Meet the 8th Grade Team

CORE CLASSES

CAROL KELLY - 8TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS
Years at Emerson: 5
Additional Classes & Roles: WEMS Newscast elective, Dragonology, Foodology
Hobbies: Studying for her masters degree, reading, music, spending time with her family, baking

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

BILL WOOD – ALGEBRA B AND GEOMETRY
Years at Emerson: 1
Additional Classes & Roles: Coaching basketball at Emerson
Hobbies: Sports, including golf, running, basketball, baseball, and others; music, mainly “alternative rock” and an unhealthy addiction to the band Pearl Jam, going to concerts and stand up comedy, spending time with his family and watching his sons Will and Jensen grow up.

MICHAEL WILSON - 8TH GRADE SCIENCE
Years at Emerson: 4
Additional Classes & Roles: Science Olympiad coach, electives include: Inventor's Workshop, Steampunk, Automotive Science
Hobbies: Art, jewelry design, softball, snorkeling, travel, reading, and music

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
Additional Classes & Roles: French Around the World, History Goes to Hollywood
Hobbies: Travel, exploring new cultures, movies, entertaining, the beach (ocean) is her happy place, books, kids, family, camping, spas
MAKIE KAHR - 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