

Tara Alverson



Spanish Teacher, High School

My History at BSCSD: This is my 8th year at BSCSD.

Where I live: Charlton

My Pets: 2 cats (Zoey & Mikey)

Favorite Hobbies: I love to downhill ski, to go shopping, boat rides on the lake, to dance and hang out with my family.

Favorite memory from when I was in school: I graduated with the class of 2000, which was always treated as a special year. When we were in kindergarten we made time capsules and the local news interviewed us. Years later when we graduated we got our time capsules back and were able to watch the news clips. It was a great

experience.

Dream place to live: Spain or Hawaii

What I like about working at BSCSD: The students! We have a wonderful group of students that have pride in their school. The students are what make my job fun, exciting and rewarding.

Favorite Song or musician: Song: "Don't worry, be happy"; Musician: Bob Marley

Favorite Book: Oh the Places You'll Go by Dr. Suess

Favorite Movie: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

People might be surprised to know that I: Married my high school sweetheart.

If money were no object I would: Travel the world!

David Leveroni



Special Education Teacher, Milton Terrace North Elementary School

My history at BSCSD: This is my 15th year!

Where I live: Ballston Lake

Family pets: Six Dogs (two Leonburgers, a Cockapoo, an Australian Shepard, a Newfoundland and a Golden/Husky mix AND three cats and one kitten!

Favorite Hobbies: Basketball, landscaping and reading (realistic fiction and history).

Favorite memory from when I was in school: Running a fifth grade carnival and my booth raising the most money! Also playing three sports in High School (football, basketball and baseball).

What I like best about working at BSCSD: THE PEOPLE! Working with friends, working with my students, and helping/supporting parents.

Ways I give back to my community: I'm a member of five booster clubs. Community service to Spa Christian School and therapy dog services (at Saint Peter's hospital and schools).

My favorite musician(s): U2, Incubus, Queen, Indigo Girls

My favorite book(s): To Kill a Mockingbird, Kite Runner, The Way of the Peaceful Warrior

Favorite movie or TV show: Shawshank Redemption, Hoosiers and True Detective

People would be surprised to know that I: Love to garden, I was a college cheerleader, play tennis and volunteer at the VA.

If money were no object I would: Take a cruise around the world with family and friends. Feed and house the homeless and teach them skills to get a job.

Tracy Michael



Principal's Secretary, Malta Avenue Elementary School

My history at BSCSD: Since July 2000

Where I live: Ballston Spa

My Pets: None currently, but I had a pit-bull named Georgia. She was my baby.

Favorite Hobbies: FOOTBALL (Go Steelers!), Biking, hiking, gardening, cooking, card-making, painting and spending time with family (especially my grandson).

Favorite memory from when I was in school: My teachers. I especially love math and I had great math teachers!

What I like most about working at BSCSD: The people I work with and the kids.

Ways I give back to my community: I am involved regularly with community outreach programs at my church.

Dream place to live: I want to retire to Virginia. I can go west for the mountains and east for the ocean. The best of both worlds that I love.

Favorite song or musician: I have very eclectic taste in music, but my favorite is bluegrass. I grew up on bluegrass and my father is a musician.

Favorite Book: Little Women

Favorite TV show or Movie(s): The Patriot with Mel Gibson, Game of Thrones, Homeland

People would be surprised to know that I: Was all set to join the Army after high school, but I moved to Hawaii instead.

If money were no object I would: Fix up abandoned buildings for homeless families and kids, then I would travel the world with my family.

Amber Mooney



Coordinator of Development, District Office

My history with BSCSD: 5 months

Where I live: Troy

Favorite hobbies/pastimes: I am an avid yogi and yoga instructor. I also enjoy hiking and white water kayaking. I love to travel and explore the world, having spent most of my time in Central and South America. I'm always try to squeeze in some time for surfing when I travel.

Favorite memory from when I was in school: My years in drama club. I enjoyed being on stage and the community of young actors I worked with.

Ways I give back to the community: I'm an active member of my yoga community both here and in Burlington VT, where I spend most of my weekends. The Vermont yoga community is involved in horse rescue, finding homes for and rescuing horses from slaughter. Some of the horses don't have a permanent home and we take turns caring for them at the barn. I volunteer at my church and have taught a tenth grade social justice class for confirmation candidates. I've also volunteered in Costa Rica, working in impoverished

neighborhoods in child care work and teaching English. I have also spent time in the summers tutoring backstretch workers at the Saratoga Race Track.

What I like most about working at BSCSD: The most rewarding part of my job is sharing our innovative programs with the larger regional business community and finding ways for businesses to partner and contribute to our programs.

People would be surprised to know that I: Am happiest when I'm upside down in headstands, handstands or forearm stands.

If money were no object I would: Travel the world and teach yoga.

Hilary Northrop



Science Teacher, Middle School

My history with BSCSD: This is my 2nd year as a sixth grade science teacher at BSMS!

Where I live: Saratoga

My pets: Just Dodger, the crazy spirited dog.

Favorite hobbies: Skiing, SU basketball and the Red Sox

Favorite memory from when I was in school: I grew up in a small town and it was a really big deal to make floats and banners for the Homecoming parade. Every fall we would gather in my barn and create something that was amazingly awful that we never won!

Ways I give back to my community: I volunteer at different events in Saratoga through the Kiwanis Club. I am also involved with the Be a Santa to Seniors program and have my students make holiday cards for seniors living in the area.

What I like most about working at BSCSD: I love the sense of community here. The students come from a variety of backgrounds and are just amazing. The staff is also so supportive and friendly!

Favorite song or musician: Tedeschi Trucks Band

Favorite book: Any book written by Jon Krakauer, The Art of Racing in the Rain, Mereles Door

Favorite Movie or TV show: Garden State (movie) and Breaking Bad

People would be surprised to know that I: Was a Geologist for 8 years prior to becoming a teacher. Due to that I have an unhealthy obsession with rocks and minerals.

If money were no object I would: Provide funding for my students and their families to take a trip to the Grand Canyon. I think every American should visit!

Rachael Osinski



Fifth grade teacher, Wood Road Elementary

My history at BSCSD: This is my first year here.

Where I live: Ballston Spa

Family pets: One (very fat) cat named Meeko.

Favorite hobbies: When my two boys aren't keeping me busy, you can find me at a Siena basketball game, cheering the New York Yankees, running or shopping!

Favorite memory from when I was in school: The teachers who were enthusiastic and passionate about their subject matter. I left those teachers/classes feeling as though I could accomplish anything!

Ways I give back to my community: Volunteering, donating time, and making contributions to various causes that have had a direct impact on my family.

What I like most about working at BSCSD: Being fully invested in BSCSD as both a parent and a teacher.

Favorite Book: The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe

Favorite TV show(s): Everything on HGTV, Chicago Fire and Special Victims Unit

People may be surprised to know that I: Am a vegetarian.

If money were no object I would: Travel