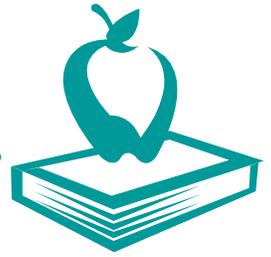


Meet the New Staff



November 2016

Stratford Public School



Brianna Tibbetts—Grade 4

“Prior to working at SPS, I worked at White Mountain Community College Child Development Center as a lead toddler teacher and a school age program coordinator. I have always really enjoyed working with children and doing whatever I can to help them be successful and meet their goals. I graduated from PSU in May and then got married in August all while learning how to hack it as a new teacher. My husband and I don’t have any children yet, but we do have two dogs that we love dearly. My husband and I reside in Milan but I don’t mind the ride to Stratford everyday. Although teaching is my main passion there are many other things I enjoy doing in my spare time. During the summer/fall months, I enjoy playing horseshoes, 4-wheeling, swimming, and camping. In the winter/spring months I like to read, shoot darts, knit and bake. My absolute favorite thing to do anytime of the year is enjoy the company of my close friends and family.”



Terri Scott—School Nurse

“I was born in Portland, ME and was raised there with my five brothers and sisters. I moved to Lancaster, NH in 1987 and have lived there ever since. I have three sons (two are twins) and a daughter. I received my Registered Nursing license from White Mountain Community College in 2003. I have worked at Weeks Medical Center in several different positions and I currently work per diem at Togus Veterans’ Hospital in Augusta, ME. I have six beautiful grandchildren and I love spending my spare time with them. I also enjoy crocheting, gardening, cooking, cleaning and shopping for my grandbabies”

Groveton Elementary School



Molly Young—Grade 2

“I am one of the second grade teachers at Groveton Elementary School. I live in Milan, NH with my boyfriend of 7 years, our 2 dogs, one cat and 10 chickens.

Some of my interests include working with students, reading, baking and being outside. I love to ride my snow machine in the winter and my 4-wheeler in the summer!

I graduated from Plymouth State University in May 2024 with my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. I have previously worked at Brown Elementary School as a paraprofessional in Kindergarten and the Milan Village School as a paraprofessional in Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade. I also have experience as a Kindergarten teacher at the Milan Village School. I completed my student teaching at Groveton Elementary School in Kindergarten with Mrs. Guay. I am so excited and proud to be part of SAU 58 again!



**Alicia Vaillancourt—Locke
Grade 3**

“I was born and raised in Gorham, NH where I currently reside. I am a recent graduate of Plymouth State University where I earned my bachelor's of science in elementary education. I also earned my special education certificate from White Mountain Community College in 2024. I obtained my degree through the North Country Teachers Certification Program which allowed me to stay in the North Country during my schooling.

This past year I completed my student teaching at Groveton Elementary with the 5th grade class. I love to spend time outdoors, preferably by a body of water. I also love to read, paint, and spend time with my family, including a very happy fur baby, Adele.”

Groveton Elementary School



Jennifer Lyon -GES Guidance

"I graduated from Groveton High School and then continued my education experience at Rivier college in Nashua, NH. I obtained a bachelor's degree in elementary education, special education and human development. I then continued my education further at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, where I received a master's degree in counseling education. I am a national certified school counselor and hold certifications as a school counselor director, elementary educator and special educator. I am also a member of the New Hampshire School Counselor Association (NHSCA) and the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). I have ten years experience as an elementary school counselor. I enjoy spending time with my family, going to the beach, traveling, and spending time outdoors. I look forward to working at Groveton Elementary School and helping the students be the best they can be!"



Patricia Smith -Special Ed

"I was born and raised in Littleton, NH. I graduated from UNH with a degree in applied Dairy Science. I am a lifelong learner—I have a bachelor's degree in Business Management and a post-baccalaureate degree as a Special Education Teacher. I live in Whitefield with my husband of 30 years. We have 5 grown children and 6 grandchildren. Five years ago, I took a huge leap of faith and left a very successful 22 year business career to work as a Paraeducator while I moved toward my Special Education certification. I enjoy anything outdoors—hiking, walking, camping and gardening. I also knit and sew."

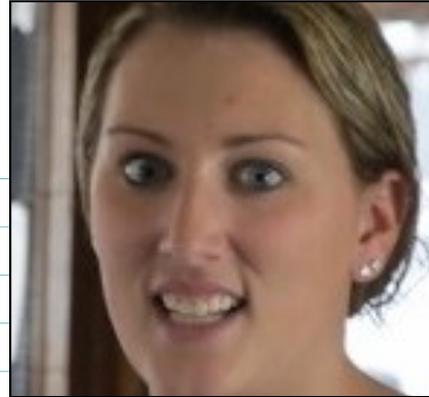
Groveton Elementary School



Bianca Clauss—Grade 4

"I am a new teacher in the fourth grade. I grew up right here in Groveton and enthusiastic and proud to be teaching in my hometown. I received my Bachelor's degree from Plymouth State University and was part of the New Hampshire Teacher Certification Program offered at WMCC campus. I did my student teaching at Brown Elementary School working closely with the first grade teacher and gained many skills and abilities while I was there.

When I am not with my fiancé and family, I can be found outside with my three fur babies, reading a good book or remodeling my house."



Kelley Collins—Grade 5

"I grew up and still reside in Groveton. I graduated from Groveton High School and continued my education at NHTI where I received my associates degree in General Studies. I then received my bachelor's degree from Plymouth State in Interdisciplinary Studies. I'm currently in the process of completing my Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Plymouth State. I have previously worked at Plymouth Elementary School as a paraeducator and I also student taught at Plymouth Elementary School in the fifth grade Class.

I love spending time with my family and friends. I also love playing basketball, my chocolate lab, Chance, owls and elephants!"

Groveton High School



Steven Wheeler—Assistant Principal

"I am a native to the North Country and I've stayed rooted "above the Notch". Working in education has always been a dream of mine, but the way I would attain my dream would be a journey. After graduating WMRHS, I worked as a recreational vehicle mechanic for a year and realized busting my knuckles wrenching for a career was not for me. I then attended PSU playing baseball and working towards my undergrad degree. After PSU, I transferred to the University of New Hampshire and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Middle School Mathematics in 2010. I'm currently in the process of acquiring a Master's in Education with a K-12 Principal certification through the Plymouth State University Graduate Studies Program. Education lends itself for someone to wear many hats, from teaching in the classroom for five years, to coaching, to being an onsite administrator. Education has been a career choice and an ongoing passion of mine, but with any career there must be personal time. Married five years with two boys impacts a lot of free time, so integrating interests and hobbies can be exciting. Tinkering under the hood of a car, woodworking, coaching baseball and basketball can get a little treacherous with two boys under three, so we spend most of the time playing in the backyard, hiking up Mt. Prospect and getting wet and crazy at Santa's Village. As Assistant Principal of GHs, I am very excited to work closely with the students, parents, staff, and community, and hope the 2016-2017 school year is filled with limitless learning opportunities and educational experiences."



Addy Perreault—Guidance Counselor

"I received my BA in Psychology from Lyndon State College. I have worked with children and adults with developmental disabilities at WMMH. I was also involved with the Outreach/Functional Support Services with children and adults with various diagnosis' at WMMH. I was also a classroom counselor, classroom support counselor and assistant director at Cornerstone School.

I love sports and watching sports. I have two sons and they are my world. I also love to be outside; hiking, walking, blackberry/raspberry picking. I love to cook!! I am very passionate about supporting people and understanding their past and how we can help their present and future."



Caleb Murphy
Social Studies

"I grew up in North Ferrisburg, VT and graduated high school in 2006. I joined the Army right out of high school and spent 3 1/2 years on active duty with the 101st Airborne Division. I was honorably discharged in 2009 and started college at Maranatha Baptist University in Watertown, WI. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Social Studies Education in 2014. I have been married for five years to my wife, Vickie. I have been an instructor in the Army Reserve since 2009. I have taught marksmanship and small unit tactics to soldiers from a wide variety of Army Reserve units. My interests and hobbies include hiking 4000 foot mountains, hunting, reading and training my dogs."



Joseph Cassady
Family Consumer Science

"I was born in Lancaster, NH and lived in Northumberland my entire life with my 5 siblings. I graduated salutatorian from Groveton High School in 2010 and played soccer and basketball and won a basketball state championship. I attended Saint Michael's College from 2010-2014 where I majored in Biology and minored in Music (graduated with a BS in Biology). I was a member of the honors college, the rugby team for two years and was a manager for the men's basketball team for two seasons. My favorite subjects were Neurobiology, Parasites and Pathogens, and Organic Chemistry. This is my first year teaching, however I've worked as the SAP at Groveton High School for the past two years, as well as coached numerous sports teams since my tenure began. I love sports in every way, both as a player and as a coach. I love music. I sing, play guitar and play piano very consistently. I enjoy the outdoors. Camping, fishing and boating are some of favorite outdoor activities. I also enjoy cooking, writing and hosting events or friendly get-togethers."

Groveton High School



Erik Becker
SAP Coordinator

"I grew up in Groveton and graduated from GHS in 2008. I have spent a lot of my adult life supporting youth diversion through creating music and recreational activities. I am currently pursuing my prevention certification and hope to ultimately receive my MLADC (Master Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor). I have spent the last two years working as the Black Crow Project raising addiction awareness across the state, specifically focusing on heroin and opioid addiction. This work has brought me into a number of schools to give student body presentations as well as addressing graduating classes. I have also been working with law enforcement and other stakeholders to address the issue at the community and tri-county and state level. I love making music and trying to make my community a better place."

Stark Village School



Lydia Wharton-Walker
Art

"I am originally from Charlotte, NC. We relocated to Lancaster in 2000. My husband, Philip, is a medical technologist at Weeks Medical. We have two children: Ada is a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and Miles is a freshman at WMRHS. We have 2 dogs and 2 cats. I attended Central Piedmont Community College for Graphic Design and I also received my BFA at the University of North Carolina. I was an adjunct faculty for Fine Arts and Graphic Design at Lyndon State College from 2006-2013 and I am currently the art educator for the Lunenburg Schools and Stark Village School. My hobbies include arts and crafts, travel, hiking, kayaking and gardening."



Scott Dissler
General Music/Chorus

"I was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. I went to the University of Colorado and graduated with a Bachelor of Business degree. After college I lived in Paris, France for a year where I determined that music was my true calling. I had been playing guitar and bass up to that point. I decided (after listening to John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins, etc.) that I wanted to play the saxophone. When I returned to the US, I moved to Boston, MA and through friends I had met, I was introduced to the Head of the Woodwind Department at the Boston Conservatory. After steady practice I was taken on as a student of his and studied sax for several years. Although unable to afford the tuition I was hired as a dorm director and thus was able to perform in any band/orchestra I qualified for, thus acquiring incredible experience. I also met my wife who sings and has performed in many stage presentations at the conservatory. After a few years I moved on and became a professional sax player, doing back-up horns but my main area of expertise was in soloing. I have played professionally in jazz, rock and R&B bands and have taught privately all instruments (guitar, bass and sax). I now write, record and produce my own music playing the instruments I know as the back-up and they of course have a sax solo. My wife is the main singer on many songs and I also do many solo songs and I often do harmony parts for her. I have been happily married for many years and have 4 children—2 boys and 2 girls. I am also honored to say that I have 2 grandchildren—1 girl and 1 boy. My hobbies include art, mainly painting."

