



August 20, 2026

Dear UDS Families,

I am so excited to share that I am your child's 5th grade math teacher. This is my 29th year teaching! I have taught in a variety of settings, most recently in middle school. However, I also have extensive experience in 5th grade, as well as working with students with learning differences. I am originally from Buffalo, New York, and graduated from Syracuse University. I have been happily married for 28 years and have a 24-year-old son, Cole, and a 21-year-old daughter, Hannah. I also have two energetic doggies — Luna and Misha. I enjoy working out, reading, shopping, spending time with family and friends, and, of course, teaching.

During the school year, my goal is to have your child truly enjoy math! My desire is for your child to gain confidence and become a skilled problem solver. We will learn about whole numbers and the four operations, fractions and mixed numbers, decimals, volume, line plots, the coordinate plane, polygons, ratios, and percents. A strong knowledge of basic math facts is crucial for 5th grade math success.

Meet the Teacher will be held on Thursday, August 20th, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. During this time, you will be able to explore the classroom and meet your child's teachers. We also ask that you drop off any labeled school supplies. You will also be able to meet your child's special area teachers, buy spirit wear and agendas from the PTO, and learn more about after-school programs.

I look forward to partnering with you to help your child have a successful fifth-grade year. Clear communication is very important to me, so please feel free to email me at nicole.forness@uniondayschool.com or call the school at 704-256-1494 with any questions or concerns.

Gratefully,
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