

Anne S. Ellis  
Shapleigh School Principal

I am pleased to be starting my 6th year in the Kittery School District as Principal of Shapleigh School. It is my pleasure to be the leader of such a wonderful group of faculty in a town that has become very special to me. In Shapleigh School you will find a student centered environment with dedicated educators who help guide students through the often tumultuous early adolescent years. Recent initiatives at Shapleigh School have included the transition to a school wide system of Proficiency Based Learning, as well as the development and expansion of student leadership opportunities. I often joke that being a school Principal is a lifestyle not a career, and I am thrilled to be doing what I love to do in Kittery!



Prior to taking the leap across the bridge to work in Maine, I spent 10 years as the Assistant Principal at Portsmouth Middle School just over the bridge in Portsmouth, NH. Prior to that, I was a middle school math teacher in both Portsmouth, and Derry NH. The “education gene” runs deep in my family, as I was raised by a High School English teacher and a School Librarian. My paternal grandmother and great grandmother were both educators, and my maternal grandmother was a school “lunch lady”. Among my prized possessions are my grandmother’s (hand written) recipe for how to make American Chop Suey for 100!!

I live in New Hampshire with my husband Peter (a Software Engineer for Liberty Mutual), and our two children Colin (age 11) and Maggie (Age 8). As a family we greatly enjoy time spent in the great outdoors, including annual summer vacations on the coast of Maine, camping, hiking, and snowshoeing. I am an avid reader and love to hear recommendations for great books to read! My other big hobby is baking and I enjoy baking and decorating cakes for special occasions for my family and friends.

