



LOWER SCHOOL NEW FACULTY

Ms. Taylor Ray is a GDS class of 2012 graduate and is thrilled to return to the GDS classroom as an experienced teacher after graduating from Appalachian University and spending a few years teaching first and fourth grades in the local school system.

Mrs. Julieann Dellibovi has been working in the education field for over 15 years in a variety of roles such as a Lower School teacher near the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area and most recently as the director of student services at the Charlotte Lab School. Mrs. Dellibovi is looking forward to returning to the Lower School classroom and celebrating the joy of teaching and connecting with students.

Ms. Alison Morgan has a love of science and can't wait to share her passion with the students and fellow teachers. Alison has been teaching fourth and fifth grade in the local school district for the past seven years. Alison is no stranger to the halls of GDS as she joined the after school care staff this year and is looking forward to bringing her passion for STEM to the GDS Lower School.

Mrs. Caitlyn Thomas is looking forward to joining the Early School team. Mrs. Thomas has a passion and joy for working with young learners. She joins the GDS Pre- Kindergarten team after working in early childhood programs in Portsmouth, Virginia and recently in South Charlotte when she moved to Mt. Holly area a few years ago.

Mrs. Lauren Bryant has worked in the field of Child Development and has been subbing this school year. She is looking forward to joining the PreSchool program as an assistant.

Mrs. Brittany Rauch has a background in education and has been a substitute teacher over the past two years. She is looking forward to working with the Pre-Kindergarten team as an assistant.

Mrs. Yolanda Franklin is no stranger to creativity and play because she has worked at the YMCA of Gaston County as a programming coordinator for ages 3 and up over the past 10 years. Mrs. Franklin is looking forward to sharing her passion

for creative arts to the Preschool - 3rd grade classes as the Art teacher and her joy of helping and supporting the growth of the youngest Spartans as an assistant in the Pre- Kindergarten classroom.

Mrs. Megan Tsurumaki is joining the Gaston Day team as the Theater Arts teacher. Mrs. Tsurumaki is looking forward to bringing exposure to the theater art back to the Lower School as Covid interrupted this enrichment the last 2 years.