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I'm thrilled to be serving as the Assistant Principal for Shapleigh School. I'm entering my 13th year in the Kittery School Department, but if you add on the 13 years I spent as a student, that makes 26 years of walking the halls of Kittery Schools! I'm a proud member of Traip Academy's Class of '88. It is such a gift being able to give back to the community that helped mold me into who I am today.

Upon leaving Traip Academy, I ventured a tad North, not wanting to be too far from my family, and attended the University of Southern Maine, where I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and met my future husband (so I had left college with a degree and a fiance!). Upon graduating college, we married and both immersed ourselves in the restaurant business as general managers while living in York. At age 35, I made the decision to follow my dream of being a teacher. So with an 8 year-old daughter (Kayla May) and a newborn son (Andrew Boyd), I began to attend classes at the University of New England, and received my Master's Degree in Education with a focus in Teaching Methodologies. During that time we moved from York to Eliot, where we resided for 19 years before relocating to South Berwick last year.



When I'm not at school, I spend most of my time with my immediate and extended family. You can typically find us at a sporting event of some kind, or swimming at the beach, pool, or a lake. Our favorite sport is basketball, but we are baseball and football fans as well. We greatly enjoy any activity that keeps us outdoors and look forward to our yearly summer camping traditions. I also love to read, cook, garden and play with my two dogs and two cats.

My children remain my pride and joy. My daughter is also an educator, working as an elementary teacher in MSAD35. My son is a dedicated student and basketball player,

entering his sophomore year at Marshwood High School.

My first two years in Kittery I served as the K-8 Behavior Strategist, followed by six years teaching third grade and three years in fourth. I am currently serving my second year as assistant principal. No matter what my role, I have treasured every minute of it! My own love of learning is evident in all I do, which I hope models the importance of becoming life-long learners for the students themselves!



I am so very proud to be a part of the Kittery School Department. The commitment the administrators, teachers and community members have for their children is second to none. I may live in South Berwick, but Kittery is also considered my home. How lucky am I to serve in it!

*My fun family at Let's Make a Deal in California summer 2018!*

