

Welcome

TO CDS

LOWER SCHOOL

Holly Black - Fourth Grade Teacher: Mrs. Holly Black will be joining the CDS team for her 10th year of teaching. Mrs. Black has been at Claywell Elementary in Tampa where she acquired an extensive background in both elementary and special education in a variety of grade levels. She received her BA in Education at UCF and is currently working on her MA in Educational Leadership at UWF.



Madeline Craft - Third Grade Teacher : Ms. Maddie Craft is joining CDS from North Carolina where she has taught for the last three years. A graduate of Elon University, Ms. Craft is a dedicated professional who has presented on a panel for the Association of Math Teacher Educators and published an article for an educational magazine. She is looking forward to joining the CDS community and collaborating with colleagues and families.



Claire Doshier - Counselor, Intern : In addition to being a CDS alumna, Ms. Doshier is a graduate of Ole Miss (BA, Psychology) and Stetson University (MA, Counselor Education). She has worked with children of varying ages in a clinical counseling setting, utilizing a variety of techniques, including play therapy. Ms. Doshier is looking forward to giving back to the alma mater that has given her such a successful foundation.



Caroline Grutchfield - Fifth Grade Assistant: After earning her BA in Human Development at Eckerd College, Ms. Grutchfield began her career as a special education teaching assistant in Massachusetts. Having spent time as both a private nanny and an educator, Ms. Grutchfield is excited to join the CDS community.



Taylor Hosey - Elementary Learning Specialist : A graduate of Florida State University, Mrs. Hosey is a passionate educator of students with varying exceptionalities. With over seven years of experience in area public schools, she has dedicated herself to helping each student reach their potential both through direct supports and through supporting classroom teachers. Her skill set and dedication make her a fabulous addition to our Student Success Team at CDS!



Lauren Hracho - First Grade Teacher: Lauren Hracho is a familiar face for many, having served as the Division Sub for Lower School last year. She is a certified educator who received her Bachelors in Elementary Education from The Pennsylvania State University. Mrs. Hracho was a first and third grade classroom teacher in New Jersey for many years. She is a mom of three boys, the youngest of whom is an Upper School Patriot.



Jessica Lipski- Fourth Grade Teacher : Mrs. Jessica Lipski earned both her Bachelor's of Arts and her Master's of Education from University of Florida. Specializing in emerging literacy and early intervention, she has over fifteen years of experience with children in a variety of settings, most recently teaching at Westminster Academy. Mrs. Lipski is eager to begin her tenure at CDS!



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Nicolette Paraschak - Third Grade Teacher : After receiving her degree from Florida State University, Ms. Paraschak worked in law enforcement for many years before realizing her heart is in education. With over five years teaching in local elementary classrooms - including a PYP school -, she is excited to be joining the CDS team and continuing to work in an IB school with a strong sense of community.



Kendrick Rainey - Division Substitute : A familiar face at CDS, "Ms. Kendrick" is excited to move from an Aftercare Lead Counselor to the Division Sub for Lower School. Having recently completed her degree from USF, Ms. Rainey has been an occasional substitute in our classrooms and will now provide instructional continuity on a daily basis.



Debbie Ridall - PK3 Teacher : "Ms. Debbie" joined the ECC team this winter as a long-term substitute in PK3. After graduating from USF in Education, she was a classroom teacher in area public schools for many years before returning to USF to pursue her Master's. She has a vast background in infant and toddler development, most recently working as a developmental specialist in schools and homes throughout Tampa Bay. She has been a great addition to the ECC team!



Tiffany Thomas - Kindergarten Assistant : A recent graduate of the University of North Florida, Ms. Thomas has a background in early childhood education. She is knowledgeable about the academic and developmental needs of our youngest learners and is looking forward to joining the CDS community, and supporting the ECC team.



Becky Toth - Kindergarten Assistant: After graduating from St. Leo University with a degree in Elementary Education, Ms. Toth jumped into the classroom taking on a variety of roles in Pasco County. She is eager to share her experiences with the CDS community.



POINTS OF CONTACT

Administration:

- Head of Lower School: Dawn Wilson
- Assistant Head of Elementary School: Lindsay Davis
- Assistant Head of ECC: Anna Boodoo
- Academic Coordinator (PYP - Primary Years Programme) Lisa Vicencio
- Division Administrative Assistant: Sam Howard

Lower School Support:

- Learning Specialists: Danielle Earle & Taylor Hosey
- Counselors: Malu Molano (ECC), Kristen Calvert, and Claire Doshier

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Toddler Team: Ms. Katie Frost and Mrs. Stephanie Piazza

PK3 Team: Ms. Lisa Ferrandino and Mrs. Heather O'Connor; Mrs. Mackenzie Moseley and Mrs. Debbie Ridall

PK4 Team: Mrs. Kati Jones and Ms. Maria Barros; Mrs. Caroline Messmer and Mrs. Nedda Wilson

Kindergarten Team: Mrs. Hannah Dougherty with Ms. Becky Toth; Ms. Teresa Krig with Ms. Tiffany Thomas; Mrs. Angela Knizek with Mrs. June Chen-Hayes; Mrs. Stephanie Polanco with Mrs. Natalie Jimenez-Frontado

First Grade Team: Mrs. Kara Dozier, Mrs. Lauren Hracho, Mrs. Ashley Martin-Culet, Mrs. Sarah Viera with Mrs. Jodi Wright

Second Grade Team: Mrs. Sandy Dattilo, Ms. Melinda Gonzalez, Ms. Katharine Mosher, Ms. Sandy Smith with Ms. Kelsi Kennedy

Third Grade Team: Ms. Maddie Craft, Mrs. Rubana Jain, Mrs. Ashley Martes, Ms. Nicolette Paraschak with Ms. Megan Carroll

Fourth Grade Team: Mrs. Holly Black, Mrs. Jessica Lipski, Ms. Jennifer Richardson, Mrs. Lana Vargo with Mrs. Megan Bakke

Fifth Grade Team: Mrs. Isabel Atkins, Mrs. Tori Kerr, Ms. Kendall Lunn, Mrs. Barbie Monty, Mrs. Stephanie Rodriguez with Ms. Caroline Grutchfield

SPECIAL AREAS:

ECC:

- Art: Mrs. Natalie Jimenez-Frontado
- Music:
- PE: Mrs. Nayda Hawkins
- Spanish: Sra. Myriam Casteneda
- Big Room and Inquiry: Ms. Carol Beyers
- Learning Specialist: Mrs. Bobbie Perez
- Counselor: Mrs. Malu Molano
- Division Substitute: Kendrick Rainey

Elementary:

- Art: Mrs. Susan Most
- Music: Mr. Chris Landi
- PE: Mrs. Nayda Hawkins (Grades 1 and 2), Mrs. Julie Tippet (Grades 3-5)
- Spanish: Sra. Myriam Casteneda (Grades 1 and 2), Sra. Ruth Urzola (Grades 3-5)
- Design Tech Team:
 - Mrs. Andrea Cook, Media Specialist
 - Mrs. Jenny Gochoco, Maker Lab
 - Mr. Bryan McGrath, Technology
- Learning Specialists: Mrs. Taylor Hosey (Grades 1-3) and Mrs. Danielle Earle (Grades 4 and 5)
- Counselors: Ms. Kristin Calvert and Ms. Claire Doshier, Intern
- Division Substitute: Kendrick Rainey