

Staff Spotlights from the week of November 3, 2014

Andrew Ferrone



2nd grade teacher, Wood Road Elementary School

My History at BSCSD: This is my first year at BSCSD!

Where I live: Galway

My Pets: I have a bullmastiff named Enzo and two cats (Simba and Mayo).

Favorite Hobbies: Basketball, soccer, hiking, fishing, chess

Favorite memory from when I was in school: My 5th grade play. I was Jack in "Jack and the Beanstalk".

Ways I give back to my community: Snowplowing, trash removal and construction jobs for friends and neighbors who can't afford or do the work. I also work with Saratoga Center for the Family fundraisers.

What I like about working at BSCSD: We have a small town feel, but maintain professionalism. This district is incredibly

knowledgeable and cutting edge, but still feels warm and personal.

Favorite Book: Shiloh

Favorite Movie: E.T. (for two years of my childhood I made my parents call me "Elliot").

People might be surprised to know that I: lived in Australia for five months or that I published two children's books.

If money were no object I would: Take my class on a field trip to Alaska!

Nicole Forth



Teaching Assistant, Wood Road Elementary School

My history at BSCSD: I am brand new to the district this year.

Where I live: Malta

Family pets: None of my own, but three dogs that I claim to be mine that live with my parents. Two Papillons, Bella and Benny and a Weimaraner named Molly.

Favorite Hobbies: Volleyball and dance

Favorite memory from when I was in school: I always loved helping out younger students, whether it be reading in buddy

groups or in their PE class. I also went back to my elementary school when I was in high school to help out with field day.

What I like best about working at BSCSD: Everyone in BSCSD has been very welcoming since day 1. There is a lot of collaboration amongst the staff which makes for a very comfortable work environment that feels more like a family.

Ways I give back to my community: I have volunteered in the past with "Capital Region Miracle League" a sports program for children and adults with special needs. I also help out at my church with activities such as putting together "prayer bears" to give to Hospice patients.

People would be surprised to know that I: Love horror movies! I could watch horror movies all year long, so Halloween is one of my favorite TV times of year.

If money were no object I would: Create more free programs for adults and children with special needs including wheelchair friendly athletic fields and complexes.

Aimee LaMountain



5th grade teacher/ELA Milton Terrace North Elementary School

My history at BSCSD: This is my second year as a 5th grade teacher here.

Where I live: Halfmoon

My Pets: Two cats: Olivia (who is 13 and all black) and Henrietta, aka "Hank" (who is a three month calico tiger).

Favorite Hobbies: Gardening, reading, listening to music, anything outside.

Favorite memory from when I was in school: Camping with my 5th grade class. Mr. D'Alberto was my favorite elementary teacher.

What I like most about working at BSCSD: I love the feeling that we are a community; a family. I have felt so supported and loved after one year.

Ways I give back to my community: I teach! I volunteer at the American Legion, share fresh veggies from my garden and donate to local charities.

Favorite Book: The "Rock Chick" series

Favorite TV show(s): True Blood, Game of Thrones, the Voice

Favorite Movie(s): Tombstone, Wedding Crashers, Braveheart

People would be surprised to know that I: Started my college career bound for medical school

If money were no object I would: Work on a farm, love learning new things.

Kristen O'Connor



2nd grade teacher, Wood Road Elementary School

My history with BSCSD: This is my first year.

Where I live: Malta

Family Pets: Cody a Boxer and Izzy a Shih-Tzu

Favorite hobbies/pastimes: Shopping, traveling, spending time with my family and friends, running.

Favorite memory from when I was in school: All of my great teachers.

Ways I give back to the community: Donate to less fortunate families and volunteer at events.

What I like most about working at BSCSD: The welcoming staff and families.

Favorite TV Show: Grey's Anatomy and Reality TV (although I watch a lot of Disney Jr with my daughter).

People would be surprised to know that I: Wanted to be a teacher or a news reporter growing up.

If money were no object I would: Make sure all children have what they need to be happy and healthy!