

Fifth Grade

Teacher	Biography
 <p data-bbox="207 699 347 730">Mrs. Aune</p>	<p data-bbox="467 233 1585 730">My name is Mardy Aune and I am, this year, a 5th grade teacher. I was born and raised in a small town in northern Wisconsin and I come from a family of educators. I knew from a young age that I wanted to be a teacher. I graduated from the University of WI-Eau Claire with my degree in Special Education. I spent 10 years working for KinderCare Learning Centers in various roles, from preschool teacher to being a Center Director. It was KinderCare that brought my spouse and I, as well as our 2 fur babies (cats), to beautiful Portland in 1997. Once here, I decided I wanted to get into the classroom and obtained my Oregon teaching license. This is my 17th year teaching at Menlo Park School; 13 of those years have been teaching 5th grade. I love Menlo Park and I absolutely love teaching! It is a humble joy and honor to build relationships with extraordinary children who teach me so much about life and leave a lasting imprint on my heart. They inspire me to put my best foot forward and give it my all under any and all circumstances. How fortunate I am!</p>
 <p data-bbox="183 1129 371 1161">Mrs. Holzbach</p>	<p data-bbox="467 737 1585 1161">My name is Jennifer Holzbach. I teach 5th grade at Menlo Park. This is my 23rd 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 senior 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!</p>
 <p data-bbox="180 1488 381 1516">Mrs. Lauridsen</p>	<p data-bbox="461 1213 1581 1516">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 fourth 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. She is working on her degree.</p>