

New Elementary Staff for 2014-2015 as of 7-8-14

Malia Norton will be working as a new Fifth Grade Teacher. Malia graduated from St. Lucy's Priory High School in Glendora, CA in 1999. She attended and graduated college from Dakota State in Madison SD where she earned a degree in Elementary Education and a Minor in Spanish. Malia had been teaching kindergarten at Kid's Korner in Owatonna before accepting a job in Medford. Malia resides in Medford with her husband and family.

Meghan Laughlin will be working as a new First Grade Teacher. Meghan graduated from Cretin-Derham Hall in St. Paul, MN in 1996. She attended the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN where she earned a degree in Elementary Education and a 5-8 endorsement in Communication Arts. Meghan most recently worked for Owatonna Public Schools as a School Readiness Coordinator before accepting a job in Medford. She has also worked as a substitute teacher in Medford for several years. Meghan lives in Owatonna with her husband and their family.

Alyssa Strunk will be working as a new Physical Education Teacher (grades 4-6). Alyssa graduated from Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School in 2009. She attended Winona State University in Winona, MN where she earned degrees in Health and Physical Education. Alyssa is also a certified DAPE instructor (Developmental/Adapted Physical Education). Alyssa had worked as a substitute teacher and coach in the Minnewaska Area School District before accepting her job in Medford. She currently resides in Hoffman, MN.

Kirsten Sundquist will be working as our Elementary Reading Specialist. Kirsten graduated high school from Champlin Park, MN. Kirsten went to college at St. Cloud State University and earned a degree in Elementary Education. Kirsten most recently worked for the Owatonna School District as a Reading Intervention Teacher. Prior to working in Owatonna, Kirsten was a primary teacher with New Horizon in Blaine, MN.

Angie Bierlen will be our new Pre-School/ECFE Teacher. Angie graduated high school from Owatonna, MN. Angie attended Winona State University and earned degrees in Elementary Education and Early Childhood. Angie most recently was the Freeborn County Head Start Coordinator. Prior to that position, Angie was a preschool teacher in Waseca, MN.