

Name	Blurb
 <p data-bbox="152 375 311 436">Randy King 1st Grade</p>	<p data-bbox="391 205 1515 268">I have been teaching first grade for 10 years at Gilbert Park. I enjoy spending time with my family and reading. Go George Fox Bruins!!!</p>
 <p data-bbox="152 648 311 709">Scott Burton 4th Grade</p>	<p data-bbox="391 468 1507 569">I am beginning my 13th year at Gilbert Park. I grew up in the David Douglas School District, and I am very happy to be home. I have three daughters and a wonderful wife who all attended Gilbert Park. Go SF Giants!</p>
 <p data-bbox="126 938 337 999">Brianne Hartwig 5th Grade</p>	<p data-bbox="391 741 1511 909">Go Ducks! I graduated from the University of Oregon with a B.A. in English, and earned my M.A.T. from the University of Portland. I'm excited to begin my third year of teaching 5th grade with my amazing job share partner, Annielaurie Lund. I'm also a proud mom of Dylan, two and a half, and my baby daughter, Addison. I love reading, baking, and helping my students realize their full potential!</p>
 <p data-bbox="133 1222 334 1283">Jennifer Flagel 1st Grade</p>	<p data-bbox="391 1031 1466 1134">I am Portland born and bred! I'm happy to be here at Gilbert Park for my 11th year! We have a great staff and community. I have a wonderful 11 year old son named Owen, two cats, and a dog. GO BLAZERS!</p>
 <p data-bbox="120 1488 344 1549">Annielaurie Lund 5th Grade</p>	<p data-bbox="391 1310 1515 1514">I teach 5th grade in a half-time job share with Brianne Hartwig. 5th grade was my favorite grade when I was a child and I love teaching it here at Gilbert Park. I have two young daughters, Ava and Ruby. I love messy art projects and I am on a kickball team. I love to travel and I even taught for a year in Taiwan. I have high expectations for all of my students, but I love to have fun with them and joke around. I look forward to spending my days with your children and sharing my love of learning with them.</p>
 <p data-bbox="149 1747 315 1808">Erin Hanson Counselor</p>	<p data-bbox="391 1581 1515 1780">This is my 10th year as a Licensed School Counselor. My journey began when I was 15 years old as a peer counselor at Sprague High School. I went onto study Psychology, Sociology, and Art at George Fox University. I have a Masters in Counseling with a specialization in School Counseling from Portland State. I'm married with a little dog named, Adi. I love to learn and share new information with others. Must Reads: Daring Greatly, The Whole Brain Child, and the Lois Lowry series.</p>

 <p>Janet Huntley 1st Grade</p>	<p>I went to GP for grade school. I'm teaching in my old first grade classroom. I've been teaching in the David Douglas School District for 25 years. I love to travel and spend time with family and friends. I am a sports fan and love the Blazers! Go Blazers!</p>
 <p>Jana Daley 4th Grade</p>	<p>I've been teaching for 25 years in the David Douglas School District. My husband and I have two wonderful boys (19 and 17 yrs. old) who keep us very busy. We are avid football fans (Go Ducks and Go Packers!). I love to read and spend time with family and friends!</p>
 <p>Jessika Joers 2nd Grade</p>	<p>I've been teaching for 12 years in the David Douglas School District. I taught kindergarten for 9 years and this will be my third year in second grade. I have two children who also attend school in the district. I love teaching at Gilbert Park and feel lucky to be a part of such a great community!</p>
 <p>Cara Schlessler 1st Grade</p>	<p>I was born and raised in Portland! I am in my 3rd year at GP. I graduated from Oregon State University!!! Go Beavers!!! I am a HUGE sports fan! Go Blazers!!! I enjoy traveling and spending time with my friends and family.</p>
 <p>Valerie Anderson Student Achievement Specialist</p>	<p>I feel privileged to be back at GP working with an incredible group of teachers! I've returned after a 10 year hiatus that included a stint overseas, 1 year at Lincoln Park, and 6 years at Menlo Park...</p>
 <p>Stacy Harrison 2nd Grade</p>	<p>This is my 9th year teaching in the David Douglas School District! I also attended grades K-12 in David Douglas. I received my Bachelor's degree from Western Oregon University and my Masters at Teaching degree at Concordia University. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. Walt Disney World and the beach are my favorite places! I look forward to another great year at Gilbert Park.</p>



Shelby Arden
Kindergarten

I am a proud David Douglas and Gilbert Park alumni. The saying is true, "Everything you need to know, you learn in kindergarten." The growth kindergarteners make and the enthusiasm they show is inspiring. When I'm not teaching I enjoy coaching volleyball at Alice Ott, spending time with my family and friends, exploring the outdoors, and travelling.



Nina Sivaram
Special Education

Hiking, reading and pastries are my passion. This is my 11th year at Gilbert Park. Go Patriots!



Amy Spencer
3rd Grade

This is my second year teaching in DDSD. I went to Western Oregon University for music and Portland State University to become a teacher. I have lived in Oregon my whole life and especially love this beautiful city. In my spare time, I love to read, swim, go camping, sing, and be with my family. I also love wild animals, especially owls, which you'll see a lot of in my classroom :)



Jennifer Carlson
3rd Grade

This is my eleventh year teaching at Gilbert Park. I feel fortunate to work here with dedicated staff and families, and wonderful 3rd graders! I grew up and attended college in Michigan, though I've been in the northwest ever since. My husband and I have two daughters, ages 7 and 11. We love spending time outdoors- hiking, biking and exploring Oregon (and beyond!)



Cheryl Hull
Reading Intervention

I am happy to be in Portland after living in Newport for five years. Prior to living in Oregon in 2000, I lived in Idaho, Wyoming, Vermont, and grew up in upstate New York. My dog Harry and I love many outdoor activities including hiking, running (especially on the beach), kayaking, and snowboarding.



Lincoln Fisher
Kindergarten

Growing up in the quiet desert of New Mexico certainly taught me the value of a good book. In many ways I became a kindergarten teacher so that I could share my love of reading with a new generation. I enjoy spending time in the outdoors with my family, as well as listening to and performing music. The five year olds that I work with are usually the smartest, kindest, hardest working people I meet.



Lauren Richmond
4th Grade

I am excited to be a part of the Gilbert Park staff, and I am pleased to work with such a collaborative community of educators. I am a caring, and passionate teacher, and I value the importance of teaching to the whole child. I strive to facilitate a strong sense of community within the classroom, and I value the needs of each child socially, emotionally, and academically. Outside of school, I enjoy hiking, traveling, yoga, reading, and spending time with my friends and family.



Rod Purdum
5th Grade

I have lived in Oregon since the age of twelve. I graduated as a Beaver from OSU, and later earned my Masters in Education from Portland State. I've been part of the awesome Gilbert Park family since 2004. I am a hot air balloon pilot and enjoy traveling, especially on a motorcycle.



Mrs. Laymon
Kindergarten

I love the innocence and enthusiasm of kindergartners and enjoy introducing them to learning and watching them grow. This is my 3rd year teaching Kindergarten and I've been in David Douglas all 3 years. I grew up on a farm in a small town, and have lived in Oregon my entire life. I am married and recently had my first child. I received my Bachelor's degree from Portland State University, and my Masters in Teaching from George Fox University. I enjoy camping and being outside.



Mrs. Calcagno
4th Grade

I have lived in Oregon most of my life. I went to the University of Oregon (Go Ducks!) and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. This is my 3rd year teaching at Gilbert Park and my 2nd year teaching 4th grade! I love to travel in my free time. In the last year, I visited 9 different countries and about 18 different cities! I also love to cook, eat, read, garden and hike!



Mrs. Val Ellett
Music Teacher

I enjoy painting in my free time. I also play flute with Portland Wind Symphony. The best thing about teaching at Gilbert Park is that I get to know EVERY. SINGLE. STUDENT! Often, for years! This is my 19th year of teaching, so if you do the math, I've taught over 10,000 students! BAM!



Mrs. Davis
Kindergarten

This is my 24th year teaching at Gilbert Park. I love teaching kindergartners!! I love their innocence, enthusiasm and eagerness to learn!! My husband and I have 2 children. Our daughter just began her 1st year in college and our son will be a Junior in high school. I love camping and boating with my family, reading, and I am a HUGE Blazer fan!!! :)



Mrs. Burch
3rd Grade

I absolutely love sharing my days with children, reading, writing, problem solving and being creative! I am a mom to my 6 year-old little girl and 3 year-old son. My husband, children, and our dog Barkley, and I love to spend time being outside canoeing, jogging, riding bikes, gardening, and cooking together. I teach jazz, tap, and contemporary dance! But even more importantly, I get to be a teacher to your students here at GP! I have been teaching in various schools around David Douglas for the past 12 years including the last couple years working with teachers to help implement our new curriculum.



Mrs. Caverly
5th Grade

This is my 18th year of teaching! I have taught 1st-6th grades. I was previously a Disneyland employee and once worked as a paramedic. I have 3 daughters, 2 of which currently attend David Douglas schools.



Ms. Tatge
English Language
Development

I am originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota, but I started my teaching career in San Jose, California. Now enjoying the green Oregon climate, I am specializing in English Language Development and helping English Learners succeed in school. I love languages and traveling. I speak German and Spanish.



Ms. Utz
5th Grade

This is my 12th year teaching 5th grade at Gilbert Park. I was born and raised in Portland and attended Portland Public Schools. I graduated from University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Go Ducks! I earned my Masters in Education and Reading Endorsement at Portland State University. I have two sons, Mason and Miles. In my free time I like to read, sew, and spend time with my kids.



Paul Crain
P.E.

I have been teaching physical education in David Douglas for 23 years. My wife and I have been married for 28 years with three wonderful daughters. I enjoy spending time with my family, camping, fly-fishing and watching college football. Go Sun Devils!!



Melanie Phillips
2nd Grade

I have been teaching for 11 years in David Douglas and this is my 10th year teaching at Gilbert Park. I have 3 grown daughters and 4 grandchildren. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, traveling, cooking, reading, and gardening.



Becky Franzke
3rd Grade

This is my 15th year teaching in the David Douglas School District. I have taught grades 1st-4th throughout my career. I also attended schools within the district K-12. My husband and I have 3 wonderful sons ages 13, 11, and 6 that keep us very busy.



Ms. Jen Scherzinger
3rd Grade

I moved to Portland 13 years ago from Ohio. Here I served in AmeriCorps and worked with a non-profit until I realized that I wanted to teach in the classroom. I earned my M.A.T. from Lewis and Clark Graduate School of Education and have taught in the David Douglas School District ever since. I love the students, family, and staff here at Gilbert Park! While not at work, I'm busy taking care of our two-year old son, and our baby daughter. In my spare time I enjoy hiking, practicing yoga, reading, and spending time with my family and friends.



Peter Martin
Speech and Language
Pathologist

Speech-Language Pathologist- born, raised, and educated in Upstate New York. Enjoying my new home and new career in Portland. I enjoy baking, reading, and sleeping. My wife and I have three wonderful dogs.



Mrs. Laura Riehl
3rd grade

This is my first year teaching at Gilbert Park and my second year teaching. Prior to that I was a substitute teacher. I have a wonderful husband and two fantastic children who both attended David Douglas schools through high school. I love to spend time with my family at our cabin on Lake Merwin where we enjoy boating, playing games, and campfires. I am an avid reader and strive to ignite the reading "bug" in all of my students. Go Ducks!



Bob Gray
Student Behavior
Specialist

Hi! My name is Mr. Gray and I am working in the sensory room (room 6) as Gilbert Park's new Student Behavior Specialist. I have 20 years of strong classroom management and behavior experience. I speak English, French and some Italian and Spanish. I also like to coach sports, especially track and field. I am proud to be part of the GP community!



Mandy Coffee
Overload
Music Teacher

This is my second year at Gilbert Park elementary, and I'm thrilled to be back with such an amazing group of students and teachers! I love teaching music in the David Douglas School District. Our district is Nationally award winning in its music education programs. I love the goals that music educators for DDS D make for students and the achievements and recognitions that students and teachers have received over the years.

I love the Pacific Northwest, I grew up here and find ways all year long to celebrate it's beauty and adventure. I conduct Children's choirs professionally in the metro area, but my number one passion is spending time with my growing family. Here's to a great year at GP!