

# Who's Who At Bowman's Preschool?



Bowman Primary preschool classrooms are language-rich, inclusive settings, which means our preschoolers have the benefit of learning from a variety of specialists and support staff members. We've compiled a list of our current staff members, so you can see the people with whom your preschooler may interact while at school.

## **Laura B. Conner, Preschool Coordinator**

I'm so excited to be a part of Lebanon City Schools and especially the Preschool program at Bowman. Before being a principal for 26 years I taught first and second grade for 10 years. Please stop by to introduce yourself and let us know how we can support your child and family during this exciting period of social, emotional and academic growth!!



## **Alyssa Eckman, Preschool Clinic Nurse**

I am joining Lebanon City Schools this year. I earned my BSN from the University of Cincinnati and am committed to supporting the health, safety, and well-being of our young learners while partnering with families and staff throughout the school year.



## **Andrea Honaker, Preschool Secretary**

This is my fifth year working for Lebanon City Schools! I am a Lebanon grad, class of '09, and I am so excited to be back in my hometown. I have a degree in Education from BGSU and previously worked as a medical receptionist. I live with my husband, 5 year old son, and various farm animals on our mini homestead we share with his family. I am also an amateur aerialist in my free time, and have been on lyra and silks for 8 years. I am here for all of your questions, concerns, or if you just need reassurance!

## **Anna Maratos-Spence, Preschool School Psychologist**

This is my fifteenth year serving as a preschool school psychologist for Lebanon City Schools. I am here to help families of children with special needs and answer developmental questions. If you have a concern or question, please email me at [maratos.anna@lebanonschools.org](mailto:maratos.anna@lebanonschools.org)



### **Amber Schmelick, Classroom Teacher/ Intervention Specialist**

Early Childhood Education, especially for those who are differently abled, is my passion! I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education with a Preschool Special Needs Endorsement and a Master's Degree as an Early Childhood Intervention Specialist, both from Wright State University. I am married to Mr. Schmelick and we have a son named Joey who is on the Autism Spectrum and has Epilepsy. We also have two fur babies named Clarence and Cody. After school, my family enjoys going to baseball games (Go Red Legs!), traveling to the mountains and morning coffee runs!

### **Melissa Hart, Classroom Teacher/ Intervention Specialist**

This will be my fourth year teaching in Lebanon and my eleventh year teaching. I had the opportunity to teach a variety of ages in two states as we moved for my husband's previous military career. I graduated from Ashland University (2008) with a degree in early childhood and early childhood intervention. I obtained my reading endorsement from Ashland as well. Outside of school, I enjoy cheering on my kids at their sporting events, traveling and reading.



### **Karin Kinkelaar, Classroom Teacher / Intervention Specialist**

I have thirty years of teaching experience with a variety of age groups and have taught in three states. This is my ninth year with the Lebanon City Schools. I have an undergraduate degree in special education from the Ohio State University and a masters degree in special education from Marshall University. I have triplet sons who turned 26 this summer. I like to read, exercise, and travel in my spare time.

### **Kelly O'Connell, Classroom Teacher/ Intervention Specialist**

This is my eighth year with Lebanon City Schools with 2 years in preschool before moving up to teach JumpStart for a year. That program was eliminated in the wake of COVID 19 and I returned to preschool 3 years ago. I have taught nineteen years of inclusive preschool education in Ohio. I also taught 14 years in Virginia in preschool, kindergarten and first grade.. When I am not at school, I enjoy reading, spoiling my furry child Toby, and spending time with friends and family.



### **Kristen Hodges, Itinerant Teacher/ Intervention Specialist**

This is my 21st year teaching preschool students and 19th in Lebanon.. I am a graduate of both Ohio University and Xavier University (undergrad and masters) I live in Lebanon and have a husband who is a teacher at LHS and two sons who graduated from Lebanon. In my free time I like to read, travel and watch sports.

### **Tara Nye, Itinerant Teacher/ Intervention Specialist**

This is my 19th year as a preschool itinerant teacher in Lebanon. I am a proud graduate of the University of Cincinnati. I really enjoy spending time with my dog, hiking, kayaking, gardening, traveling, and visiting my two grown boys.



### **Margo Graler: Speech Language Pathologist**

This is my 14th year as a Speech Language Pathologist and my 23rd year in education. My husband and I enjoy spending time with our two college-aged children and rescue pup, George. I enjoy reading, crafting, spending time with friends and family, and traveling. I love working with our littlest learners and look forward to connecting with this year's preschool students and families.



### **Kathy Haddix: Speech Language Pathologist**

I have been proud to serve as a Speech-Language Pathologist with Lebanon City Schools for a majority of my career. I received a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Cincinnati in 2003. My passion has always been in the early childhood setting and connecting with families in the community. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with family and friends and going on adventures with my 7-year-old daughter. Life at home is never boring thanks to my mischievous black cat, Pearl, who always keeps us entertained!



### **Kim Reber: Occupational Therapist**

Hi! It has been exciting to see Lebanon City Schools' continual growth in a positive direction. This is my 16th year working in the schools. Before working in the schools I worked in adult outpatient rehabilitation. I have 3 daughters and 1 out of control kitten :). I enjoy the outdoors, yoga, and sand volleyball.



### **Robyne Magness: Occupational Therapist**

I have worked as an OT for 20+ years. This is my 10th year with LCS. I absolutely love working with this preschool team! I enjoy spending time outdoors with my husband, Bob, and 2 dogs, Iris and Tilly. I also relish any time I can get with my two daughters, Emma (21) and Lydia (19) when they are around! My current side-quest is coaching HS girls' basketball at a local school.



### **Anna Frank: Physical Therapist**

I live in Lebanon with my husband, dogs, cat and chickens. I have worked in the district for more than 15 years and all 4 of our children graduated from Lebanon. For fun I foster dogs for 4 Paws for Ability, training dogs for people in need of service dogs, and love to hike, enjoy water sports and do yoga. I feel so lucky to have such a great preschool team!



### **Beth McCormack: Physical Therapist**

I have been a physical therapist for 37 years. This is my 11th year working here in Lebanon. I live in Lebanon with my husband, Mike. My 2 grown children (Dan and Meg) are also teachers at the high school level. I have 2 beautiful granddaughters (Emmy and Laney) who are the lights of my life. I LOVE working with my preschool kiddos and team members.

### **Kayla Czyzewski, Special Education Assistant**

This is my third year working at Bowman Primary, but before this I was a Preschool Teacher's Assistant in Cleveland Ohio. I grew up in Lebanon and graduated from Lebanon High School. Go Warriors! I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Ohio University, and I plan on getting my Master's as an Early Childhood Intervention Specialist. I love working with this age group and watching the kiddos grow and learn.



### **Jennifer Duff, Special Education Assistant**

I am very excited to be working with our preschoolers for an eleventh year. My family and I have been part of the Lebanon community for twenty plus years and I have previously taught computer technology, math and science. After school I help out with athletic activities such as football, volleyball, basketball and soccer. I enjoy cooking, crocheting, reading and traveling with my family.

### **Alex Heyl, Special Education Assistant**

I recently moved to Lebanon in May 2025 and will begin my first year working at Bowman Primary. I have a Bachelors in Electronic Media back in 2020 and I am looking forward to graduating in April of 2026 after student teaching with my Masters degrees in Special Education and Literacy/2nd Language Studies from UC online. I have worked within K-5th grade for 3.5 years prior to working in Preschool I have a beloved niece who goes to Bowman Primary and can't wait to see her nearly everyday!



### **Tori Howard, Special Education Assistant**

I will have been at Bowman 1 year in September. I started in preschool January of 2023. I have a bachelor's degree in art from Brigham Young University - Idaho, and I am working towards becoming an art teacher. In the meantime, I am very happy being in preschool. This age group is so much fun! I have a dog named Rosie and she is my baby. I come from a family of six whom I love very much. Originally from North Carolina, we have lived in Ohio since 2004.



### **Amy Boyer, Special Education Assistant**

This is my eighth year working at Bowman Primary. I have a bachelor's degree from Wright State University in Elementary Education and had the privilege of homeschooling my five children for sixteen years before entering the workforce. I enjoy spending time with my family, cooking, and practicing yoga.

**Jami Baumann, Special Education Assistant**

This will be my second year at Lebanon City Schools and Bowman Preschool. I grew up in the district and my children attend as well. Prior to Bowman I worked at the Countryside YMCA. When I am not at school I love spending time with my three boys. I enjoy reading, traveling, and doing creative projects in my spare time.

**Beth Waugh, Special Education Assistant**

This will be my first year working at Bowman Primary, but fourth year working in the district as a special education assistant. Prior to moving to Lebanon with my family in 2021, I was an assistant and preschool teacher for 3yrs, so I am excited to be back in the preschool classroom! When I am not busy shuttling my 4 very active boys to their various extracurricular activities I enjoy going to concerts (I love live music), traveling (the mountains and the beach are my happy places), and spending time with friends and family.