

There will be many fresh faces and fresh ideas strolling the school hallways this year. Class will soon be in session for...



Michael Althen - FAC Teacher at Lincoln...*New/old chef added to an already stellar program at MPSD. Interested in anything food? Come to room 133, pop your head in and say howdy to Chef Mike Althen as he embarks on this new chapter in his culinary life.*

Brianna Baesemann - 2nd Grade Teacher at Franklin



Megan Bekish - EL Teacher at Jackson and Madison... *Hi! My name is Megan Bekish and I will be teaching EL at Jackson and Madison. I enjoyed our team bonding with my mentor Jayna Deicher@RahrMemorialSchoolForest.*

Jodi Brey - English Teacher at Lincoln

Angel Cosme - Science Teacher at Lincoln

Austin Depner - Special Ed Teacher at Washington

Mary Doran - Special Ed Teacher at Lincoln

Terren Driscoll - 5th Grade Teacher at Franklin

Greg Enz - Social Studies Teacher at Lincoln

Toushane (Shane) Evans - Special Education Teacher at Lincoln

Margaret (Peggy) FencI - Math and Science Teacher at Wilson

Tracy Forry - Special Education Teacher at Lincoln

Riley Garbe - ELA Teacher at Wilson



Heather Gehri - Math Coach at Jefferson... Hi! My name is Heather Gehri and I'm super excited to bring my love for all things math to Jefferson Elementary. As the new math coach I look forward to co-teaching, modeling lessons, and introducing new math read alouds and games to the teachers and students.

Monica Greis - Speech & Language Teacher at Franklin



Catherine Hagen – Art Teacher ... *I graduated from UW-Whitewater with a BA in Art with an emphasis in graphic design, and art education certification. I previously taught art to students in grades K-6 in Valders, grades 6-7 in Fort Atkinson, and many years of summer art courses. I am very excited for the opportunity to teach Art in the MPSD*



Adam Hall - Science Teacher at Lincoln... *I am a 2005 graduate of Lincoln High School. I graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a BS in chemistry and a MS in curriculum and instruction. I have taught at Waterford Union High School and Reedsville High School previously. This will be my 10th year teaching. I have taught physical science, chemistry, AP chemistry, physics, astronomy and forensic science. I have also coached both basketball and baseball at the JV and Varsity level. I was the varsity baseball coach for Reedsville the past 4 seasons. I will be teaching 4 sections and physical science and 1 section of chemistry this school year. I look forward to a great school year and being back home again.*

Marley Harmeling - Business Ed Teacher at Washington

Sarah Heffentrager - Special Ed Teacher at Lincoln



Chantel Jahnke - English Teacher at Lincoln... Hello! I'm excited for my first year at Lincoln! I have four years under my belt already teaching middle and high school levels, and I'm ready for number five! I'm your typical millennial - my fiance and I we enjoy all the foods, hiking, kayaking, and taking adventures with our dog Baxter. I love reading, but my true love is writing. Don't be shy - If you see me, say hi!

Ellen Jankowski - Special Education Teacher at Monroe & Jefferson

William Jones - PE Teacher at Lincoln & Madison

Matt Kadow - Social Studies Teacher at Lincoln

Sarah Kadow – Nurse

Kody Kellner - EL Teacher at Washington



Heather Kunesh - FACS Teacher at Wilson... *My name is Heather Kunesh and I will be teaching Family and Consumer Sciences for 6-8th graders at Wilson Middle School. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. As a Manitowoc native, I am really excited to be back in this community and district! In my free time I enjoy working out and spending time with friends and family I am looking forward to an exciting year teaching and learning!*

Emily LeGreve - Speech & Language Teacher

Emily Madson - English Teacher at Lincoln

Peter McDonought - Special Ed Teacher at Lincoln

Abigail Meerdink - 1st Grade Teacher at Franklin



Filiberto Ortega - Special Ed Teacher at Franklin... *Greetings, MPSD and the Manitowoc community. My name is Filiberto Ortega and I am proud to say that I will be part of the awesome Special Education teacher team at Franklin Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year. I have substitute taught in the district for a number of years, so I have built a lot of great relationships with students and staff. I look forward to continuing to grow within those relationships and to make new positive connections in the upcoming school year.*

(Pictured: Ortega with Mentor Katie Kimme)

Elizabeth (Liz) Peterson - English Teacher at Lincoln

Kendra Pietenpol - 5th Grade Teacher at Franklin

Samantha Poleon - EL Teacher at Wilson

Ben Ruechel - EL Teacher at Lincoln



Trisha Sabel - Library Media Specialist at Wilson... Hello and nice to meet you! I will be the Instructional Library Media Specialist (Librarian) at Wilson Middle School! I am starting my 15th year as an educator and am super excited to get to know the students, staff, and community served by the MPSD.

Amber Schmidt - 1st Grade Teacher at Jackson

Kara Schmidt - Special Ed Teacher at Lincoln



Danyelle Schmidt - 4th Grade Teacher at Madison – *I am so excited to begin this new school year with the students and staff at Madison Elementary! This is my fifth year teaching, but my first year teaching fourth grade. The past four years I taught fifth grade at L.B. Clarke Middle School in Two Rivers. I grew up Manitowoc and absolutely love this community. I graduated from Manitowoc Lutheran High School in 2010 and I earned my degree from Wisconsin Lutheran College (Milwaukee) in December 2014. My husband and I reside in Manitowoc with our daughter. Our little lady will be two in September and keeps us on our toes! In our free time, we enjoy reading, camping, snowmobiling, and cheering on our favorite Wisconsin teams. We LOVE spending time with family and walking our dog, Badger.*

Scott Skornicka - English Teacher at Lincoln

Corri Skubal - Special Education Teacher at Lincoln

Jennifer Slaby - Special Ed Teacher at Jefferson

Jodee Stahmer - Math Coach at Franklin

Amanda Tauschek - Special Education Teacher at Lincoln

Kara Thiel - ELA & Social Studies Teacher at Wilson

April Vach - Math Teacher at Lincoln



Ann Wagner - Math Teacher at Lincoln... *UW-Lacrosse Graduate with 9 years teaching experience at Roncalli and 2 years at Chilton Middle School.*

(Wagner pictured with mentor Tanya Kakuk).



Sarkis Wentland - Reading Teacher at Madison... *Hi, I am a new reading teacher at Madison Elementary. I began teaching in 2012 as a special education teacher in Two Rivers. I then moved into a regular education position at L. B. Clarke Middle School. I have since finished my Master's Degree in Literacy at Concordia University and am excited to join the team here at Manitowoc. I live in Manitowoc with my wife, Libbie and our two dogs, Ramses and Addie. In my spare time I have many hobbies including playing guitar, disc golfing playing Pokemon Go, and of course reading!*

Kyle Wagner - Tech Ed Teacher at Lincoln



Emma Willis - ELA Teacher at Wilson – *Hi, I'm Emma Willis and I'll be teaching seventh grade English at Wilson Middle School. Being a Manitowoc native, I am very excited to be back in this community and district that I love so much and I'm looking forward to an amazing year in the MPSD!*

Maranda Yurk - 6th Grade Teacher at Wilson