

Staffing Updates


2022-2023 School Year





Our
Teachers
& Staff

Make A Difference
Every Day!



What will next year look like?

What we know so far...





**We are
growing!**

Welcome Somerset families!

**We are welcoming
approximately 150
students from
Somerset
Elementary!**





Projected Enrollment FY23

Grade	Current # of Sections	Projected # of Sections	Projected Enrollment	Change (+ or -) (# sections)
SESES	3	3	17 (to 30)	No change
K	3	3-4?	94	+1?
1	3	3	66	No Change
2	2	4	82	+2
3	3	4	91	+1
4	2	4	102	+2
5	2	2	44	No change

MCPS Guidelines for Student to Teacher Ratio

* based on 2022-2023 projected enrollment

Grade	MCPS Guidelines (non-focus/title 1)	WES Projected Enrollment	Our Projected Class Size
K	1:24	94	18 in each class
1	1:25	66	17-18 in each class
2	1:25	82	21-22 in each class
3	1:26	91	19 in each class
4	1:28	102	23 in each class
5	1:28	44	23-24 in each class



Staffing Considerations

- Student enrollment and withdrawal happens through the summer.
- Staffing changes throughout the summer based on enrollment.
- Students will receive a phone call/email from their classroom teacher before Open House (Aug. 26th @ 2pm).

Good Friends
Never Say Goodbye
They Simply Say
"See You Soon"

We Already said “See You Soon” to...

- Mrs. Kate Davenport- left MCPS

Now we say “See you soon” to...

- Mrs. Silvia Richmond- leaving MCPS
- Mrs. Nancy Passman- retiring
- Mrs. Leah Levy- Lakewood ES
- Ms. Christina Splaine- opening a new program in MCPS
- Ms. Britton- moving back to Maryvale ES
- Mrs. Jennifer Gaum- wants part-time



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO WESTBROOK!
and now a warm welcome to our new staff!.....**



WELCOME

TO OUR NEW STAFF!

Assistant Principal



Ms. Linda Johnson

Linda Johnson has proudly served MCPS students, families and staff for 25 years. Ms. Johnson is currently an Assistant Principal at Julius West Middle School. Ms. Johnson has also worked as an Assistant Principal at Herbert Hoover Middle School. Ms. Johnson worked in Human Resources for MCPS where she hired teachers and counselors for MCPS and in fact, staffed these positions for Westbrook for 14 years. Ms. Johnson had the opportunity to teach students in pre-kindergarten through 6th grade. She taught students in both general education and also special education in both inclusion and self-contained programs. She is very excited to get back to working with elementary aged students. Ms. Johnson has one daughter who recently graduated from Yale University and is working as a nurse practitioner. Ms. Johnson's favorite things to do are read, spend time with family and friends, travel, and hike. Ms. Johnson cannot wait to meet and work with the students, staff and families of Westbrook Elementary!

1st Grade



From Bethesda ES

Hi, my name is Kelsey White! This will be my second year teaching first grade in MCPS. I have a Master's Degree in Elementary Education and a Bachelor's Degree in Family Science from University of Maryland. I grew up in Bethesda and am so excited to continue working in the community! In my free time, I love going on fun adventures with my niece and nephew!

Ms. Kelsey White

2nd Grade



Ms. Eleni Xereas

From Kensington Parkwood ES

My name is Eleni Xereas. I have lived in Maryland my whole life and attended the University of Maryland, College Park. Last year, I student-taught 3rd grade at Kensington Parkwood Elementary School. I am a dog person; I have two dogs named Winnie and Harper. I love summer and warm weather. I enjoy baking, going on walks, reading, and movie nights. I also love competitive all-star cheerleading and competed for 7 years. Lastly, I love working with kids, of course! I am super excited to be a new 2nd grade teacher at Westbrook!

3rd Grade

New to MCPS



Ms. Sarah Naatz

3rd Grade



from Chevy Chase ES

Mr. Brent Lapadula

from Flora Singer ES

Hi, I'm Holly Williams and I'm excited to be a part of the Westbrook family! I was a 3rd grade teacher and a 5th grade teacher at Flora M Singer Elementary for the past 4 years. I recently earned my M.Ed. in Middle Grades Mathematics. In my teaching, I'm always looking for new ways to integrate technology and the arts! After school and on the weekends, you can find me spending time with my family, getting coffee, sightseeing, hiking, or reading a book.

3rd Grade



Ms. Holly Williams

from Bethesda ES

4th Grade

Hi! My name is Allie Morris and I am excited to join Westbrook this year. I went to Elon University in North Carolina for my undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies, and to American University in Washington, DC for my M.A. in Teaching. I grew up just down the road in Chevy Chase, Maryland. I have a 9 y/o golden retriever mix, Holly, and a 10 y/o horse, Ben. I enjoy horseback riding, cooking, swimming in the ocean, taking my dog on adventures, and spending time with my family!



Ms. Allie Morris



4th Grade



Ms. Ariel Levy

From Bethesda ES

My name is Ariel Levy and I am so excited to be a part of the Westbrook Family! This will be my 9th year teaching elementary school. I have my undergraduate degree in elementary education from Salisbury University and my masters degree is school counseling from Johns Hopkins University. I live in Bethesda, MD and in my free time I enjoy running, biking, hiking, traveling, reading, and spending time with my friends & family. A few fun facts about me are that I am a triathlete, I have my black belt in karate, I've been skydiving, and my favorite food is Italian! One of my most memorable teaching experiences was volunteering at a school in Bali, Indonesia! I am looking forward to getting to know all the students, staff, and families at Westbrook Elementary!

Reading Initiative & ESOL



Ms. Audra Lewek-Trump

From Division of Early Childhood and
Title I Programs

Hi! I have been teaching for over 25 years. My experience includes teaching Kindergarten, 1st grade, 3rd grade, and providing academic support as a tutor for grades K-8 and Title I teacher for grades K-5. My husband, Chris, and I have two sons. Liam is in high school, and Aidan just completed his first year of college. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, hiking, biking, jogging, kayaking, doing yoga, listening to live music, and spending time at the beach. I am looking forward to a fantastic year!

Paraeducator



Ms. Margaret Cox

From Burning Tree ES

I was raised in Montgomery County and am a graduate of MCPS and UMCP. I enjoy exercising outside in nature, snuggling with my cat and am passionate about local history.

Teams for Next Year

**tentative*

KINDER-
GARTEN



TEAM



Mrs. Jamie Nguyen

Mrs. Caryn Reitkopp- Team Leader



Mrs. Nina Pattakos



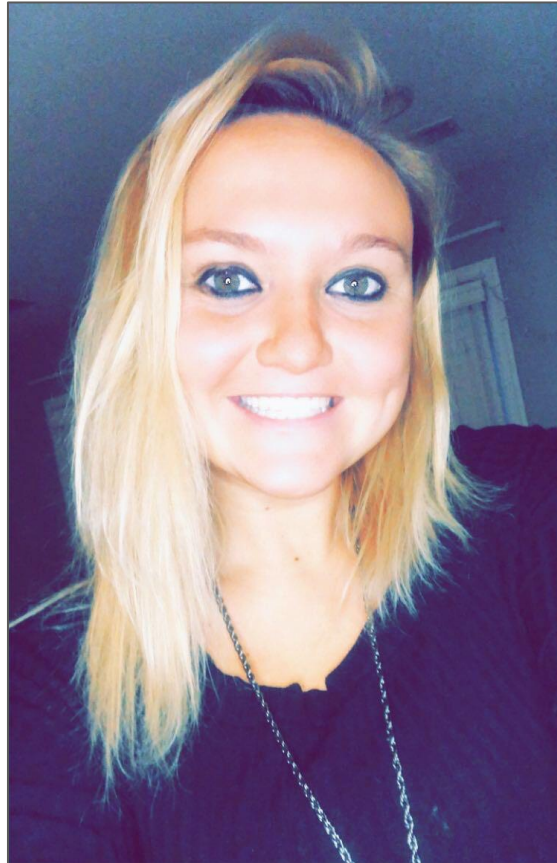
TEAM



1ST GRADE



Mrs. Natalie Atkinson



Ms. Kelly Amann




Ms. Kelsey White

No pictured

Mrs. Cheri Mercurio
K/1st/2nd

SECOND
GRADE
TEAM

A decorative graphic consisting of a black heart in the center, with a black arrow pointing to the right and a black arrow pointing to the left, both originating from the heart. The background of the text is a colorful, abstract watercolor-style wash in shades of purple, blue, green, yellow, and pink. The entire graphic is set against a light gray background, which is itself framed by a light blue, wavy border.



Mrs. Suzanne Brick
Team Leader



Mrs. Sloane Donahue



Ms. Eleni Xereas



Mrs. Rebecca Boldrick



**TEAM
THIRD
GRADE**



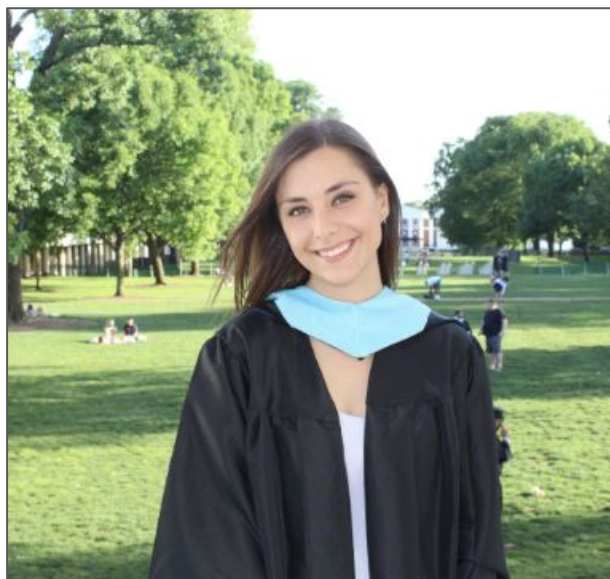
Mrs. Lisa Kriss



Ms. Holly Williams



Mr. Brent Lapadula



Ms. Sarah Naatz



Ms. Bethany Blackburn
2/3rd



**FOURTH
GRADE**



TEAM

Mrs. Eileen McNelis
Team Leader



Ms. Ariel Levy

Ms. Cari Jacobsen



Mr. Lee Gilliam
4th & 5th

Ms. Allie Morris



5TH
GRADE
SQUAD

The logo features the text "5TH GRADE SQUAD" in a playful, multi-colored font. The word "5TH" is in red, orange, and yellow. "GRADE" is in green, blue, purple, and pink. "SQUAD" is in pink, orange, yellow, green, and purple. The text is set against a white background with a scalloped border, decorated with stars and rays. The entire logo is on a grey background with a white polka-dot pattern. The page has a light blue wavy border on the left and right sides.

Mr. Kyle Elie



Ms. Brooke Lundy







Ms. Susan Hedayati



Mrs. Tracy Fitzgerald



Mr. Mat Marteau

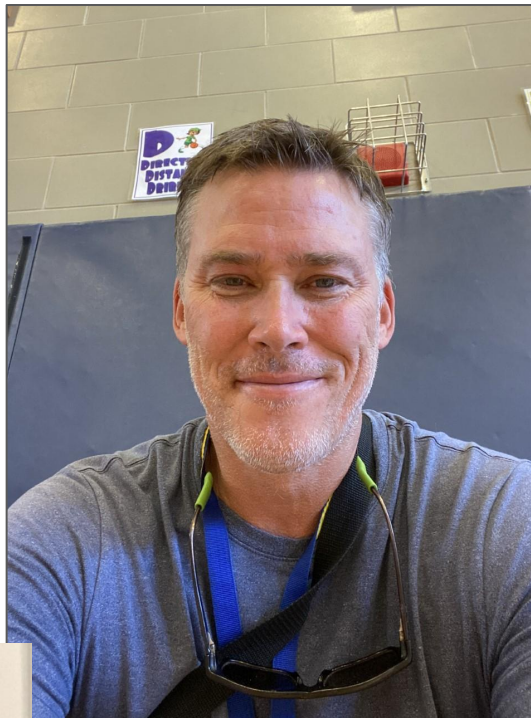


Mr. Scott Metz





Ms. Mayra Rubio



Mr. Al Hann



Mrs. Cheryl Berman



Mr. Mark Wilson



Mrs. Kuressa Payne



Ms. Margaret Cox



Mrs. Elaine Gaskill

Office Team

T E A M





Ms. Carol Grabner-
Administrative Assistant



Ms. Nicole Bell-
Attendance Secretary

Student





Mrs. Kim Modderno
Reading Specialist



Ms. Audra Lewek-Trump
Reading Initiative & ESOL



Ms. Naimah Razzaghi
ESOL Teacher



Ms. Katelyn Weiger
School Psychologist

Social Worker-
TDB

Behavior Support
Teacher TBD



Mrs. Angie Robinson
Staff Development Teacher

No pictured

Mr. David Gysberts-PPW



Mrs. Yolanda Faerber
Counselor



Mrs. Alison Garagusi
Special Education Teacher



Mrs. Renee Shaffer
Special Education Teacher

Speech/Language Pathologist -
TBD



Media Center





Ms. Carol Wellen
Media Specialist



Mr. Neal Kokiko
Media Assistant



SPECIALS



Ms. Valerie Strauss
Music Teacher



Ms. Jennifer Thai
P.E. Teacher



No pictured
Ms. Katherine Ewins- Art Teacher

No pictured
Mr. Jamin Mordin- Instrumental Teacher

A decorative graphic featuring several colorful streamers (red, blue, green, orange, yellow) and confetti (stars, dots) scattered around the text. The streamers are arranged in a semi-circular pattern above and below the text.

**Administrative
Team**



Ms. Linda Johnson- Assistant Principal



Mrs. Karen Cox- Principal

Westbrook Teams FY22

Karen Cox- Principal
Leah Levy- Assistant Principal
Angie Robinson- Staff Development Teacher
Kim Modderno- Reading Specialist
Yolanda Faerber- Counselor
Garol Grabner- Administrative Assistant
TBDI- Attendance Secretary



Social Emotional Special Educations Supports (SESES)

TBDI- Teacher
Mrs. Cheri Mercurio- Teacher
Mr. Lee Gilliam- Teacher
Mrs. Kate Davenport- Social Worker
Mrs. Christina Splaine-
Behavior Support

Specialists

Ms. Jennifer Thai- P.E.
Mrs. Katherine Ewins- Art
Ms. Valerie Strauss- Music

Special Education

Mrs. Alison Garagusi
Mrs. Renee Shaffer

Ms. Naimeh Razzagi- ESOL, Reading
In.
Paraeducators remaining the same

Westbrook Grade Level Teams FY22

Kindergarten

Ms. Silvia Chang
Mrs. Nina Pattakos
Ms. Caryn Reitkopp

3rd Grade

Ms. Erin Evans
Mrs. Lisa Kriss
Mrs. Rebecca Boldrick

1st Grade

Mrs. Natalie Atkinson
Ms. Kelly Amann
Ms. Natalie Britton (from
Maryvale ES)

4th Grade

Mrs. Eileen McNelis
Ms. Cari Jacobsen

2nd Grade

Mrs. Suzanne Brick
Ms. Sloane Soffer (JoAnn Leleck
ES at Broad Acres)

5th Grade

Mr. Kyle Elie
Ms. Brooke Lundy (from
Thurgood Marshall ES)



Plan ahead for....

- Open House- August 26th, 2:00- 3:00 pm
- First Day of School- August 29th, 2022
- PTA Back To School Picnic- evening, September 2nd

**Any additional staffing
changes will be
communicated in the
summer communications.**

