COSTELLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RESOURCE ROOM CURRICULUM NIGHT

Special Education

Room 18



WELCOME TO COSTELLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ABOUT MRS. WAAK

- My 10th year of teaching. Previously, I've worked in Romeo Community Schools as a Middle School special education teacher and in L'Anse Creuse Schools as an elementary special education teacher.
- I earned my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Wayne State University in December 2015, and earned my Master's of Special Education in Autism Spectrum Disorder from Oakland University in August 2021.
- Outside of school, I live with my husband, our son Tucker, and our Siberian Husky, Sophie, in Sterling Heights. I love to spend time with them outside, swimming, and going camping. For fun, I am a Zumba instructor and love dancing. Lastly, I am a huge fan of all things Disney, including the movies, characters, and theme parks.





MRS. MICHELLE WAAK RESOURCE ROOM TEACHER

RESOURCE ROOM STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Michelle Waak Resource Room Teacher/Teacher Consultant**
- **Najah Musallam Paraprofessional**



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Please allow 24 hours for a reply

ANCILLARY STAFF

- Marry Farran- Speech Pathologist
- Meredith Berlin - Social Worker
- Cathy Rinke- Occupational Therapist
- Sara Ventimiglio- Psychologist (Works with students during Redetermination of Eligibility (MET)
- **Students who receive support from ancillary staff will receive a service schedule from each ancillary staff**



THIS IS MY 17TH YEAR WORKING AT COSTELLO AS AN SLP. I ALSO SPEND TIME AT BOULAN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL. MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE LIVED IN TROY FOR 29 YEARS. I HAVE 4 BOYS AND 2 GRANDCHILDREN.

Mary Farran

Speech and Language Pathologist

Speech /Language Skills

Articulation: How students produce sounds

Language: Expressive and Receptive skills

Social Language: Being part of a group, holding conversations

Fluency: Being able to speak fluently 1 word at a time.

Voice: pitch, nasality, vocal nodules



MEREDITH BERLIN
SOCIAL WORKER

I have been working in education for 6 years. I got my Bachelor's Degree in 2019 and my Master's Degree in School-Based Social Work in 2021. I live locally in Troy and love to spend outside of school with family and friends and especially going to Target!

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL SKILLS

- Sharing
- Turn-Taking
- Conflict Resolution
- Hands to Self
- Accepting No
- Listening and Following Directions
- Following Rules

- Identifying Feelings
- Parallel and Reciprocal Play Skills
- Winning and Losing a Game
- Stating Needs
- Transitions
- Flexibility

GENERAL INFORMATION

- IEP Dates
  - Save the dates will come home in the next couple of weeks
  - IEPs occur annually (once a year)
  - METs (redetermination of eligibility occur every 3 years)
  - New students to the Troy School District will have a 30 day IEP placement meeting
  - IEP meetings will meet via Microsoft Teams again this year

- Most academic support is on a push-in or pull-out schedule
- Students receive support in their IEP goal areas

ASSESSMENTS

- Fastbridge is the main assessment tool used in the Resource Room
- **Screening**
  - Students will have initial Fastbridge screening based on their IEP goals through the end of September
- **Progress monitoring**
  - Student's progress will be monitored using the Fastbridge assessment tool on a weekly and bi-weekly bases.
- Fastbridge assessments
  - R-CBM (reading fluency)
  - CompEfficiency (reading comprehension)
  - Math Process (math calculation)
  - MathCAP (concepts and application)

RESOURCE ROOM INTERVENTIONS



Reading

FAST (basic reading)

Orton Gillingham Phonics First

Seeing Stars (basic reading)

Letter and Sounds

Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI- Comprehension)



Writing

Support writing instruction within the general education classroom.



Math

Ready, Set, Math

Math Recovery

Support math instruction within the general education classroom.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING!

- I look forward to working with you and your child this school year! We are going to have a wonderful year!