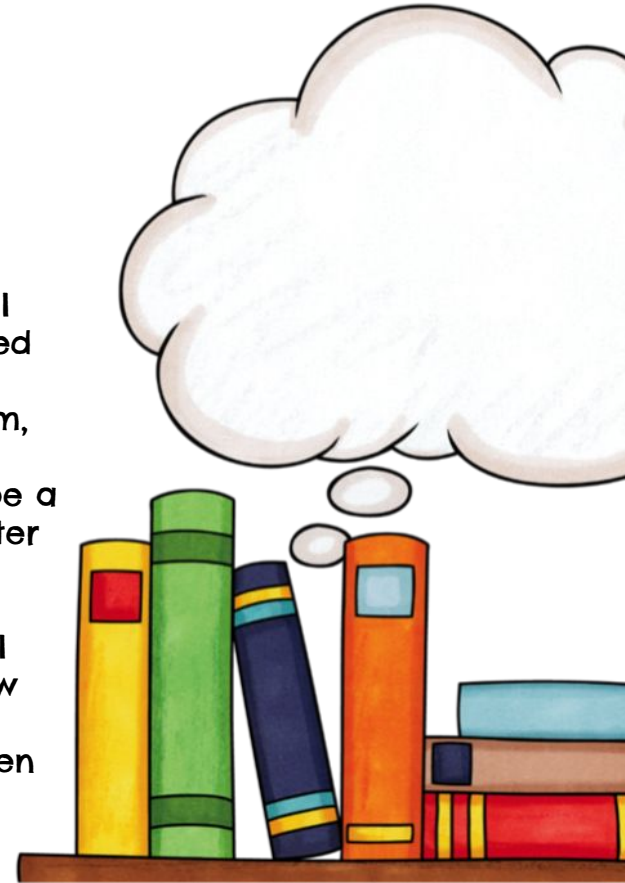
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Hello! My name is Beth Bowers and I am one of the (EL) English Language teachers here at Southside.

I grew up in Southern California and went to college at the University of Arizona in Tucson. I taught in California for 3 years and then moved to Sao Paulo, Brazil where I taught at an American School for 13 years. My husband Tom, my two kids and I live in Columbus and it has been home since 2005. My son, Nicolas, will be a freshman at North High School and my daughter Mia is going into 8th grade at Northside.

This is my 3rd year teaching at Southside and I love being a Mustang! I enjoy getting to know my students who come from many different countries and helping them learn English. When I'm not teaching, I love traveling, exercising, reading and trying new restaurants!

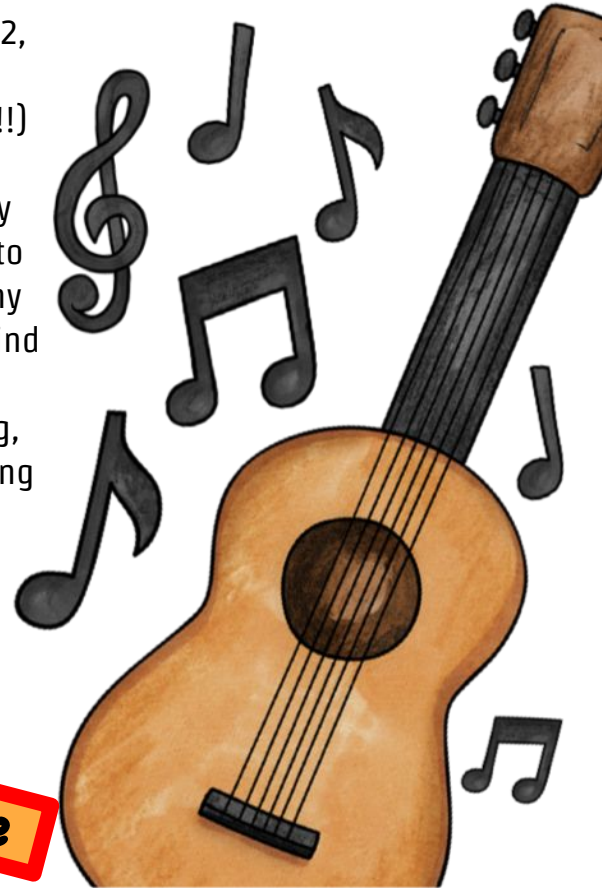


Meet Mrs. Chandler



I have been teaching music for 16 years! I have taught K-12, but I must say teaching at Southside has been a true highlight. I am a graduate of Butler University (Go **DAWGS!!**) and received my teaching certification through Indiana Wesleyan University. This is my 3rd year at Southside. My children, Alexander (4th grade) and Amelia (1st grade) go to school here as well. I enjoy cooking, spending time with my family, and doing crafty things. On the weekends you can find me rooting for my favorite teams - IU Hoosiers, Butler Bulldogs, Colts, and Cubs. I also enjoy shopping, travelling, and finding new restaurants. I can also be found chauffeuring my children around to their sports and dance activities.

Come by and say hello! I'm excited to have another fantastic year. Go **MUSTANGS!!**



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Class Website

Meet Mrs. Jones

Hello! I can't wait to meet so many of you in the MUSIC room this year.

This year, we will **EXPERIENCE** music by singing, listening, and playing instruments. We also will learn **ABOUT** music by exploring styles and composers/songwriters. And we will have a LOT of fun!

Fun Facts About Me:

- This is my 6th year teaching music in BCSC
- I teach at Southside two days and Rockcreek three days each week
- I grew up in Seymour and went to Indiana State University
- I'm married to my husband Brian
- My son Chase is a freshman at Ball State University
- My daughter Abby is a sophomore at East
- We have a border collie dog named Luna
- My daughter has a pet-sitting business and I'm her assistant
- I took up birdwatching during the pandemic
- I am a life-long pianist and I usually practice every day
- I actually like ALL kinds of music, but I LOVE 80's and classic rock



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Meet Ms. Baechle

About Me



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Hello, My name is Ms. Baechle. I teach art and this will be my first year at Southside.

I grew up in Kentucky. My love for art led me to study at Memphis College of Art. I have lived in many different places including Texas, England, and Spain. I moved to Columbus 11 years ago. Riding my bike on the people trail and visiting coffee shops are some of my favorite things to do here.

I have four grown children. I enjoy traveling, seeing new places, and visiting family & friends. On weekends I like to go for hikes and explore Indiana with my Canine friend named Belle. I look forward to a meeting you and having a fantastic year of creativity.



Meet Mrs. Hass



HELLO my amazing artists!
I am so excited to be able to make art with you!

**I am starting my 24th year here at Southside!
I am married to Jeff (a retired IU professor)
and have one adult daughter and two adult
bonus kids! We have a cat named Ginger and
she pretty much rules the house!**

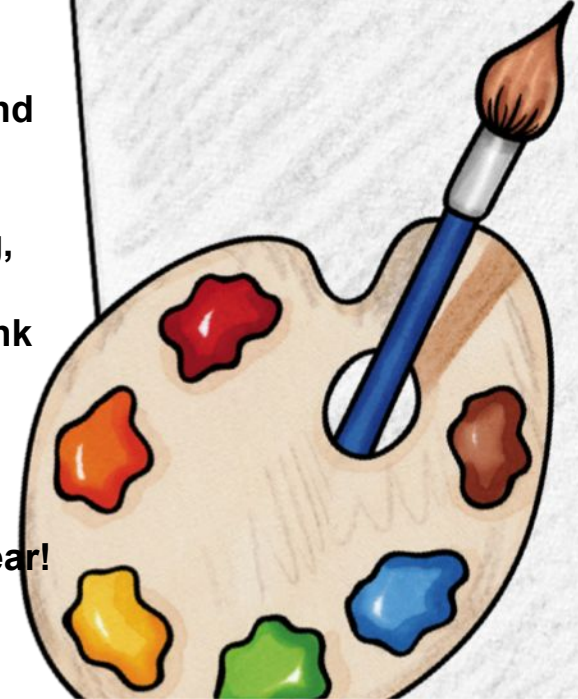
**I love making art of all kinds! I love traveling,
raising Monarch butterflies, and of course
making art! This summer I tamed a chipmunk
to eat out of my hand!**

My newest favorite art is using the IPAD!

Can't wait to see what you will create this year!

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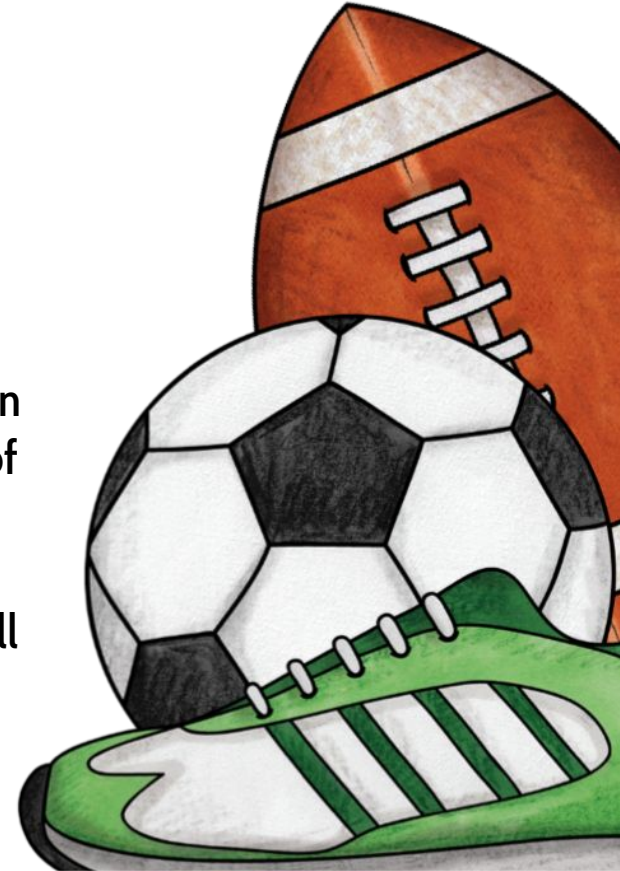
Meet Mr. Dawson

About Me

Hey Boys & Girls - Mr. Dawson here...coming up on my 4th year with all you Mustangs!! I love playing sports, being outdoors, traveling & most importantly spending time with my wife, Kirsten and son, Ezra. We spent majority of our summer in California & took Ezra to the Newport Aquarium to see Sharks! Can't wait to see you all back at school!!

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Meet Mr. LaVelle

About Me



Hello! My name is Mr. LaVelle! This is my 2nd year teaching! I will be at Southside 2 days a week and Rockcreek 3 days a week! I am so excited to come to Southside this year! I can not wait to meet all of you and have a lot of fun this school year!

Fun Facts:

- I coach soccer. I coach at Columbus Express Soccer Club and Columbus North High School
- I played soccer in college
- I am from Columbus!
- Favorite Food: Mac n' Cheese

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