



New Lower School Faculty

ECC:

- **Hannah Dougherty:** A graduate of Oxford University (UK), Mrs. Dougherty is joining CDS after 23 years of early childhood education in both PK and Kindergarten.
- **Christina Trout:** Mrs. Trout is joining the CDS community from Philadelphia, PA where she has taught primary students for the last 8 years. Mrs. Trout holds a Master's of Education.

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- **Melissa Zeman:** Mrs. Zeman is joining our 2nd grade team from Colorado where she was an intermediate teacher and team leader for over 12 years. She is excited to return to Florida where she began her teaching career in 2006.
- **Melissa Cunningham:** A seasoned teacher with almost 20 years of experience, Mrs. Cunningham is joining the CDS community from Washington State. She holds her Master's degree in Elementary Education from Northern Arizona University.
- **Ashley Martes:** Having lived in the Tampa area for many years, Mrs. Martes is excited to be a part of CDS. She has a Master's in Education and has taught elementary ages for the last 10 years.
- **Jennifer Richardson:** Mrs. Richardson has been teaching in Tampa Bay for the last 13 years. She has worked at the intermediate elementary level and has been a middle school science teacher. She is excited to bring her STEM skills to the CDS classrooms.
- **Kendall Lunn:** Ms. Lunn has been teaching for six years as both a field educator and in the classroom. She has taught in intermediate IB classrooms for the last three years and is well-versed in Dimensions Math and PYP Approaches to Learning.
- **Van Tran:** With a Master of Arts in Teaching, Ms. Tran has eleven years of teaching experience at all elementary levels, including time at our ECC. Her daughters are both CDS alum and she is thrilled to be back in the community providing high-quality IB instruction to our students.
- **Tori Kerr:** Mrs. Kerr graduated from Auburn University in 2015 with a Bachelors in Early Childhood Education, then again in 2016 with a Masters in K-6 Special Education. Tori has experience teaching in both private and public schools and has worked with a variety of different learners from 2nd through 7th grade. Tori has been a classroom teacher, as well as a Learning Specialist in Georgia and Alabama.
- **Gabriela Shephard:** Ms. Shepherd has been a music educator throughout the Tampa Bay region for several years, including youth group music and private voice lessons. Ms. Shehard will be teaching elementary music as well as chorus and musical theater after school.

