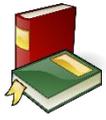


**Diana Wrataric  
Seaborn School Counselor**



**My name is Diana Wrataric and I am the school counselor for Seaborn Elementary. This is my 28th year in education. I graduated with my Bachelors degree in Education from John Carroll University. I began my teaching career as a first grade teacher for eight years. I then completed my Masters degree in School and Community Counseling from Youngstown State University. This will be my 20th year as the school counselor at Mineral Ridge.**

**As the school counselor I assist students in many ways. I help students adjust to the new school year and also assist them with personal, social/emotional, or academic issues. Any student can request to meet with me or they can be referred by a parent, teacher, or administrator. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (330)652-9695 Ext. 2005. I am looking forward to a fantastic school year.**



# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



My name is *Deanna Rhodes~ELA Intervention & Enrichment*

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Seaborn Elementary!



Together with the ELA (English, reading, spelling) and classroom teachers, I will help identify and assist students that need extra help in the many areas of Language Arts. Students will receive support with specific components associated with reading and writing through different interventions in a small group or one on one setting. Additionally, there will be opportunities for enrichment activities to take place for students that require an accelerated path towards expanding their literacy development.

I am a 1991 graduate of Mineral Ridge High School. I have a Bachelors of Education in two separate teaching areas, Hearing Impaired K-12 and regular education grades 1-8. I also have a Master's Degree in Library Science and School Media. I have obtained all of my collegiate degrees from Kent State University.

My teaching career began in Champion Schools in 1995 in the Deaf Education department. I have been working for Weathersfield since 1998. During my time at Mineral Ridge, I served as a tutor at the high school, and taught multiple subjects at the middle school level. For seven years, my concentration was in the area of 7th grade Language Arts. In 2012, I transferred to the elementary level to teach 4th grade!

I am an avid sports fan! I was born in a suburb of Cleveland, so I am a diehard Cleveland fan! I love spending time with my family and friends, listening to music, attending concerts and sporting events, going out to eat and reading. I have three wonderful children that I absolutely adore! In the future, I hope to travel to places I have yet to visit!

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Feel free to leave me a message at 330.652.9695 ext. 2110 and I will return your call at my earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

**Deanna Rhodes** 



Hello and WELCOME BACK!!! My name is Mrs. Wallace and I am the Speech-Language Pathologist for the district, working with students in preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. For those of you who do not know me, this is my 5<sup>th</sup> year working for Weathersfield Local Schools, but prior to that, I worked with South-Western City Schools and the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, both in the Columbus, Ohio area. I am a graduate of Mineral Ridge High School, Ohio University and I obtained my Master's degree at The Ohio State University. I love the Buckeyes and being at the beach or Disney! I live in Mineral Ridge with my husband and children. I have 2 sons who both attend Seaborn Elementary in grades 4 and 6.

I am so excited to start this new year and see all of my students, as well as meet my new students. As the speech-language pathologist, I see students for a wide variety of speech and language needs, such as articulation skills (how a student pronounces specific sounds) and receptive (how a student is able to understand what they hear, follow directions and comprehend verbal information) and expressive (how a student uses language to communicate, including grammar skills and vocabulary use) language skills. I also see students to target fluency/stuttering and pragmatic/social language skills. I see most students in my classrooms, which are located within the office at both Seaborn and at the High School. I also see some students within their classrooms or in the cafeteria and I service the Fairhaven Preschool Classroom in our building at Seaborn. If you are the parent of a kindergarten student, I will be screening all kindergartners' speech and language skills within the first month of the school year. I will also be screening all new Seaborn students, as well as any students from last year who needed re-screened.

Throughout the school year, if you need to get in touch with me for any reason, please do not hesitate to call or email me. My classroom phone number is 330-652-9695, ext. 2008 and my email address is [wallaceton@weathersfield.k12.oh.us](mailto:wallaceton@weathersfield.k12.oh.us) I will also use Class Dojo to communicate with parents of students on my caseload, such as when scheduling parent-teacher conferences or sending other reminders or updates. If you have a student who receives speech-language therapy at school, please click on the following link to join my Class Dojo classroom, <https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=CP645EY> I will also send home a page explaining Class Dojo with the link with each of my students in their speech folder on their first day of speech. Please be watching for these folders, which will contain any important information I need to send to you, as well as weekly practice assignments to target the skills we are working on during speech therapy. I look forward to working with all my students this year – I know it will be a great one!!!

Mrs. Wallace

Kelly Hontula  
Title 1 Reading Intervention



Title 1 is a federal education program through which many school districts receive funding to provide supplemental instruction for those students who qualify. When data indicates the need for interventions either because of low performance or at risk behaviors, any student is eligible for Title 1 services. The goal of Title 1 is to accelerate academic achievement so that students meet or exceed state and federal standards of performance.

I am excited to begin my 29th year in elementary education. I am a graduate of Lowellville High School and Youngstown State University. I am a member of the YSU Penguin Club which supports student athletes both on the field and in the classroom. I enjoy reading, biking, playing volleyball and spending time with family and friends.



Meet the  
intervention specialist



## WELCOME

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! My name is Mrs. Alexa Kamovitch and I am an intervention specialist at Seaborn Elementary. I am excited to get to know your child and work together to make some great progress in reading and math!

## ABOUT ME



This is my sixth year teaching at Mineral Ridge. I am a graduate of Youngstown State University with a Masters in Special Education. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband, daughter, and golden retriever.

## CONTACT ME



330-652-9695  
Ext. 2108



kamovitchale@weathersfield.k12.  
oh.us

**Mrs. Rummell**  
**6th Grade Intervention**



*Hi there!*

*My name is Tracey Rummell and I have been teaching in the Weathersfield Local District for 21 years as an Intervention Specialist. I live in Mineral Ridge with my husband Randy and our three kitties, and have two grown sons who are graduates of Mineral Ridge. I am also a Canadian where I was born and raised.*



*My focus is on helping students reach their full potential in all subject areas in a safe and welcoming learning environment. I am looking forward to another great year!!*

# Meet the Intervention Specialist



Hello! I'm Mrs. Schultz. I am the fourth and fifth grade intervention specialist here at Seaborn Elementary. The fourth and fifth grades are a time when your child will gain some new independence at school. Switching classes, having more than one teacher, and getting to be the "big kids" in the school. I am looking forward to working with your child this year and helping them grow. I will work alongside you and your child's general education teachers to ensure that your child is successful and thriving in the classroom!

## About Me

This is my second year teaching at Seaborn Elementary, and my fifth year teaching overall. I graduated from Youngstown State University and have my Master's degree in Special Education. I have two daughters, Emma and Indy. My family and I love spending time outside, but also enjoy snuggling up for a movie night with popcorn inside. I love a good cup of coffee and trips to Target.

## Contact Me:

Email - [schultzmar@weathersfield.k12.oh.us](mailto:schultzmar@weathersfield.k12.oh.us)

Remind - text the message @schultzmar to the number 81010

Phone - (330) 652-9695 ext. 2006

**Mrs. Buente  
Technology/Library**



**Hello and Welcome Back to School! This year, we will meet in the library for class. This is what is scheduled for the 2021-2022 school year:**

- K: Learning letters on the keyboard, upper row, home row and lower row, using the school library, STEM lessons
- 1: Continue learning letter placement on the keyboard, Google Docs/Slides, Using the school library and STEM.
- 2: All of the above and Journey Inside the Computer, Expedition to the Internet, Adventures in Coding, STEM and finally Introduction to Keyboarding
- 3: Keyboarding: 1st Semester  
Applied Digital Skills: 2nd Semester  
Library, STEM
- 4: Keyboarding, Applied Digital Skills, STEM, Library
- 5: Keyboarding, Applied Digital Skills, STEM
- 6: Keyboarding, Amazon Future Engineers, STEM

- When sending headphones to school, please open the packaging and make sure the headphones work and are comfortable. The less complicated the better! Earbuds work great, too!
- You're welcome to send an extra box of Kleenexes 😊
- **Come to class prepared.** Grades 2-6: ALWAYS BRING A SHARP PENCIL, ERASER, 2 POCKET FOLDER AND A SPIRAL NOTEBOOK (70 PAGE COUNT IS GOOD, NO MORE THAN 100.) FOR TECHNOLOGY CLASS ONLY!

**And a little bit about Mrs. Buente:**

- 4 adult children/4 grandchildren
- Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh
- Motorcycling/Touring with my husband 🍷
- cat: Queenie, Queen, Queens, Queener, Little Queen, Queenivere, QueenBear, Queenster or Tiny Cat
- Kayaking with my friends
- Reading biographies
- 😊 Swedish Fish, Blue, Corn on the Cob, Low Dew Points 😊
- 😞 Procrastinating, Complaining, Not listening, Not trying 😞



## Mrs. Core

### Music Teacher K-6

Hello, Seaborn students!!! My name is Mrs. Core and I am your music teacher! I have the honor of teaching every student in Seaborn Elementary and working alongside them to figure out how to "Be Musical" while growing into our very best selves as we joyfully sing, play, move and spark imagination! The music room is a place to explore how to create and respond to music in a safe and fun environment. My goal is to help you discover the magic of music!

I have a wonderful husband, an amazing son, daughter and son in-law, and two ornery kitties named Chip and Aria. When I am not teaching music I love to listen to music, to perform music and to learn more about music. :- ) I play trombone with the Packard Concert Band and The Top Notes Swing Band and have played with many awesome musical groups such as the Youngstown Symphony and Ovation Band.





YOU ARE  
THE ARTISTS OF YOUR LIFE  
DON'T GIVE THE PAINTBRUSH  
TO ANYONE ELSE



Seaborn families.....I have had the pleasure of teaching Visual Art to all children K-6 at Seaborn Elementary. I have enjoyed my position as an Art Teacher for the past 13 years. I want to extend to you and your child my warmest welcome into the Art room. I am very excited about working with your child.

My philosophy for learning is that each child is unique, they will discover individual creativity and how to maximize that to the best of their ability. I believe that hands-on experiences and discovering creative ways help provide an environment for artistic learning. I want my students to feel confident and to develop an appreciation for the arts.

I will introduce your child to a variety of art materials and mediums, styles, histories and culture. Art classes meet once or twice a week and students are given sufficient time to complete art work in the classroom. Each student's project is graded on their process, understanding of concept, creativity and end project. All I ask of each student is that they TRY.

Collaboration , cooperation and open communication between home and school are all keys to building a successful school year. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful school year !

Artistically Yours,

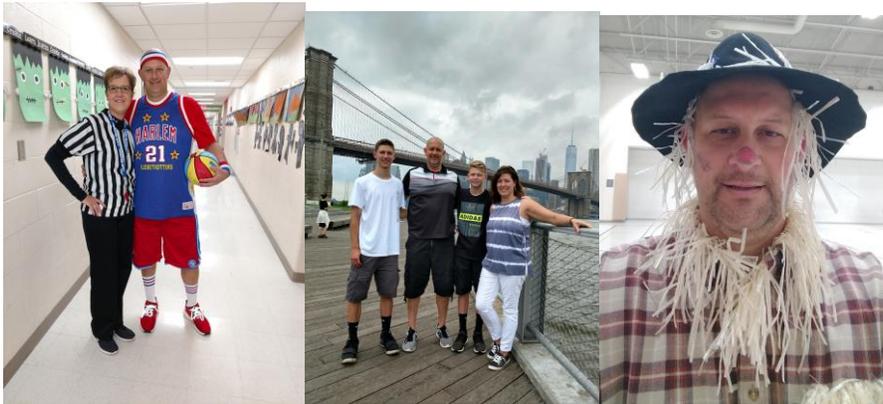
Gina Monaco

Art Teacher



# Mr. Durig

## Physical Education



**My name is Mr. Durig and I am the Physical Education / Gym teacher here at Seaborn Elementary. I have been teaching here at Seaborn for 13 years. I received my Bachelor Degree from Youngstown State University back in 2008. It has always been a passion of mine to become a Physical Education teacher. I was raised in a family where sports and outside activities were encouraged with great support from my parents. I have coached several sports over the years including becoming a head varsity basketball coach at two different schools, including here at Mineral Ridge back in 2009-2011.**

**I have been married to my wife Gloria for 23 years and I have two boys and a dog. My oldest son's name is Cameron and he is a Sophomore at YSU and my youngest son Connor is a Junior Howland High School. My Dog is a Border Collie. Her name is Skye and she is one year old.**

**Gym class here at Seaborn is always active and we try to have as much fun as we can while developing the skills necessary to not only play sports but also for lifetime activities as you grow older. Basketball, Kickball, Football, Scooters, Bowling and Wiffleball are just a few of the activities we play here at school. You don't have to be good at sports to have fun in my class. You just have to do your best and learn at your own pace. I am so excited to get this year started. I hope you are too!**

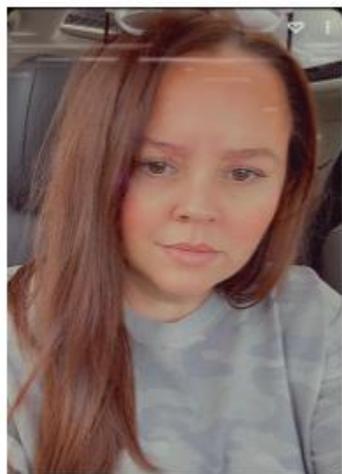
**Sincerely,**

**Mr. Durig**

# MEET

# Mrs. Reigle

## #Selfie



## #welcome to first

Welcome to 1A! I'm so excited to have you in my class this year! Over the next few months we are going to be very busy getting to know one another, learning a lot, and of course having FUN together! Before I get to know all of you, let me tell you a little about myself. This will be my 21st year teaching at Seaborn Elementary...GO RAMS!!! I live in Niles with my husband Sam and son Sammy. Sammy will be a senior at Niles McKinley High School this year. I also have a daughter who will be a senior at Baldwin Wallace University. My daughter plays college soccer at BW and my son plays for Niles Varsity, so much of my free time is spent traveling to and from their games. Finally, I have a five year old beagle/bulldog puppy named Minnie.

## #CONTACT

DOJO - The best way to contact me is through our classroom DOJO. I will be sending home more information so please make sure you're checking your child's folder. Thank you and let's have a GREAT year!

## #favorites

**DISNEY**  
DOGS  
AMAZON  
**PASTA**  
**SHOPPING**  
READING

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Mrs. Ryan's Room 1B

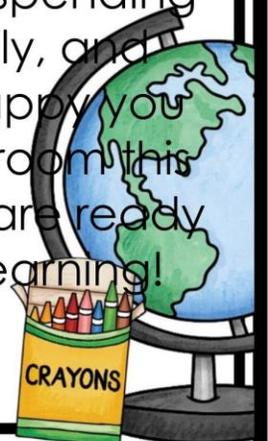
### Contact Information

Email:  
[ryanand@weathersfield.k12.oh.us](mailto:ryanand@weathersfield.k12.oh.us)

Phone:  
(330)652-9695 Ext. 2203



Hello! My name is Mrs. Ryan. I am excited to have you in my class this year. I have been teaching for 18 years, 15 of those years have been at Seaborn Elementary. I earned my bachelor's degree and a Masters in Public Health from Youngstown State University. I have three children- Mason is 18 years old, Bella is 17 years old, and Brady is 7 years old. My husband's name is Tim. We love football, spending time with the family, and traveling. I am happy you will be in my classroom this year. I hope you are ready for a fun year of learning!



MEET

# Mrs. Reider 1C

Dear Parents and Families,

Hello! My name is Mrs. Reider.

Welcome to 1st grade! I am so excited to have you in my class this year. I

graduated from Westminster College with a degree in elementary education and continued my education at Notre Dame with a degree in special education. This

will be my 8th year teaching at Seaborn Elementary. I am married to my husband, Stephen, and we have a beautiful 4

month old daughter named Jenna. I look forward to meeting all of you and I am excited for a great year of learning!

*Mrs. Reider*

## *Contact*

I would love to connect with you! If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, you can reach me here:

Email: [reiderjam@weathersfield.k12.oh.us](mailto:reiderjam@weathersfield.k12.oh.us)

Phone: (330)652-9695 ext.2205



## *Favorites*

- ★ Food: french fries & salads
- ★ Color: blue
- ★ Treats: donuts & ice cream
- ★ Drink: coffee & water
- ★ Fast food: McDonalds
- ★ Hobby: spending time with my family, especially my daughter

# MEET THE TEACHER



Hello!  
I'm Mrs. Kennedy

## ABOUT ME:

I earned my Elementary Education degree from Kent State University in 1993. I've been teaching 28 years, with 23 of them being at Seaborn. I live in Vienna with my husband Mike and our cat Bitsy, and we have two children, Our son Michael lives and works in Lakewood, and our daughter Amanda is a senior at Kent State. I'm excited for the school year and can't wait to meet you!

## MY FAVORITES:

**Color: Blue**

**Music: Country**

**Food: Grilled chicken salad**

**Drink: Iced Tea / Coffee**

**Book: Harry Potter Series**

**Fast Food: Chipotle**

**Place: The beach**

**Treats: Dove chocolate**

**Hobby: Reading, Scrapbooking**

## CONTACT ME:

**School Phone #:330-672-9695 ext 2204**

**Email:**

**kennedymar@weathersfield.k12.oh.us**

# MEET THE TEACHER



Hi! I'm  
Miss Meyers!

## ABOUT ME:

This is my 21st year teaching at Seaborn. I'm so excited to be your 2nd grade teacher and can't wait to meet you! We are going to have a fun year in 2B. In my free time, I love to spend time with my niece and nephew. They are in 5th and 8th grade.

## MY FAVORITES:

Color: purple  
Stores: Amazon, Target  
Food: Mexican  
Drink: iced tea/ hot tea  
Book: mysteries  
Fast Food: Chipotle  
Treats: ice cream  
Hobby: reading

## CONTACT ME:

School Phone #: 330-652-9695 ext 2202  
Email:  
meyersmic@weathersfield.k12.oh.us

# MEET THE TEACHER



**Hello!  
I'm Mrs.  
Sankovich**

## ABOUT ME:

I graduated from Mineral Ridge High School and attended Seaborn Elementary as a child. I earned my degree in education from Youngstown State University. I live with my husband David and 2 daughters, Makena and Jenna, in Pennsylvania. Second grade is an exciting time. We will be learning many new skills. I am so excited for this school year and I can't wait to meet you!

## MY FAVORITES:

**Color:** Orange  
**Store:** Target and Amazon  
**Food:** Pasta  
**Drink:** Anything but coffee  
**Season:** Fall  
**Fast Food:** Chick-fil-a  
**Place:** Gatlinburg, TN  
**Treats:** Candy  
**Flower:** Sunflower  
**Ice Cream:** Chocolate Malt  
with Carmel

## CONTACT ME:

**School Phone #:** 330-652-9695 ext 2206  
**Email:**  
sankovichcar@weathersfield.k12.oh.us

# Meet the Teacher



## Mrs. Gilson 3C

Hello! My name is Mrs. Tracy Gilson. I am happy to be your 3rd grade teacher this year! This will be my 22nd year teaching here at Seaborn Elementary and I am excited for our year together in school to begin!

My family lives right across the border in PA. Thus, we are avid Pittsburgh Pirates, Steelers, & Penguins fans. Baseball is a big part of our lives; seemingly, year-round! I love watching my boys play the game that they love. My picture is from a recent Pirates game we attended (and they actually won!)

I love being a teacher here and I am looking forward to getting to know you. I think we will have a fantastic year ahead in 3C!



Third grade is a big step up from second grade, and even more than ever this year considering the impact that the pandemic has had on our students. I want to do whatever I can to make it the best year ever.

We will be working on all of the 3rd grade learning standards in a variety of ways in 3C. Students in 3rd grade will also take the state tests for the first time in both Reading and Math. More information to follow soon!

## Third Grade Rocks!



## **Mrs. Ghizzoni - 3rd Grade Teacher**

I would like to welcome you back to the 2021-2022 school year!!! Since Meet the Teacher has been changed to virtual I wanted to take a few minutes to introduce myself to you. I graduated from Youngstown State University in 2001. In 2001, I began my teaching career at Saint Charles in Boardman where I taught 4th grade. The following year I started a new job at Youngstown Community School. I taught 3rd grade at YCS for 5 years. Then in 2007, I was hired at Seaborn Elementary. I taught 4th grade my first year at Seaborn. The following year I was moved to 3rd grade and has enjoyed teaching here for the past 12 years. In 2011, I graduated with my Masters in Education from Walsh University.

When I am not in school I am kept very busy by my family. I currently live in Austintown, Ohio, with my husband (Ryan) and 3 kids Christopher (13), Garrett (10), Ryley (5), and our dog Sailor. My boys are very involved with soccer so most of my free time is spent at practices or games.

This year I will be your child's 3rd grade teacher. I will be responsible for teaching the following subjects:

**English Language Arts, Math, Spelling, Science, Social Studies, and Math Facts.**

This will be like 2nd grade where the students stay with their homeroom teacher for all subjects. I will send home a letter on the first day of school with more information on how my classroom runs.

### **Contact Information:**

I love to have an open line of communication with the parents of my students. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or extra information I may need to know.

Email: [Ghizzonimeg@weathersfield.k12.oh.us](mailto:Ghizzonimeg@weathersfield.k12.oh.us)

Phone: 330-652-9695 (2215)

Class Dojo- I will post daily homework and other reminders. Also with this you will be able to message me directly and I can message you back. I have used it for years and love it! Information will be sent home the first day of school with directions on how to sign up.

I am looking forward to this new school year and can't wait to get started!



**Welcome to third grade! My name is Mrs. Andrea Kopta. I am very excited to be your child's third grade teacher! I am starting my 24th year of teaching in the Weathersfield Local School District. I graduated from Thiel College, in Greenville, PA with a BS in Elementary Education and a BS in Sociology. I then went on to YSU and received my MS in the Science of Education as a Gifted Intervention Specialist. I also completed an additional 18 credits past my Masters. As a teacher, I believe in lifelong learning.**

**Third grade is a very important year. The curriculum is rigorous, and students are given more independence. Students are expected to complete class and homework assignments, follow rules and directions, and be respectful to both adults and their peers.**

**I cannot wait to meet your child and launch into learning together. I promise an enriching and productive school year with you and your child. My goal for this year is to help your child to be an independent and responsible learner, to show them how to set high goals, to help them reach their goals, and to show him or her how to make responsible choices. I have high expectations for all of my students.. They will need to work hard and do their best.**

**I believe that communication and building relationships with you and your child are the keys to a successful classroom experience. Your child will be bringing home a daily planner that will be used for quick reminders and homework. Progress Book is your window to our classroom learning. I post a weekly update there under the homework section, so that you can see what we are learning for the week and any important upcoming events that will be happening. Please know that your thoughts, concerns, and questions are always important to me. Feel free to contact me via email at [koptaand@weathersfield.k12.oh.us](mailto:koptaand@weathersfield.k12.oh.us) I am looking forward to having a wonderful school year with both you and your child!**

**Educationally yours,**

**Mrs. Andrea Kopta**

meet the  
**TEACHER**

**HEY THERE!**

My name is Miss Keevey, and I'm so excited to be your 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher! This year you will be changing classes. I will be your Social Studies/Science Teacher. This will be going on my 12 year of teaching at Mineral Ridge. I have taught Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. Can't wait to hear all about your summer and see you!!!

**CONTACT INFO:**

[keeveymol@weatherfield.k12.oh.us](mailto:keeveymol@weatherfield.k12.oh.us)

Remind App



**FAVES**

Color: Purple

Stores: Amazon & Target

Drink: Coffee

Food: Steak & Potatoes

Hobbies: Riding Bikes,

swimming, and Reading

Books: Mysteries



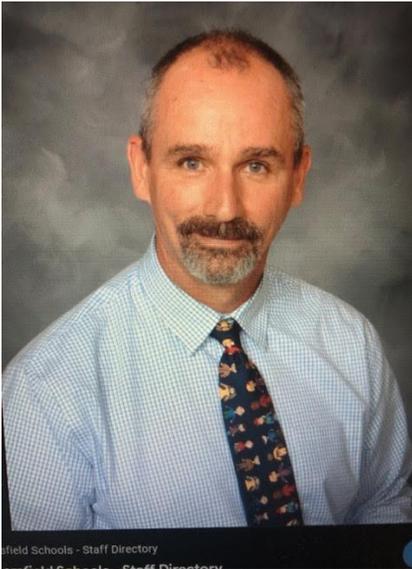
Mrs. Bodo

4th Grade ELA

Welcome to fourth grade!

I am excited to work with you this year! I live in Mineral Ridge and two of my children attend Mineral Ridge High School. I also have two older children who are grown and live on their own. I grew up in Newton Falls. I attended Youngstown State University and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education, K-8 with a Reading Endorsement. I also completed a masters degree in Literacy from Youngstown State University. I taught for five years in the classroom and I taught for twelve years online. This is my third year teaching 4th grade at Seaborn Elementary.

4th grade ELA is a very important transition year from the early elementary level to the upper elementary level. In ELA we will be focusing on new vocabulary, reading informational texts, identifying text features and writing multi-paragraph essays. The students will be switching classes and they will have more responsibilities and independence on assignments this school year. I am looking forward to a great school year!



## Mr. Wrataric 4th Grade Math

Welcome to fourth grade! I'm Mr. Wrataric and I am looking forward to the start of a new year. After many years of teaching third grade, I am returning to fourth grade to teach math. Those of you that had me last year know that math is my favorite subject.

I graduated from Youngstown State University with a degree in both Criminal Justice and Education. This is my 25th year teaching.



**Hello, my name is Mrs. Lynn Flaviano and I teach grade 5 Math. Mr. Nick is my son and works with me in the classroom. I also have a daughter , Maura, who is enrolled in on-line classes to complete her degree. Maura and I frequent the Canfield barns to work with horses. The entire family has a vested interest in animals.**

**This year Nicholas and his wife Toni had a beautiful baby girl named Liviana. She is my first grandchild and such a highlight in my life.**

**I'm looking forward to a more normal year and realize the importance of face-to-face instruction. The previous year was filled with disruption, yet we still learned. With regards to the classroom, we will focus on the core standards with emphasis on continuity and connections. Diversification, scaffolding, and concentration on our strengths will allow each student to reach their Math potential.**

**GO RAMS!**

**Thank you for your continued support! I can't wait to meet my new students and reconnect with my previous students too!**



## Mrs. Ault 5th Grade English Language Arts

### About Me

Hello! I'm Mrs. Ault, and I teach 5th grade English Language Arts at Seaborn Elementary School. I have been teaching in the Mineral Ridge Schools for the past ten years. My husband and I are graduates of Mineral Ridge and reside in town with our three children. My sons, Braxton and Bode, attend Seaborn Elementary School and enjoy playing sports for the Mineral Ridge Rams. I also coach junior high volleyball for our school. It has been a pleasure coaching my former students

and watching them grow up into amazing student athletes.



### English Language Arts (ELA)

English Language Arts in the 5th grade is 90 minutes in length. Reading, English (Grammar), and writing are completed during this time. The Wonders Reading Series and various novels will be used throughout the school year. There will also be research projects, homework, and activities to reinforce reading and writing skills. Instilling a love of reading early gives a child a head start on expanding their vocabulary and building independence and self-confidence. Please feel free to email me with any questions throughout the school year at [aulthea@weathersfield.k12.oh.us](mailto:aulthea@weathersfield.k12.oh.us). Looking forward to another amazing year in 5th grade ELA!

Mrs. Dota 5C

Welcome to 5TH AND 6th Grade SOCIAL STUDIES



Hello! Welcome back! Let me introduce myself- I am Mrs. Dota. I will be starting my 10th year teaching in Mineral Ridge. I have been teaching for a total of 19 years. Prior to teaching in Mineral Ridge, I taught in the Youngstown City School District. I am proud to say that I have four children that attend Mineral Ridge. They are Dax (8th grade), Vincent (7th grade), Delaney (6th grade) and Salvatore (4th grade). We are called the Dota Bunch :)

The class that you will have with me is Social Studies.

- 5th grade Social Studies is the study of the Western Hemisphere. We will learn about the Mayans, Incas, Mississippians and many other cultures.
- 6th grade Social Studies is the study of the Eastern Hemisphere. We will learn about Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, Ancient China, and world religions.

Along with learning these cultures in both 5th and 6th grade- we will learn government, economics and lots of geography & mapping!

I hope your child is eager to learn history. Do they even realize they are living through a pandemic that will be part of history?

## Mrs. Kusiowski

### 6th Grade Math

Hello sixth graders and parents! My name is Mrs. Trisha Kusiowski and you may call me "Mrs. K" if you like! I hope you had an amazing summer! I definitely enjoyed mine, but I'm always excited to come back to school for another great year. This will be my 11th year of teaching - all 11 of those years have been in math and 10 of them have been here in 6th grade math! I went to school here in Mineral Ridge, class of 2007, and got my teaching degree from Youngstown State University. I live in Boardman with my husband, two children, Gemma (age 4) and Henry (age 1), and our dog, Indy.



The moment you step into my classroom you will see that I LOVE Star Wars! I have something fun planned for us this year which was inspired from my love of Star Wars and I am looking forward to showing you soon! Other things I enjoy are going for long runs, playing the drums and guitar, singing, reading, watching movies, and spending time outdoors - especially in Mill Creek Park. And since I have young children, most of my time is spent playing with and taking care of them.

I can't wait to meet you and spend the next 9 months getting to know all about you as we learn together! Until then, email me with any questions at [kusiowskitri@weathersfield.k12.oh.us](mailto:kusiowskitri@weathersfield.k12.oh.us). To stay up to date with class announcements and test/quiz dates, please join my class on the Remind app! Both parents and students may join to receive the messages. <https://www.remind.com/join/tkusiow>

6th Grade

# Language Arts

With Miss Billett :)



Hello and welcome back to school! I am Miss Billett and I will be your 6th grade Language Arts teacher. This will be my first year teaching in Mineral Ridge & I am so excited. I am from Boardman and went to Kent State University for college. In my free time you can find me hanging out with my Golden Retriever puppy, Ollie.

In our class we will be doing a lot of reading, writing and everything in between. We will be focusing on reading comprehension and how to interpret certain texts. Another focus will be on grammar and the different types of writing styles. This is going to be an amazing year! I can't wait to meet all of you :)

-Miss Billett ☐

# MEET

Mr. Folkwein



Hi! I'm Mr. Folkwein. I am very excited for this school year! I am going into my 7th year teaching science. I have taught 9-12th grade for 4 years and 5&6th for two years. Throughout my years I have developed contacts through YSU, Penn State, Case Western, YBI, Materials Research Laboratories. From these community connections I look forward to growing my students as problem solvers for jobs in the future!

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## WHAT WE WILL LEARN

5th grade- Cycles and Patterns of Solar System, Light, Sound and Motion, Interactions w/in Ecosystems

6th-Rocks, Minerals, Soil, Matter, Motion, Cellular to Multicellular

## SOME FAVORITES

- SCIENCE
- BASEBALL
- FOOTBALL
- SPORTS SCIENCE
- HANGING WITH FAMILY
- WATCHING MY KIDS PLAY SPORTS
- ICE CREAM
- FISHING