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I'm thrilled to be serving as the Assistant Principal for Shapleigh School. I'm entering my 14th year in the Kittery School Department, but if you add on the 13 years I spent as a student, that makes a lot of years 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.

My first two years in Kittery I served as the K-8 Behavior Strategist, followed by many years teaching third grade at Mitchell and a few years teaching fourth grade here at Shapleigh. I am currently serving my third 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!

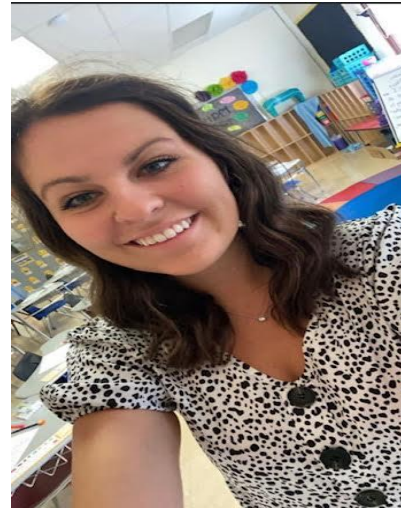


When I'm not at school, I spend most of my time with my immediate and extended family. You can typically find us at a sporting event of some kind, or swimming at the beach, pool, or a lake. Our favorite sport is basketball, but we are baseball and football fans as well. We greatly enjoy any activity 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 one cat.



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 year-round basketball player attending Marshwood High School. *(These are their first day of school photos for this year!)*



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!*

