

Teacher	Biography
 <p data-bbox="183 579 386 611">Mrs. Burkhardt</p>	<p data-bbox="483 191 1528 611">This is my fifth year as principal of Menlo Park Elementary School. I have been a part of the David Douglas Family for forty one years. I actually graduated from David Douglas School District as did my two sons. I have been an educator for over thirty years. My career started as a substitute teacher. The first full time educator job I had was working at West Powellhurst Elementary School. I have taught every grade level from kindergarten through ninth grade. I also spent four years as a School Improvement Coordinator at Ventura Park School prior to becoming a Principal. Being an educator is the best job in the whole world for many reasons: you never stop growing and learning, you are part of a caring community, and the children bring you joy every day. When I am not at school I enjoy my family, dogs, fishing, reading, and being outdoors.</p>
 <p data-bbox="201 926 363 957">Mr. Orchard</p>	<p data-bbox="493 695 1518 884">I have been working for David Douglas schools for over 20 years. Eighteen of those years, I have been as an Elementary Counselor at Gilbert Park and Menlo Park. For two years I worked as an Administrative Intern at Lincoln Park. Other experiences with the district have included assistant coaching water polo and swimming.</p>
 <p data-bbox="211 1283 354 1314">Ms. Dolton</p>	<p data-bbox="477 1031 1536 1255">Ms. Dolton graduated in 1993 from Eastern Oregon in LaGrande, Oregon. I taught 3 years in Gold Beach Oregon on the Southern Oregon Coast before moving to Portland in 1996 where I taught in a science magnet program in the Portland School District. I joined David Douglas in 1998 and have been here ever since. I've taught 2nd through 8th grade, the majority at the 4th and 5th grade level. Currently I am the student behavior specialist.</p>
 <p data-bbox="204 1661 360 1692">Mr. Devault</p>	<p data-bbox="472 1360 1539 1623">This is my 15th year as a P.E. teacher. Graduated from Central Washington University in 1999 with a Bachelors Degree in Education. Graduated from Washington State University in 2003 with a Masters Degree in Educational Administration. Originally was going to be a classroom teacher but was hired as a P.E. teacher and love what I do. I have a wife, 2 children, and 5 Saint Bernards. We spend a lot of our weekends competing in dog shows all over the Northwest with our dogs.</p>



Mr. Bund

Mr. Bund is our Student Achievement Specialist.



Ms. Harrison

Hello, my name is Erin Harrison and I'm the Title I Reading Specialist at Menlo Park Elementary School. I've worked in the David Douglas School District for 12 years at both the Elementary and Middle School levels. I'm originally from New York, but moved to Portland in 2002. I enjoy sailing, biking, snowboarding and travel when I'm not working.



Mrs. Knapp

Years working as a Speech-Language Pathologist: 28  
Years working at DDSD: 17 ~ Years working at Menlo Park: 6  
Speech and language impacts how one interacts with others, daily, in academic and non-academic settings. Individuals learn new communication skills throughout their lives. They learn communication by what they see modeled around them, what they hear, what they read, what they practice, and by the opportunities they have to talk with others, just to name a few ways. If you would like ideas to help your child develop communication skills or if you have questions about your child's speech and language, feel free to contact me.



Mrs. La Mar

I am the Music Teacher and Marimba Club Director at Menlo Park Elementary. I have taught music in Dayton, and directed a school program in Salem at Salem Heights and Liberty Elementary for Salem Child Development Center. I am a Trombonist, and Vocalist. I graduated with my Bachelors from Western Oregon University and my Masters of Arts in Teaching from Oregon State University. I play the trombone with several musical organizations and sing with a few local bands. I live in Wilsonville with my husband of eight years (a baritone with a heart for coaching young men in sports and DD services). We do not yet have children, but plan to start our little family soon.



Ms. Chapman

I'm Laura Chapman and I am the Language Development Specialist at Menlo Park Elementary. I'm originally from Eastern Washington but moved to Portland in 2017. I've spent 7 years teaching in Asia in various environments. I taught swimming/ESL in Phuket, Thailand, ESL at a language center in Shanghai, China and First Grade at an International school in Sanya, China. I love exploring the world and learning about different cultures. I like to spend my weekends running, hiking, playing volleyball or anything else active.



Mrs. Stewart

Veronica Stewart began her teaching career in North Clackamas School District in the fall of 1999. After teaching in North Clackamas for two years she worked in the Tigard Tualatin School District. Veronica came to David Douglas School District in the fall of 2004. She has a Masters Degree in Special Education and is endorsed for both general and special education. In her personal life Veronica is a wife, mother of two, and a voracious reader of mystery novels.



Mr. Smith

My name is Corbin Smith, and I am the Librarian at Menlo! After graduating from the University of Montana in 1998, I started out in education as an Assistant English Teacher on the JET Program in Hokkaido, Japan. I realized I loved teaching, so I went back to school and earned my Masters Degree in Teaching from WSU in Spokane, WA. I then taught Literature and Composition in a Special Education High School in Doha, Qatar. After three years in the Middle East, I followed my wife to Portland, taught for a year at Serendipity Center, and then became a homemaker for my wife and two daughters. Nine years later, I am working in a school again, and it feels great! I feel very fortunate to have found a place at such a caring and professional school as Menlo Park Elementary.



Mr. K

I'm Adam Kappeler and I teach down in the Computer Lab. I enjoy it thoroughly because I love computers! Watching students improve their computer literacy skills is nothing short of amazing. From basic keyboarding to coding, they never cease to amaze me. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my three children, my wife, Rachael, and our two dogs. Drawing/doodling is a small hobby of mine as well.