Meet the 6th Grade Team

**CORE CLASSES**

**JUSTYNA DELAJ - 6TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES**
- Years at Emerson: 1
- Additional Classes & Roles: Introduction to Middle School
- Hobbies: Traveling and exploring places near and far, attempting to perfect the cooking and baking skills of the mother-country (Poland), avid photographer, getting lost in a good book or independent film

**SERGEI LIE - FOUNDATIONS MATH AND PRE-ALGEBRA**
- Years at Emerson: 3
- Additional Classes & Roles: Yearbook, sailing-based elective, previously taught 7th Grade Math,
- Hobbies: Sailing, soccer, coaching, traveling with his wife

**BRYAN SEYMOUR - 6TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS**
- Years at Emerson: 1
- Additional Classes & Roles: Coaching Emerson's Track and Cross Country teams
- Hobbies: Distance running, reading, hiking, playing baseball and basketball, listening to music, raising his daughter

**TIM WILSON - 6TH GRADE SCIENCE**
- Years at Emerson: 33
- Additional Classes & Roles: Science Olympiad coach, science-based electives, Outdoor Education, built and developed the Emerson School Nature Center
- Hobbies: Woodworking, gardening, amateur entomology

**DEBORAH HODGES - MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE MANAGER**
- Years at Emerson: 21
- Additional Classes & Roles: Responsible for managing all things Middle School
- Hobbies: Loves to decorate and build things (anything: homes, decks, benches—loves Pinterest), spending time with her grandchildren, friends, and pets, gardening, landscaping, reading, playing games on her tablet, watching movies and laughing

**WORLD LANGUAGES**

**JERI ELIE - FRENCH I, II, & III**
- Years at Emerson: 25
- Hobbies: Travel, exploring new cultures, movies, entertaining, the beach (ocean) is her happy place, books, kids, family, camping, spas
MAKIE KAEHR - JAPANESE III
Years at Emerson: 1

CORAL LOPEZ-GOMEZ - SPANISH I, II, & III
Years at Emerson: 18
Hobbies: Traveling and playing sports

VICTORIA SCOTT - LATIN I, II, & III; 8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES
Years at Emerson: 21
Additional Classes & Roles: Latin, Doctor Who, Steampunk, Quilting
Hobbies: Quilting and writing

XIAOJING YANG - CHINESE I, II, & III
Years at Emerson: 1
Hobbies: Handcraft, such as paper cutting, origami, and especially sewing

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

JULIE MOON - THEATER ARTS
Years at Emerson: 14
Additional Classes & Roles: Musical, Play, Show Choir, S.E.T. 4 Change
Hobbies: Loves her dog Rocky, married to David Moon a.k.a. Emerson Building and Grounds team, newly licensed Zumba Instructor

DEBBIE LAMSON - ART
Years at Emerson: 10
Additional Classes & Roles: Ceramics, Drawing & Painting, Recycle Runway, Lost & Found Art
Hobbies: Time with family and friends, running, biking, ceramics, photography, drawing, painting, jewelry, hiking, skiing

BILL SCHROCK - PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Years at Emerson: 27
Additional Classes & Roles: Dean of Students, Athletic Director
Hobbies: Working with local farmers to sheer Angora sheep and make mohair sweaters for senile teachers, serving as an advisor to the Dali Lama where he told him to say: “If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.”
MICHELLE BORTON - BAND

Years at Emerson: 21

Additional Classes & Roles: 6th Grade Girls Advisor, K-1 Music, Beginning Band, MS Band, Digital Photography, Creative Journaling

Hobbies: Photography, crafts, reading, taking students to Cedar Point

LESLEY CAPOZZOLI - ORCHESTRA

Years at Emerson: 13

Additional Classes & Roles: 6th Grade Girls Advisor, 4-5 Orchestra, MS Orchestra, Scrapbooking, Amigurumi

Hobbies: Yoga, cooking, kayaking, crocheting, going to concerts, enjoying time with friends

LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM

CINDY ANNCHILD - LEARNING SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Years at Emerson:

Hobbies: Collecting information about how current brain science can interface with specific learning styles, hiking and camping, cycling, visiting three happy grandsons and their parents, reading, and singing in a chorus

CARRIE BERKLEY - COUNSELOR

Years at Emerson: 14

Hobbies: Quilting, and practically anything outdoorsy, like running, biking, swimming, kayaking and gardening

ELIZABETH MAY - LEARNING SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Years at Emerson: Incoming

Hobbies: Travel, being outside hiking, running, swimming, and enjoying the sunshine, and playing and coaching lacrosse

MARY SPALLER – 7TH SCIENCE, LEARNING SUPPORT

Years at Emerson: 15

Additional Classes & Roles: Student advisor, Lead faculty member for Learning Support, previously taught 7th Grade Math

Hobbies: Motorcycling, participating in adventure races

EDDIE VANRIPER - AIC COORDINATOR, MATH SUPPORT

Years at Emerson: Incoming

Additional Classes & Roles: Middle School Advisor, Arts & Innovation Center Coordinator, Math Enrichment

Hobbies: Playing music, running, playing pickup games, watching MSU football