

Instructional Assistants

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Biography



Mr. Bates

My name is Daniel Bullard-Bates, and I'm one of the assistants in Teacher Hannah's classroom. This is my third year at Menlo Park, and I am glad to be part of this lovely community. I love to read, write, and dance in my free time. My favorite things about working with kids are their creativity, the ways they support their friends, and seeing them learn and grow.



Ms. Debby

Hello, my name is Ms. Debby and I'm one of the instructional assistants (IAs) in Teacher Hannah's classroom (#20). I've always enjoyed working with children, but when I'm away from Menlo I like spending time with my 11th grader, playing with my little dog Pippi, and working on art projects. 2020 marks my 5th year at Menlo Park. The most rewarding part of my job is assisting students in implementing tools to grow their independence and helping them meet their IEP goals. Witnessing a child recognize their successes, and seeing their confidence and pride shine from within, brings me the greatest joy!



Mr. Mike

Hello everyone! My name is Mike Fielding, but everyone just calls me Mr. Mike. I have been here at Menlo since my son Ben was in Kindergarten. He is now a 5th grader! Time sure flies! I started here as a volunteer in his classroom and have done several different jobs here assisting the amazing teachers. You may have also seen me working in the cafeteria, and now I'm working with some awesome people in Title I. I love my Menlo family! In my downtime, I like to go hiking, cook amazing food, and play games with my family. I look forward to seeing everyone when we go back to school soon!



Mrs. Wingerd

Hello, my name is Maryann Wingerd and I am the assistant in Ms. Bang's Kindergarten classroom. This is my sixth year working at Menlo Park. Before working at Menlo, I was the Treasurer of the Booster Club for 11 years at this school and both of my children attended Menlo. I love working with children in Kindergarten because they are learning and growing so much with some reading and writing for the first time. I am excited to be part of this wonderful team of teachers and staff at Menlo Park. I can't wait to start the new year!



Ms. Wright

Hello! My name is Kirsten Wright and I am an assistant in Mrs. Stewart's classroom. This is my fifth year working at Menlo Park. I am 26 years old and going to school to become an elementary school teacher. In my spare time, I like spending time with my family and cuddling with my dog. I am so excited to get to know everyone and have a great school year!



Mrs. Plumb

Hi, My name is Jill Plumb and I am the Instructional Assistant in Mrs. Sonoda's kindergarten class. This is my 15th year working at Menlo, in kindergarten. I tell people it's because I haven't learned my ABC's, but it's actually because I love working with our youngest students. I love watching as they realize they're reading by themselves, for the first time. I have 5 sons, who all attended Menlo. I also have 3 dogs, 4 cats and 5 chickens. I can't wait until we can all be together again.



Mrs. Miller

Hello, my name is Heather Miller and this is my 15th year of work in elementary education and my 18th year of sports assistance. For the last 22 years I have, also, been the busy mother of three active boys. I really love meeting new kids and finding ways to support them. My absolute favorite part of teaching is seeing the look on a kiddo's face when they learn something new-it is priceless to me.



Ms. Patricia

Hi, my name is Patricia and I am the Records Secretary at Menlo Park! This is my 3rd year in the front office. In my free time I enjoy relaxing with our puppy, visiting new restaurants, and thrifting!

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