

ROWLAND HALL-ST. MARK'S SCHOOL
FACULTY
BEGINNING SCHOOL
2008-2009

Kindergarten

Lonnie Bradley, lead teacher, earned a Master's Degree in Education from State University of New York and taught for nine years in New York, California and Utah before joining our faculty in 2004. In addition, Lonnie has experience teaching drama and college level courses. She is the author of *Reading With Race Cars*, a book on beginning reading. One of her films, *Stranger Dangers*, was the recipient of the National Parents' Choice Award.

Cindy Feinman will be an assistant teacher joining Lonnie Bradley in Kindergarten this year. She is a native of New York state and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. For the past seven years she has been an assistant Kindergarten teacher at the Jewish Community Center of Salt Lake City, and we are delighted to have her joining our faculty.

Margaret Chapman, lead teacher, has an extensive career in Early Childhood Education. Margaret has a Master's of Education from Westminster College in Salt Lake City as well as Early Childhood Licensure and a Reading Endorsement specialty. Margaret has 14 years of teaching experience in Utah, including positions at Meadow Moor Elementary School in the Granite School District, the Jewish Community Center and Wasatch Presbyterian Preschool. Margaret's honors include Westminster College *Future Teacher of the Year*.

Stella Restrepo, assistant teacher, teaming with Margaret Chapman, taught in Alaska as a bilingual tutor before joining our faculty in 2005. Stella received a Law Degree in her native country of Colombia. As a native Spanish speaker, Stella provides support to our faculty with the Spanish curriculum.

Katie Schwab, lead teacher, taught Kindergarten at William Penn Elementary and Second Grade at Jeremy Ranch Elementary School in Park City, Utah prior to teaching for five years at RHSM. She graduated from the University of Puget Sound with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and she obtained her Early Childhood Certification from Westminster College in Salt Lake City. She was nominated for The Teacher of the Year award in Park City. Katie has two children at RHSM. Her daughter attends the Lower School, and her son is a student in the Beginning School.

Linda Strohacker, assistant teacher, teaming with Katie Schwab, attended Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana and Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She began teaching at RHSM in 1998 and has had the benefit of working with several excellent RHSM lead teachers. Previously, Linda worked as a preschool teacher assistant in New Mexico. Her two children are RHSM graduates.

4 Year Olds

Kate Nevins, lead teacher, in the Full-Day classroom, began teaching at RHSM in 1996. A native of Michigan, Kate traveled west to major in dance at the University of Utah. She later danced professionally with a modern dance company. After years of touring, she settled in Salt Lake City teaching for the Utah Arts Council - Artist in Education Program. She has been a teacher and choreographer for the University of Utah Children's Dance Theatre. Kate has certification from the Montessori World Education Institute. She has eight years of experience teaching Kindergarten in the Avenues Montessori Schools. Kate has two graduates of RHSM and a son who attends the Middle School.

Lisa Williams, assistant teacher, teaming with Kate Nevins, graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in Family and Consumer Studies, emphasizing Child Development. She has been an assistant in the Beginning School for seven years. She is also a Certified Nurse Assistant and has worked at Primary Children's Medical Center. She has two children attending RHSM, her daughter is a Middle School student and her son is in the Lower School.

Liz Stone is our lead teacher in the Half-Day 4 Pre K classroom. Liz holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from Keene State College, along with a Utah teaching credential. Liz has taught English in grades 7-12 in New Hampshire and Massachusetts and been a horseback riding instructor. Most recently she has been actively involved with preschoolers, teaching and directing in various programs in the Salt Lake Valley. This is Liz's eighth year in 4 PreK at RHSM.

Becca Roper returns to the Beginning School to team with Liz Stone in the 4 PreK program. Becca is a graduate of the University of Utah where she majored in Early Childhood Education. In addition to her previous experience teaming with Isabelle Buhler in our two and three-year-old classrooms, she has been an assistant teacher at the University of Utah's Child and Family Development Center and a preschool dance instructor. We welcome back Becca, knowing the high level of enthusiasm she will bring to our program.

Joe Pitti, lead teacher, has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Utah in Elementary Education and Elementary Licensure from the State of Utah. Previously, Joe has been a classroom teacher at the Open Classroom in the Salt Lake City School District and a teacher in the Utah Arts Councils' Artist in Residence Program. He is a gifted mime and has studied with Marcel Marceau.

Kristina Obermark is in her second year as the assistant teacher in the 4 PreK class with Joe Pitti. Kristina graduated from Knox College in Illinois and served with Americorps in Missouri. She also taught Kindergarten at Challenger School in Salt Lake City. Kristina has one child. Her husband, Chad, is a Fifth Grade teacher at RHSM as well.

2 and 3 Year Olds

Isabelle Buhler is the lead teacher in the AM and PM Three-Day 3 PreK Classes and the 2 PreK program. She has a Licentiate Degree from the University of Physical Education in Lyon, France and she is a Certified Primary School Teacher of France. Isabelle has a diverse teaching background including positions held in France, California and Wisconsin. She joined our faculty in 1999. Her son is a graduate of RHSM.

Alesa Davis, assistant teacher, teaming with Isabelle Buhler, received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Utah in Elementary Education. Alesa has worked as a preschool and kindergarten teacher for the Salt Lake City School District. She is currently enjoying the advantages of parenting her three sons while working part-time.

Stacey Collett is the lead teacher in the Five-Day 3 PreK Classroom. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Utah and a Master of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Phoenix. Stacey joined our faculty in 1998, but took time off to pursue her independent nanny service. She has one child enrolled at the Beginning School.

Beth Granberg assists Stacey Collett in the Five-Day 3 PreK Class. She joined RHSM in 2006 after a full career in Early Childhood Education, teaching preschool for over 20 years. Beth has a Ph.D. in Child Development from Oregon State University. She also spent time as a Peace Corps volunteer in Brazil, taught early childhood courses at the college level and been an educational specialist for Head Start.

Beginning School Extended Day

Erin Littlefield, the Extended Day lead teacher, has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Westminster College specializing in Early Childhood Education. She taught Kindergarten and Second Grade at Westvale Elementary School in West Jordan and Kindergarten at Realms of Inquiry School. This is her fifth year teaching in the Extended Day program at RHSM.

Tricia Rees assists Erin Littlefield in the Extended Day classroom. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Utah State University where she majored in Family and Human Development. She has been a child life specialist at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, as well as a lead teacher at the IHC Child Development Center.