



Holli Pfautz

I am looking forward to teaching kindergarten at Saucon Valley Elementary School. I am a 2009 graduate of DeSales University, where I studied Elementary and Special Education.

In my free time I enjoy spending time outdoors, cooking, and relaxing with family and friends. I love trying exciting things like hot air balloon rides and white water rafting. One of my newest friends is my pet fish. His name is Jelly and he can't wait to meet all of my new students!



My name is Alison Erk, and I am excited to be a part of Saucon Valley Elementary as your 3-5 school counselor for the first half of the year. I graduated from Lehigh University with a B.A. in psychology and a minor in communications. I received my M.Ed. in elementary school counseling from Lehigh University in 2000. I have worked as a school counselor in several different schools since graduation. I have also worked as an adjunct professor at Northampton Community College in their Horizons for Youth program and have served as an educational consultant for the Center for Humanistic Change and Valley Youth House.

In my spare time, I enjoy traveling and reading. I especially enjoy spending time with my two children and my husband. We like to play board games and outdoor sports together.

Lara McCarthy

Welcome to the 2009-2010 School Year! I am excited to have joined the Saucon Valley Team and am thrilled to be the K-8 Reading coordinator for the district. My name is Lara McCarthy and I look forward to working with your children and helping families develop lifelong readers. My undergraduate degree is in Elementary Education. My graduate degree is a Master's in Education in Human Resource Development and Administration and I hold certifications in Educational Leadership and Reading K-12. I love to teach reading not only to children but adults as well. I have taught in classrooms for many years in both public and private schools. I then became a Curriculum Coordinator and Balanced Reading Trainer for a district in Florida. I also had an opportunity to do many trainings in Phonological and Phonemic awareness in South Florida. As you can see I love reading! I then became an Assistant Principal and eventually a Director of Education for my own Supplemental Education Company in the Pocono's. Now I am thrilled to be back doing what I love - working daily with teachers, helping them to develop their skills and techniques in reading. These skills and strategies in turn help your child become a strategic reader! I look forward to working with you this year!