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I am very much looking forward to starting my 3rd year with the Kittery School District as the Assistant Principal of Shapleigh School. Upon my arrival in 2016, it did not take long to see the wonderful things Shapleigh School students, teachers, and the Kittery community has to offer.

Being part of a school with students in Grades 4-8 has been wonderful. The broad developmental age range has allowed us to integrate more student leadership opportunities where our younger and older students learn from each other. In addition to building community within our school, I was really proud of the work our students put into making our 2017 Empty Bowls event a success. We raised over $8,000 for the Seacoast Family Food Pantry and the Kittery Meals 4 Kids program!

Lots of freezing rain during our trip to Iceland – but worth it!

Prior to taking on my role here at Shapleigh School, I was a band and music teacher in Portsmouth, NH and Hampton, NH for 7 years. Music has been a passion of mine since first being introduced to the band program in elementary school. My experience in the music program as a student solidified my goals for creating that same sort of passion and excitement for learning and lead me to a career in education - and I haven't looked back since! Although I have taken on a school leadership role most recently, I can still be spotted playing in various ensembles throughout the seacoast, or teaching with the Shapleigh School Brass Ensemble after school.

Cheering on the Red Sox at Fenway!

I live just over the bridge in New Hampshire with my husband, Galen, and our dog, Maple. Galen and I both grew up in the area and first became friends while we were students in middle school! Galen works at Lincoln Financial - and although he loves his job, we can both attest my dinner table stories are much more exciting than his! We enjoy traveling, spending time with friends and family, and enjoying the beauty of the seacoast.

Maple looking sassy!