

Fifth Grade

Teacher

Biography



Mr Hobelman

My name is Brian Hobelman. I originally grew up in St. Louis, MO. I come from a family of seven and I am the only boy. I have four sisters. I attended Iona College in New York, where I played water polo and earned a Bachelors in Social Work. After University, I moved to New Zealand for one year as a social worker. I moved to Portland, Oregon in 2010 where I worked in the bicycle industry. In 2014 I went back to school to get my Masters in Arts of Teaching. I started my first elementary teaching job at Menlo Park in 2016. My favorite hobbies are cooking, music, mountain biking, climbing, and reading.



Mrs. Holzbach

My name is Jennifer Holzbach. I teach 5th grade at Menlo Park. This is my 21st year teaching in the David Douglas School District. I have taught K-8th grade. I actually completed my student teaching here at Menlo and was hired as the Reading Intervention teacher (K-6). I then, moved to a 6th grade classroom and also taught 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in the classroom setting! I have also taught Math Intervention to 6th-8th graders at Ron Russell. My husband and I live in Gresham. We have one son who is a sophomore at Barlow High School. We also have a great Black Labrador named Blue! As a family, we love to go camping, hiking and basically anything outside! I absolutely love to see students grow academically when they feel like giving up. Seeing academic growth is why I teach! I look forward to an amazing year!



Mrs. Lauridsen

I taught self-contained sixth grade at Gilbert Park for 8 years and then sixth was moved to Alice Ott Middle School. I taught sixth grade reading, writing, and social studies for 11 years. This is my third year teaching 5th grade at Menlo Park. I have a Master's in Educational Leadership from the University of Portland and an Endorsement in Reading from Lewis and Clark. I'm endorsed in Social Studies too. I'm married. I have two children that graduated from David Douglas. My son graduated from college. My daughter works in the Vancouver School District with violent students and coaches volleyball at the High School.