



Bobcat Insider



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New Teacher Edition

Danelly Barajas

Fisher & Franklin ELL
Hometown
 Osceola, Iowa
**Education/
 Experience**
 Iowa State University



I love to bake.

Alex Black

Anson, PE
Hometown
 Onawa, Iowa
**Education/
 Experience**
 Iowa State University



Hobbies: Golfing, running, hiking and playing basketball

Katherine Blockhus

MHS, Social Studies
Hometown
 Minnetonka, MN
**Education/
 Experience**
 Iowa State University,
 subbed in Ottumwa



I love ISU and Green Bay Packer football. Planning my wedding which is coming in June. I call it a job, but I don't get paid. I am so thrilled to become a part of the Marshalltown community! Get excited for an awesome year.

Hector Campos

MHS, ELL
Hometown
 Iowa City
**Education/
 Experience**
 M.A. and MFA degrees in painting, working on Ph.D in Educational Leadership from Univ. of Iowa. Worked as an elementary school teacher, literacy coach, middle school vice principal and coordinator of an alternative school.



I enjoy spending time outdoors, gardening, hiking and bike riding with my family. I like to travel and make paintings about the places I visit. I am fascinated by what I learn when I read the same story or poem in different languages.

Isabel Campos-Padilla

Woodbury, ELL
Hometown
 Los Angeles, CA
**Education/
 Experience**
 University of California at Davis



I lived in Thailand for one academic year as an exchange student. I like to travel.

Dan Cibula

Miller, Science
Hometown
 Kellogg, Iowa
**Education/
 Experience**
 Degrees from University of Northern Iowa and Buena Vista University



I play the bass guitar. I've competed in six triathlons.

Heather Dean

Anson & Hoglan, Music
Hometown
 Dover, DE
Education/
Experience
 Bachelor's from Univ.
 of Delaware, master's
 from West Chester
 University, taught 9
 years at a charter school



Singing, playing ukulele and guitar, running, hiking and a state park lover. I love to use my imagination and gnomes.

Jennifer Dreyer

Lenihan, 5th grade
Hometown
 Aurora, IL
Education/
Experience
 University of Iowa;
 Student taught at Horace
 Mann



I like to bake.

Nikki Eggert

MHS, Spanish
Hometown
 West Des Moines
Education/
Experience
 B.S. in Mechanical
 Engineering from Iowa
 State, B.A. in World
 Languages from ISU



I enjoy reading novels in English and Spanish. I also enjoy creating albums with my photos to document and preserve my memories. Teaching is my second career. I worked 8 years in the automotive industry then took time off to be with my children. Then returned to ISU to pursue a Spanish degree and teacher certificate.

Val Ehlers

Woodbury, Teacher
 Librarian
Hometown
 Wisconsin Dells
Education/
Experience
 B.A. from Concordia
 College (MN), M.A.
 from Viterbo (WI), MA
 in K-12 Library Science
 from UNI. Experience at
 Fort Dodge, North Tama,
 Gladbrook-Reinbeck and Grundy Center



Enjoy cooking, crafts, reading and attending my children's activities. I'm excited to build relationships with the students and staff at Woodbury.

Eliana Garcia

Lenihan, 6th grade
Hometown
 Oxnard, CA
Education/
Experience
 University of Northern
 Iowa (Elem Ed),
 Master's in Ed.
 Instructional Leadership
 from Clarke University.
 Taught in Waterloo.



Last year I won the 2016 Gold Star Award for Outstanding Teaching. I love to read during my spare time and I enjoy volunteering.

Nick Gardner

MHS, Band (Associate
 Director)
Hometown
 Vinton, Iowa
Education/
Experience
 Drake University



I'm in a Louisiana bluesy influenced brass band, play the saxophone. I enjoy going hiking and spending time outside. I'm very excited to start working in this district!

Emily Hackbarth

MHS, English
Hometown
 Ames
Education/
Experience
 Iowa State University;
 Student taught at MHS



Hobbies: Reading, hiking and listening to podcasts.

Kaitlyn Houser

Lenihan, 6th Grade
Hometown
 Glenwood, Iowa
Education/
Experience
 Iowa State University



My hobbies include kayaking and hiking with my dogs! I also enjoy reading and traveling whenever possible!

Alex Jahnke

Anson & Hoglan STEM
 Specialist
Hometown
 Albert Lea, MN
Education/
Experience
 Iowa State University



My hobbies include being outdoors, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Kayleen Johnston

MHS, Special Education
Hometown
Chillicothe, Iowa
Education/Experience
B.A. in Education from William Penn University.
Experience in K-3 Spec Ed. at Mount Pleasant



I enjoy reading and watching movies. Love spending time outside with my dog.

Emily Keppler

Fisher, Special Education
Hometown
Marshalltown
Education/Experience
University of Northern Iowa (Elem Ed), Long term sub at Fisher.



I enjoy crafting, spoiling my dog and spending time with family and friends. I am very excited to start teaching and helping students reach their goals!

Kami Kile

Hoglan, ELL
Hometown
Des Moines
Education/Experience
Upper Iowa University



Hobbies: Reading, scrapbooking and being outdoors

Allen Mann

MHS, PE
Hometown
Marshalltown
Education/Experience
Central College (Health promotion), Buena Vista Univ. (Education)



Interested in athletics/coaching, huge Green Bay Packers fan, enjoy traveling.

Brigid Mathews

MLA & Lenihan, ELL
Hometown
Lexington, MA
Education/Experience
BA's in Classics and TESOL. Two years working for EMBARC



I run (really, really slowly).

Amanda Miller

Franklin & Fisher, STEM Specialist
Hometown
Granite City, IL
Education/Experience
Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville), 5 years teaching in Springfield, IL, one year in Newton



I like to make my own cards using my talent and lovely handwriting. So excited to teach the PLTW curriculum!

BrieAnn Nielsen

Anson, 4th grade
Hometown
Beaver Lake, NE
Education/Experience
Iowa State University



I am terrified of spiders.

Andrea Queisner

Anson, 4th grade
Hometown
Fort Madison, Iowa
Education/Experience
Coe College, 1 year teaching in northwestern Iowa school.



I have been a competitive swimmer since age 9. I am extremely excited to work with my new 4th grade Anson team!

Jaclyn Repplinger

Fisher, Kindergarten
Hometown
Indianola
Education/Experience
Iowa State University



I love to play soccer. I have been playing soccer since I was 5.

Sarissa Riedel

MHS, Special Education
Hometown
 Brooklyn, Iowa
Education/ Experience
 Upper Iowa University - B.S., University of Phoenix, master's



I like to travel and experience new things.

Debbie Schade

MHS, Special Education
Hometown
 Marshalltown
Education/ Experience
 Morningside College, Experience in Des Moines, Tama and Grinnell



Hobby: Make cards with photos to use as gifts

Shana Schneider

MHS, English
Hometown
 Leachville, AR
Education/ Experience
 Bachelor's from Williams Baptist College, Two master's degrees Arkansas State Univ., 12 years teaching experience



I am a true Southerner. I love sweet tea, corn bread and my Arkansas Razorbacks. I am a photographer and have taught photography courses. I am excited to be in Marshalltown and at MHS!

Anne Sellers

Hoglan, Teacher Librarian
Hometown
 Spirit Lake, Iowa
Education/ Experience
 University of Northern Iowa - BA - Secondary English education, MA School Library Science; Taught at North Mahaska (7 years)



I enjoy sewing, reading and watching movies.

Courtney Simons

MHS, English
Hometown
 Marshalltown
Education/ Experience
 UNI- BA in English teaching, 2.5 years teaching at Fort Dodge.



A volleyball coach at MHS. Hobbies: Reading and trying not to fall while roller blading.

Samantha Slocum

Franklin and Woodbury, Student Resource Specialist
Hometown
 Marshalltown
Education/ Experience
 Iowa State University, Worked at Life Connections in Marshalltown.



I enjoy spoiling my dogs.

Kelly Sullivan

Rogers, Special Education
Hometown
 Des Moines
Education/ Experience
 Upper Iowa University, Worked at West Des Moines Schools



Hobbies: Reading, camping and going to baseball games

Michelle Sullivan

Anson & St. Francis Title 1 reading
Hometown
 Iowa City
Education/ Experience
 UNI- bachelor's, University of Iowa master's. 16 years teaching in Wisconsin, Phoenix and Davenport



I love writing beginning-reading books and have had two published. I enjoy seeing my nephew (11) and niece (9). I'm excited to teach in Marshalltown.

Melissa Thelen

Miller, Art
Hometown
 Estherville, Iowa
Education/ Experience
 BFA from Minnesota State University. Substitute, para and student teacher experience in Minnesota



I really enjoy home renovation. I love all things art and I'm so excited to join the staff at Miller in shaping our students into fine members of the community!

Eve Thomas

Fisher & Woodbury,
Music
Hometown
St. Louis, MO
**Education/
Experience**
Bachelor's in Music
Education from Drake
University



I love to travel. My last big trip was to Latvia, Estonia and Finland. I enjoy reading and making crafts. I am so excited to start the school year!

Megan Turbiville

Hoglan, 4th grade
Hometown
Gurnee, IL
**Education/
Experience**
University of Iowa.
Taught in Dubai for 2
years and Houston, TX
for 2 years.



Have a 4-month-old. In one class I taught I had students from 12 different countries.

Anna Vande Kamp

Lenihan, Special
Education
Hometown
Rock Valley, IA
**Education/
Experience**
Trinity Christian Col-
lege (IL), Student taught
in Chicago suburbs and
in Ethiopia



I am dependent on coffee, books, good food and family and friends. I love to travel, camp and hike whenever I can.

Clare Wing

Hoglan, 3rd grade
Hometown
Van Meter, IA
**Education/
Experience**
Iowa State University



I have a twin brother, Cy. I'm a big Cyclone fan- go to all football and basketball games.

Lyndsey Wycoff

Miller, Special
Education
Hometown
Mount Vernon, IA
**Education/
Experience**
Luther College (Elem
Ed), Student taught in
Chicago and Iowa City.



I am training my rescue dog Lola to be a therapy dog in the future.

Welcome to Marshalltown Schools!

We're glad to have you here

School board meeting schedule



The school board holds regular meetings at 5 p.m. in the board room at district offices at 1002 S. 3rd. Ave. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. At right, is the remaining regular meeting schedule for the 2017-18 school year. Note: the schedule is subject to change and often special meetings are added throughout the year.

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

**School Board Election
September 12, 2017*

Monday, September 18, 2017

Monday, October 2, 2017

Monday, October 16, 2017

Monday, November 6, 2017

Monday, November 20, 2017

Monday, December 4, 2017

Monday, December 18, 2017

Monday, January 15, 2018

Monday, February 5, 2018

Monday, February 19, 2018

Monday, March 5, 2018

Monday, March 19, 2018

Monday, April 2, 2018

Monday, April 16, 2018

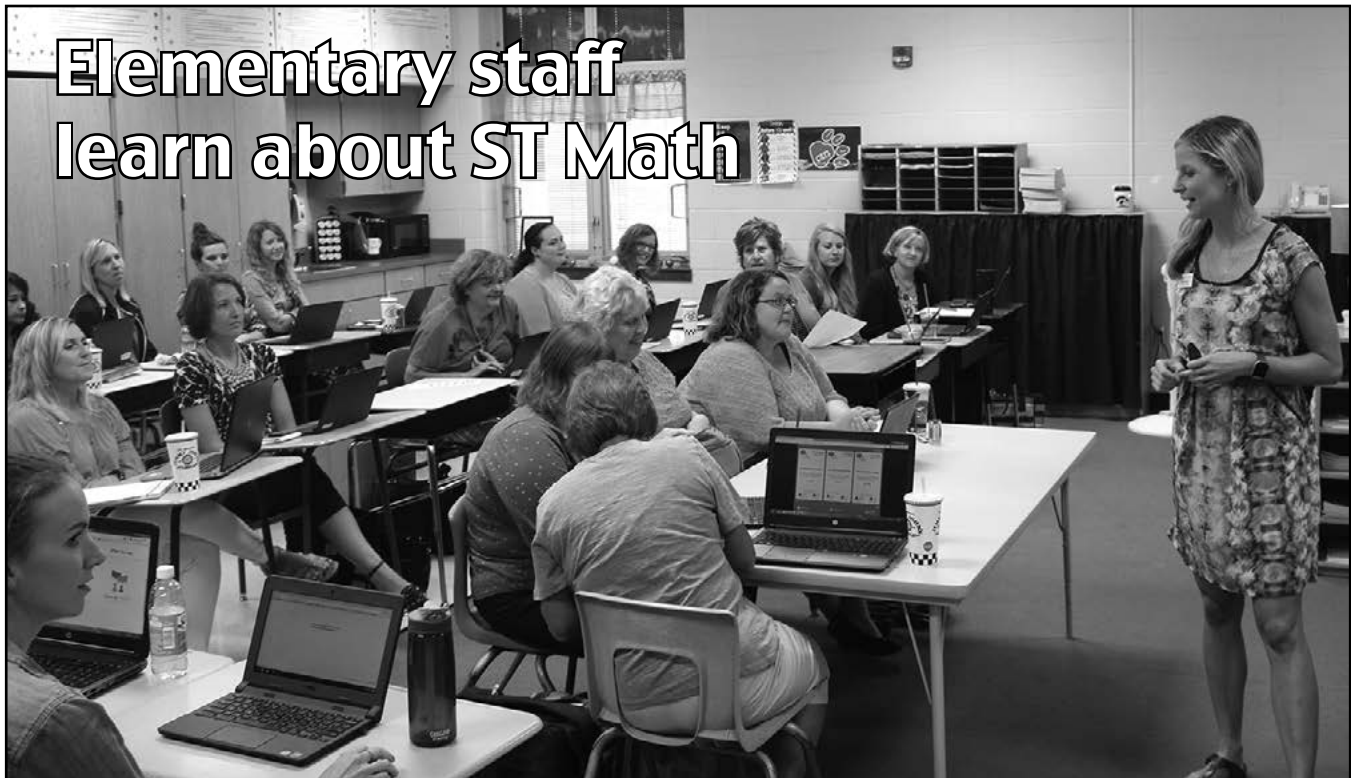
Monday, May 7, 2018

Monday, May 21, 2018

Monday, June 4, 2018

Monday, June 18, 2018

Monday, July 16, 2018



Teachers from various elementary schools are pictured learning about ST Math curriculum from Amy Oelschlager. Staff underwent training prior to the start of school on the curriculum.



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Submit items for the next Bobcat Insider to Andrew Potter, Communications Director, at apotter2@marshalltown.k12.ia.us or call 754-1000. Items can be personal or professional accomplishments, story ideas and anything else you want to share with your fellow MCSD staff members.



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Wedding Bells



Rogers Elementary School second grade teacher Julie Underhill married Stephen Troy Vincent on July 29, 2017. The groom is an engineer with Businessolver. The couple honeymooned in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The bride now goes by Julie Vincent.