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Satori School Update ~ May 24, 2021

Dear Satori Families,

Just like that we are at the end of another school year. Thank you so much for your resilience and flexibility as this year was like no other! We hope you have a relaxing summer ahead of you, we will be busy getting ready to see you all very soon in August! Until then though, we wanted to send out who will be on our fantastic teaching team for next year! We plan to have class lists in your mailbox sometime in June, along with information about our virtual registration in July. If you have questions or concerns, please call the school office at 520-293-7555, or email me at jo@satorischool.org

See you next year!

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Brenda Pesquiera-Wener **Preschool Lead**

Hello! My name is Brenda, and I am so excited to be a part of the Satori Preschool! I have worked at Satori for over 25 years. It is an honor to introduce children to Satori and watch them grow throughout our program and into the Charter school! When I am not at Satori I enjoy relaxing, being with my family, reading, and smiling a lot! I love to smile!

Ashley McQuinn **Preschool Teacher**

Greetings! My name is Ashley McQuinn. I am incredibly excited to work with Pre-K this coming year! I can't wait to help little minds grow, explore, and learn in a creative and nurturing way. When I'm not at Satori, I enjoy volunteering with Tucson's art communities, being in nature, and spending time with my family.

Jackie Cocuzza-Walker **K/1 Combination Class**

Hello! My name is Jackie Walker and I will be teaching Kinder / 1st for the 2021-2022 school year. Kindergarten and Frist are very crucial years in a child's learning, and I love being part of their exciting journey through these years. I have been at Satori for about twenty-five years in grades from Pre-K thru 1st. A little about me, is that I am married and have two kids, three dogs and a turtle. We like to have family movie time and most weekends we are at soccer games.

Summer Robertson **2nd Grade**

Hello! My name is Summer Robertson, and I will be the second-grade teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. I love Satori and being part of such a caring and fun community! I like to incorporate a lot of moving and grooving into the classroom. I can't wait to meet all of my students and families! When I'm not at school, I teach Zumba and yoga classes. I also love to go on motorcycle rides with my husband and spend time with our daughter Ivy and our giant dog Angus Maximo the Wonder Pup!



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Karen Kimball **3rd Grade**

Hello! My name is Karen Kimball, and I am so excited to be the 3rd Grade Teacher next school year! We are going to have lots of fun and expand our amazing brains in many ways. I look forward to learning more about the students who will be with me, dive into their interests and approach our goals together. One of my favorite things to do is write. I am really hoping to get my students excited about writing too! When I'm not at school I love to swim, work in my garden, and go on road trips with my family.

Nancy Bonsall **4th Grade**

Hello! My name is Nancy Bonsall and I'm excited to be the 4th grade teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. I love children and I'm literally in awe and thrilled to watch my students as they grow socially, emotionally, and academically during the school year. In this effort, I employ a range of tactics to stimulate understanding and academic growth for each student. During the year we go on interesting field trips and have book clubs, and explore different forms of art. Math, writing, science, and social studies are a big part of the 4th grade curriculum. Students learn the importance of math in their daily lives, write wonderful stories, and work on projects together or individually. My love of reading extends to my students as I introduce them to several different genres and help them choose books they are comfortable reading.

I'm a mother of three and a grandmother of four darling grandchildren. When not traveling to Portland, OR, or London, England to visit my children and grandchildren I love to cook, read, knit, attend games at the U of A, and meet up with lifelong friends!

Keb Mayer **5th/6th Combination Class**

Hello! My name is Keb Mayer and I am very happy to be joining the Satori staff next fall as your 5th/6th grade teacher! I know many of the Satori kids already from being in school for the last couple of weeks. I look forward to meeting everybody this fall. I already love the Satori community and all the wonderful things it stands for. Here are some fun facts about me- I was a member of the Green Fields School staff here in Tucson until it closed, I worked for Sesame Street (Children's Television Workshop) in the Department of Mathematics and Content in New York City, and I am a life-long/diehard Buffalo Bills fan. We will have a great year ahead of us, but first- have a delightful summer!

Ann Peterson **5th/6th Combination Class**

Hello everyone! My name is Ann Peterson, and I will to be returning as a 5/6th Grade teacher next year. I have been teaching at Satori since 2003, but I still consider it such an incredible place to work because I am constantly encouraged to grow as a teacher. What is the best thing about that? I have the privilege of trying to be even better for my students - including those of you I will have next year! After school, I play word and puzzle games, cook, camp/travel, read, and work around our yard/house.

Tina Love **Middle School ELA/Social Studies**

Hello! My name is Tina Love and I teach Middle School Social Studies and ELA. This will be my 3rd year teaching Middle School and my 28th year at Satori. I love to spend time with my four children, my beautiful baby granddaughter, two cats and three dogs, so things are pretty busy for me. I also have an abiding love for books and boots!



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Adrian Tolano Middle School Math

My name is Adrian Tolano, and I teach math to the 7th and 8th graders at Satori school as well as assist with science classes. I have worked at Satori in many capacities in the past as my son has been a student at Satori for five years. Once I completed my degree, I started working at Satori as the K-8 Technology teacher until I found my calling in teaching my favorite subjects outside of Technology, of course! Technology is a true passion of mine, and I try to bring my technology skills into the classroom. I also do my best to calm the math anxieties of our students and make my class a safe and fun place to be. When I am not working, I like being outdoors with my family and playing all types of games, from athletic sports to video games.

Michelle Woodward Middle School Science

Hello! My name is Michelle Woodward and I teach Middle School Science! I enjoy working with this age group of students and find them to be inquisitive and passionate about the way the world works scientifically. I use technology in my classes as I feel it helps to prepare students for the next grand step of high school! When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family, relaxing, and researching fun science things!

Crystal McCue Reading Support/Teacher

Hi! My name is Crystal McCue. Most of you know me as the first-grade teacher, but for the 2021-2022 school year, I'm excited to announce that my role will be shifting so that I can follow my passion for teaching kids to read. I will be the reading support teacher for Satori! I'm very excited to be able to work with all the kids that need support! When I'm not here at school, I love camping, kayaking, adventuring outdoors, and cooking.

Julie Deal Math Support/Teacher

Hi, I am Julie Deal, and I will be stepping into a new role as the math support teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. I am so very excited to be working with the K-3 teachers and their students. I look forward working in lots of different classrooms and making math fun! When I am not at school, I like to read & swim.

Sara Block Social Emotional Support/Teacher

Hello Satori Family! My name is Sara Block, and I am so excited to continue to support our community as the Social Emotional Support Teacher while adding on the role of Volunteer, Events & Media Coordinator. The mental wellness of our community is a huge passion of mine and I love sharing resources and tools with our students and the adults in their lives. It has been such a privilege to work alongside our tiny heroes this year as they muddled through what was an incredibly challenging year for all of us. Next year I will be able to continue holding small groups/individual sessions while also pushing in to support our teaching teams to provide tools to use in the classrooms that support student's social emotional wellbeing. As the Volunteer, Events, & Media Coordinator, I am excited to get our community together in-person again and share through media all the fun things that we do here at Satori! In my personal life, I love to do yoga, travel, and cuddle with my dogs and husband while watching funny movies and sitcoms! This summer we will be welcoming my first little one and are excited to enter the world of parenting.

Susan Stoddard Director of Exceptional Student Services

Hi! My name is Susan Stoddard, and I will be the Director of ESS for the 2021-2022 school year. I am excited to see kids back on campus next year. I am looking forward to working with teachers to help kids reach their fullest potential. When I am not at school, I enjoy spending time with my family (including the 2 dogs, 1 snake, and 1 cat), swimming, reading, and hiking.