

INTRODUCING.....Schofield Early Childhood Center's exceptionally talented staff!!!

ECSE program

Sara Brass-Teacher

I love the honesty and energy of very young children. I'm excited about another fun year in the ECSE classroom. My husband, Nick and I have 4 grown children and a dog named Lacey. Our favorite way to spend time together is near a Great Lakes beach.

Nikki Teal – Paraprofessional

This is my second year with Fitzgerald Schools and I am truly passionate about working with young children. Early childhood has my heart! I was the director of a school age child care program for four years while earning my degree in early childhood. I just love the curiosity of young children and their natural eagerness to learn.

GSRP A.M. and P.M. Staff

Linda Larson – Teacher

This is my 12th year teaching in Early Childhood and my 8th year in FPS. I love teaching preschool and I am very excited to work with you and your child! I am mommy to two young children; Carolyn, who is 4 years old and full of curiosity and Isaac, my 2 year old, who both melts my heart and gives me a run for my money. I am looking forward to a great year!

Lenise Binkowski – Paraprofessional – Associate Teacher

This year begins my 31st year working for Fitzgerald Schools! I am looking forward to another school year working with your preschooler. In my leisure time, I enjoy fishing, gardening and spending time with my family.

Jessica Salter-Teacher

This is my 16th year of teaching at FPS and 11th year teaching the GSRP program. I am a proud mother of three children: Johnny (12) Jackson (9) and Juliana who is 6 years old. I enjoy traveling to my cottage and spending time with my family. I love teaching our "littlest ones" and seeing their growth throughout the year!

Rachel Belkowski – Paraprofessional – Associate Teacher

This year begins my 18th year at Fitzgerald Public Schools. I am a proud and busy mom of four children. I enjoy camping excursions with my family. I am looking forward to working with the four year olds and their families this year.

Marci Mayer- Teacher

I have been a teacher for Fitzgerald Public Schools for many years. I started in preschool and loved every minute of it. I then went to Kindergarten and off to first grade. The children amaze me no matter what age or grade. When I saw the preschool opening I decided it was time to go back to my roots. I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to watch the children grow and develop. I have two grown sons, I love to cook and practice yoga.

Loni Martin – Paraprofessional – Associate Teacher

This year begins my 9th year with Fitzgerald, and my fifth as Associate Teacher in GSRP. I have my AA Degree in Early Childhood. I am the proud mom of a little girl, Faith Marie who is 4 years old. I enjoy camping and spending time with my family!

Kindergarten Staff

Joyce Berthiaume - Teacher

I have been teaching kindergarten for many years at Fitzgerald. I love teaching kindergarten! I love to watch the children grow, learn, and become the best reader and writer they can be.

Candace Brewer - Teacher

This year begins my 8th year as a Teacher in Fitzgerald. I am a proud Fitzgerald graduate and love working in the district. I have taught many different grades in the district, but I truly love seeing the growth in kindergarten. It is such an impactful year!

Katie Lau - Teacher

This year begins my 24th year teaching kindergarten at Fitzgerald. I love to see the children grow in reading and writing!! My husband and I have two children-Emma (12) and Eric (8). I enjoy spending time up north, swimming and reading.

Robyn Nowak - Teacher

This is my 17th year teaching in Fitzgerald. I love Kindergarten, because young learners have such an excitement for learning. Watching their faces light up when they get a concept, or begin to read, melts my heart! My husband and I have three children-Logan (15), Carson (13), and Lily (11). They keep us very busy with sports! We love to be outside and active as a family.

Carmela Rudd - Teacher

This year is my 17th year teaching. My first five years were preschool and the rest have been spent in kindergarten. I love working with young children. I enjoy watching them grow and learn. It amazes me how much growth happens from September to June. I look forward to working with your child. My husband and I have 2 boys ages 12 and 11 who keep us very busy.

Karen Vandelinder - Teacher

This year is my 20th year teaching at Fitzgerald. I am also a proud Fitzgerald graduate! I love teaching kindergarten and watching the children become readers and writers. My students amaze me every day! My husband and I have two children- Gabe and Abby. We love being outdoors and travelling.

Kelly Weingust - Teacher

This is my first year teaching at Fitzgerald, and I am thrilled to be at Schofield! I taught Early Childhood Special Education in Van Dyke Public Schools last year, I was a kindergarten paraprofessional for seven years in a charter school, and I was a stay at home mom for six years. My husband and I have three children: Hailey (15), Madison (14), and Nathan (12). We also have two fur babies, a black lab and a yellow lab. In my spare time I love to read, cook, play saxophone, and travel.

OFFICE**Theresa Swalec – Principal**

I am the Principal of Schofield Early Childhood Center. I have worked with young children for the past 40 years with the past 10 years here at Fitz. My husband and I have two children and a 2 1/2 year old grandson named Wyatt. I enjoy gardening, traveling and exercising.

Tammie Hughes – Secretary

I am in my 26th year with FPS; my 10th in ECC. My husband and I have two married daughters and 5 grandbabies, who we love to spend time with. I love reading, gardening and scrapbooking.

Jamie Parsons - Office/Media Clerk

I am a Proud Mom of 2 boys: Joshua (6) and Bentley (5). I am married to my husband Jeff for 11 wonderful years. I enjoy spending time with my family camping, fishing, walking and biking. I am looking forward to being a part of the Fitzgerald team for many years to come.

SUPPORT STAFF**Joan Fry - Art, Gym, Tech Teacher**

This is my first year at Fitzgerald. I am so happy to be a part of this wonderful community! I have over 10 years of teaching experience in other districts. My favorite thing to do is to have fun outdoors with my 3 daughters and husband!

Miranda Gjoni - EL Teacher

This is my third year at Fitzgerald. This year I work at Mound Park Upper Elementary and Schofield. I enjoy learning from our bilingual students and families about their language and culture, as well as seeing my students learn English and acquire new skills and knowledge about their new country.

Farhana Aktar - ELL

This is my third year of working as a bilingual paraprofessional at Fitzgerald. Currently, I work at Schofield, Westview and Chatterton Middle school. I support students who are learning English. I love working with children and hope to become a teacher one day!

Ibtisam Esho - ELL

This is my sixth year working as a bilingual paraprofessional at Fitzgerald. This year I support EL students at Mound Park and Schofield. I love working with kindergarten students, and it gives me great satisfaction seeing them learning and discovering new things.

