

Getting to know
our new
Thorntons Ferry
Staff!

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TOGETHER

HI! I'M MISS WOODWARD



MY BACKGROUND

Hello! My name is Amanda Woodward (Miss Woodward), and I am so excited to be joining the TFS team as a Kindergarten teacher! I graduated from Plymouth State University in the spring where I studied Early Childhood Education. I completed a year-long internship in a Kindergarten class, and I am so excited to be able to be working in Kindergarten again! I have worked with young children since I was in high school, and I spend my summers working in a toddler classroom because I just can't get enough of children!

ABOUT ME

I am from the Lakes Region, and currently live in Meredith, NH. I enjoy most outdoor activities, such as hiking, skiing, camping, and spending a lot of time at the lake! I love to get outdoors and explore this beautiful state we live in. On top of exploring this state, my family lives in Florida so I enjoy visiting them and getting to spend time at the ocean.

FAVORITES

Food: Pasta & ice cream

Drink: Water

Animals: Dolphins, pandas, and turtles

Movie: Soul Surfer

Show: Grey's Anatomy

Color: Blue

Subject: Writing

Sport: Football

Fun Fact: I share a birthday with Tom Brady, which is August 3rd

Ms. Messina



https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Vw0m_J7Jyl4&noapp=1

Ms. Dion

Hi everyone! My name is Emily Dion and I will be a first grade teacher at Thorntons Ferry this year! I am from Nashua, N.H. and have lived there my whole life. I attended the University of New Hampshire from 2015-2020. I graduated with my Bachelor's in Psychology in the spring of 2019. In the spring of 2020, I completed my student teaching at Little Harbour Elementary, receiving my Master's in Elementary Education. This is my first year teaching first grade, and I am SO excited for all of the fun things we will do this upcoming year! Some of the things I enjoy doing in my free time are hanging out with my family and friends, trying out new cooking and baking recipes, hitting the beach with a good book, and watching sports. I cannot wait to meet all of the wonderful families and students at TFS, this is going to be a great year! Go Hawks!



Mrs. Sorenson

Lauren Sorenson is so excited to be part of the Thorntons Ferry family! She will be teaching 2nd grade this year. Lauren moved here this spring from the busy Washington DC area where she grew up and where she taught Headstart, 3rd and 5th grade. Lauren is in love with her new puppy, Ghost! Lauren especially likes beach days (with a lot of sunscreen!) and hiking. She always has chocolate, white cheddar popcorn and lime-flavored water on hand. This is Lauren Sorenson's first time living out of Alexandria, Virginia but she loves New Hampshire and feels right at home.



Mrs. Fowler

Hello Thorntons Ferry Community-

I am excited to continue my work at TFS as the Special Education Coordinator. I started my work as the Interim Special Education Coordinator on March 2, 2020 and had two weeks of getting to know the Special Education team before we went remote. Spring 2020 provided me with many unique challenges which proved to me that a fabulous learning community exists here at TFS.

I have worked in the field of Special Education for many years. Prior to coming to TFS I was the Student Service Coordinator at a school in SAU 24. In that role I served as the Special Education Coordinator, Section 504 Coordinator and an 'alphabet soup' of other federally required supports to students.

I look forward to a busy year as we all learn how to operate in a new format. I encourage you to reach out with any questions you may have related to Special Education. Here's to a great school year to us all!

Betsy Fowler

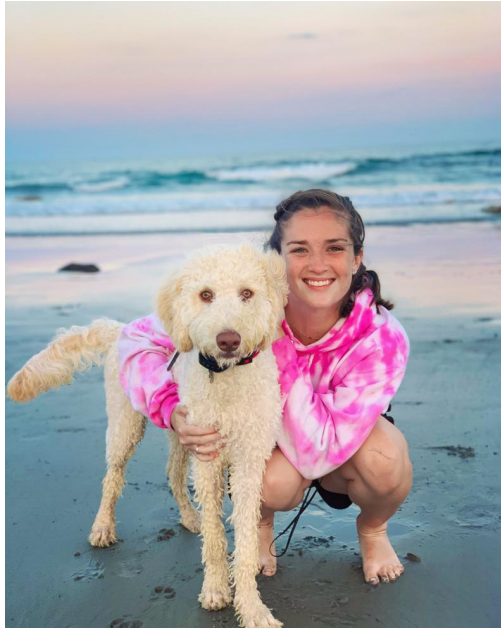


Mrs. Viands



<https://youtu.be/NvwE7bwGLY8>

Mrs. Verrier



Hi everyone, I'm Mrs. Verrier! I am going to be a special education teacher. This will be my first year teaching at Thorntons Ferry Elementary, but my third year as a special education teacher. I am SO excited for my first year as a Hawk and I can't wait to meet everyone!!

I have my bachelor's in elementary education (grades K-8) and special education (grades K-6). I recently just graduated with my master's degree in Competency Based Education. My favorite part about being a teacher is finding different and more personalized ways to help my students' learn and grow!

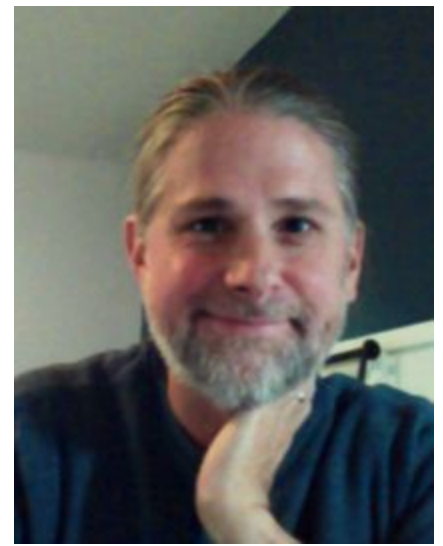
This summer I got married and we welcomed the cutest goldendoodle puppy into our home! It was a busy summer, but I can't wait to go back to school and spend the next year growing and learning with all of you!

Mrs. Croteau

Hello TFS Students and Families,
My name is Mrs. Croteau and I am your new Library Media Specialist. I have been an educator for fifteen years and I have spent most of that time teaching in Merrimack. I am really excited to be at TFS and I cannot wait to work with all of you! When I am not at school, I enjoy being outdoors, running, hiking, skiing, and doing yoga. I have two kids, Ellie and Jack who are in third and first grade we love to ride bikes, do art projects, and play legos together. I almost forgot to mention, I also really LOVE books!!!



Mr. Bonnema



Hi Everyone,

My name is Mr. Bonnema (but almost everyone calls me Mr. B) and I'm going to be the new Thorntons Ferry School Counselor.

This will be my 17th year as a school counselor—a role I love—and I jumped at the chance to be a part of this team. My approach with children and families starts with being curious and earning trust, because it helps build a solid foundation for collaboration and learning. I like to draw on what we currently know about brain science, child development, relationships and play and leverage that to foster learning and social development in my work—Thorntons Ferry is already starting to feel like I'm coming home.

I am so fortunate to have Mrs. Seiden as my mentor and we are all so fortunate to have her in her new position, Systems of Care and Learning Supports Coordinator, where she will be leading the district in using SEL to amplify student learning.

For fun I enjoy stand-up paddle boarding with my family—including our pug, Ruby—and camping. My favorite movie is Inside Out—go figure. At school I like to use rhythm, art, playing catch, puppets, games, and legos to bring some fun into my work with students.

I sincerely cannot wait to start meeting you all.

Mrs. Everitt

Hi TFS Families!

I am so happy to be joining the TFS team this year as a Title 1 Teacher! I graduated from Plymouth State University with a degree in teaching children K-8. For the past 5 years I have been working in the Merrimack School District as a paraeducator at Reeds Ferry Elementary School. My husband and I love to travel. We have been to Scotland, England, Jamaica, Nova Scotia, and PEI, along with various states within the US. I also have a passion for photography, reading, puzzles and my fur babies Binx and Beall.

I can't wait to meet everyone when the school year begins

Meagan Everitt

