

LAMBERTVILLE




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IMPORTANT DATES

01.15.24

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
School Closed

01.21.24

 *LPS Spirit Night*
6th Grade Class Fundraiser

IMPORTANT LINKS



Counselor Cortina's
January Newsletter

HEALTH & PE CLASSES

It has been a busy year in Health and PE classes! In October, the 4th grade returned to Gravity Hill to harvest the peanuts they planted in the spring. The 2nd grade just finished up the *Footprint for Life* Program run by Hunterdon Prevention which covers topics like social skills, coping, peer pressure, and substance abuse prevention. Some highlights from PE include 3-6 practicing the basics of pickleball and K-2 working on simplified paddle skills. Students have also been flexing their creative and critical thinking muscles with different seasonal stations, cupstacking, and minute to win it activities!



SHRSD INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES

SHRSD Instructional coaches Melissa Campbell (*pictured left*) and Danielle Stewart (*pictured right*) collaborate with teachers daily, whether that is using data to dive into planning, co-teaching lessons or serving as thought partners when navigating new curriculum and/or strategies. However, embedded into each day is a focus around district initiatives, such as personalized student learning through high-impact tutoring.



High-Impact Tutoring

The coaches are involved in helping implement the High-Impact Tutoring Program that will run from January to May.

The tutoring grant was awarded to only five districts in Hunterdon County and the focus is on building stamina for our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students in preparation for the state testing in the Spring 2024. We were awarded \$48,000 which will be used primarily to support small group instruction after school for two afternoons each week from January to May.

The coaches have been instrumental in reviewing student data to determine the students invited to participate. There will be a focus on SEL and growth mindset in order to successfully achieve Level 4 (Meet Expectations) on the NJSLA.

We will be using a combination of personalized learning with an adaptive online program along with teacher-led small groups. Prizes, celebrations, and incentives will be offered throughout the program at the end of each month.

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January 3rd, 2024



Meet

MS. SHANNON BIRCKHEAD

PreK-6 Health & PE Teacher

CO-TEACHER: Ms. Victoria Marley

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT TEACHING?

I enjoy getting to instill in students a passion for lifelong physical activity and health. I really appreciate that I get to learn so much about my students' lives as they share about them in health class. I also love that I have the chance to teach students throughout their entire time at LPS so I get to see how they grow as people.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING A TEACHER CAN DO FOR THEIR STUDENTS?

I think the most important thing a teacher can do for their students is to see them as the unique individuals they are and help them become who they'd like to be.



13TH YEAR TEACHING

12TH YEAR TEACHING
AT SOUTH HUNTERDON

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU HOPE STUDENTS LEARN FROM YOU?

That it is easier to keep moving than it is to stop and start again, so we should try to keep up with our physical activity throughout our lives.

HOW DOES CO-TEACHING BENEFIT THE OVERALL CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR STUDENTS?

Co-teaching allows us to play to each of our strengths and gives us the chance to work with students in more individualized settings.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

I am a voracious reader as well as a part-time crafter.



Meet

MS. VICTORIA MARLEY

PreK-6 Health & PE Teacher

CO-TEACHER: Ms. Shannon Birckhead

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT TEACHING?

Introducing students to new activities that allow them to develop fine and gross motor skills, while also enhancing their interpersonal communication and critical thinking abilities.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING A TEACHER CAN DO FOR THEIR STUDENTS?

Help develop problem solving and critical thinking skills, as well as independence.



10TH YEAR TEACHING

9TH YEAR TEACHING
AT SOUTH HUNTERDON

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU HOPE STUDENTS LEARN FROM YOU?

Physical activity can be fun!

HOW DOES CO-TEACHING BENEFIT THE OVERALL CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR STUDENTS?

It gives multiple sets of eyes and ears to pick up on difficulties in skill development and behavior. It also allows for more creativity since there is another point of view.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Running, traveling, spending time with family.