

Colleen Castellano, 3rd Grade Long Term Substitute



Dear Elizabeth Haddon Elementary School Community,

My name is Colleen Castellano, and I am honored to introduce myself as the new Long Term Substitute for Third Grade at Lizzy Haddon! I am excited to be joining such a welcoming community of faculty, students, and families.

I graduated from West Chester University in 2024, with a degree in Early Education and a minor in Special Education. After graduating from West Chester, I extended my experience at Resurrection Catholic School in Cherry Hill as the Third Grade teacher! Prior to that, I have substituted in various schools in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey, working with a range of grades from Pre-K to 8th.

As a teacher, working with children is one of the most rewarding parts. I enjoy watching students grow, not just academically, but in social and emotional aspects as well. My mission is to create a welcoming, inclusive, and engaging environment where I can build strong connections with students and families. I believe every day is an opportunity to make a difference and I do so by uplifting and supporting my students always. As a new educator, I am continuously growing and am eager to begin this exciting school year together!

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my family, especially down at the shore. I am one of four kids and it is safe to say Margate, New Jersey, is my siblings and our parents happy place. My sister had a baby in March, and she has been such a blessing to our lives! She loves to be included in my hobbies and was able to be a mystery reader during the last week of school during the 2024-2025 school year!

Being able to work at Elizabeth Haddon as a long term substitute is an amazing opportunity and I cannot wait to join this community! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at ccastellano@haddonfield.k12.nj.us

Sincerely,
Colleen Castellano

Elise McEvoy, 1st Grade Long Term Substitute



Dear Elizabeth Haddon Elementary School Community,

Hello! My name is Elise McEvoy. I am so excited to join the first-grade team at Lizzy Haddon! I substituted in the district last school year, but I am looking forward to getting to know the students and families!

I have seven years of full-time teaching experience in grades K-3. I have substituted over the years since 2009; I started during college, graduated in 2011, and substituted again in between full-time teaching positions. I chose to work part-time to spend the first few years at home with each of my children. My daughter Giulia is 8, and my son Leo is 3. We love spending time with our 12-year-old Golden Retriever Oliver (Ollie), enjoying Disney often as DVC members, and going to Phillies games. I grew up in Pittsgrove, NJ, and attended Rowan University. I currently live in Voorhees, NJ, and we spend a lot of time in Ocean City, NJ. I am grateful for this opportunity to work in the Haddonfield School District.

As an educator, I strive to cultivate a meaningful learning environment for lifelong learners. First grade is a very exciting year for students, and getting to know each student and meeting their needs is important to me. Helping students grow academically, socially, and emotionally is my goal. We will have fun-filled days in a positive classroom environment where my students feel happy, safe, and comfortable.

I look forward to working together with the staff and families to support students in every way. I am ready for a great school year! Feel free to contact me via email at emcevoy@haddonfieldk12.nj.us

Sincerely,
Elise McEvoy

Ellie Smart, 1st Grade Long Term Substitute



Dear Elizabeth Haddon School Community,

Hello! My name is Ellie Smart, and I am thrilled to be joining the Elizabeth Haddon community! I will be filling in for Mrs. McKeon while she is on maternity leave through the beginning of April. Although I am new to Elizabeth Haddon, I am very familiar with the Haddonfield School District and the Haddonfield community as a whole. My family has lived in Haddonfield my whole life. I graduated from Central Elementary School, Haddonfield Middle School, and Haddonfield Memorial High School.

After graduating from HMHS in June of 2020, I went on to attend Villanova University. Go Cats 🐾 I graduated with my Bachelor of Arts in May of 2024. Throughout my four years at Villanova, I immersed myself in the disability community. I was involved in many of the disability advocacy and awareness organizations on campus, and my participation and leadership roles in these groups further motivated me to pursue a career in education.

I have always had a passion for supporting children and have over ten years of experience working with children in various settings. During my summers in high school and college, I have worked as a camp counselor/teacher at Haddonfield United Methodist Early Childhood Center and Guidepost Montessori at Laurel Oak, as a paraprofessional for ESY in Audubon School District, and as a nanny for multiple families. Upon graduation from Villanova, I had the pleasure of returning to Haddonfield last year and working as the Educational Assistant with kindergarten at Central. I learned a tremendous amount in this role and am excited to apply this knowledge as I move on up to first grade!

Outside of teaching, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family (pictured above with my parents and brother). I grew up involved in the arts, participating in dance, choir, and theater, and I love to go support local community and professional theater productions. In my free time, you can find me reading a good romance novel, binge-watching the newest trending TV series, or shopping. I also love travelling, and am working towards my goal of visiting all 50 states.

I am looking forward to connecting with staff, students, and families in the Elizabeth Haddon community! Please feel free to reach out to me via email - esmart@haddonfield.k12.nj.us

Best regards,

Ellie Smart

Kristi Hughes, .5 Health Teacher



Hi Elizabeth Haddon Families,

My name is Kristi Hughes, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Health teacher at Tatem this year. I'm thrilled to be joining the Elizabeth Haddon community and look forward to meeting all of the students very soon!

I grew up in Cinnaminson, NJ, and earned my degree in Kinesiology, along with my teaching certificate in Health and Physical Education, from West Chester University. Shortly after graduation, I began teaching in the Marple Newtown School District in Pennsylvania, where I taught for 11 years. During that time, I also earned my master's degree in Elementary Education.

In 2008, I got married, and my husband and I now have three children—ages 13, 15, and 16. We live in Moorestown with our dog, Rider. After my children were born, I took some time away from the classroom to focus on my family. During those years, I became actively involved in our local Recreation Center, running youth programs and leading our town's field hockey club.

More recently, I've returned to teaching and have served in several long-term substitute roles throughout the Moorestown School District.

Outside of school, I enjoy being outdoors—running, gardening, reading, and especially walking Rider. I'm really looking forward to a great year ahead and to becoming an active part of the Elizabeth Haddon community!

Sincerely,

Kristi Hughes

Sophia Serano, 2nd Grade Long Term Substitute



Dear Families,

My name is Ms. Sophia Serano, and I have the privilege of stepping in for Mrs. Barber while she is on maternity leave. I have been part of Haddonfield's School District for the past two years and feel fortunate to be a part of such a supportive school community.

At the beginning of last school year, I worked as an Educational Assistant in both Third grade and Kindergarten. I then had the opportunity to step in as a long-term substitute in third grade at Lizzy Haddon, followed by another long-term position in fourth grade at Tatem. I am excited to be back at Lizzy, more specifically, the second grade team and students! It is a pivotal transition year for learners and I am eager to help them learn and grow.

Growing up, I always knew I wanted to be a teacher! In 2023, I graduated from West Chester University with a degree in Early Childhood Education (PreK-4th grade) with a minor in Mathematics (PreK-8th grade). I am excited for this next step in my teaching career. My teaching philosophies include having a dialogic classroom, opportunities for student choice, and having a positive and safe environment. When my students and I facilitate learning, offer choices to take ownership of their learning, and generate a welcoming environment, our classroom will run efficiently.

In my free time, I like spending time with my family, which consists of my mom, dad, brother, and younger sister. You can find me going on walks, baking, reading, watching the Eagles, and spending my summers down the shore. A fun fact about me, I have a twin brother!

My favorite part about being a teacher is building meaningful relationships with my students and their families. I believe these relationships are essential for enhancing student engagement and academic success. During this time of transition, I encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Together, we will make this a smooth and successful transition for your child. I look forward to working with your child and providing a supportive and engaging learning environment for them.

Warm regards,
Sophia Serano

Faith Foley, Special Education Long Term Substitute



Dear Elizabeth Haddon Elementary School Community,

I am very excited to join the special education team at Elizabeth Haddon. I will be filling in for Mrs. Strobel while she is on family leave until February. I grew up in Haddonfield and attended Elizabeth Haddon as a student! I am thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute to such a wonderful and vibrant group of individuals.

I graduated from Rowan University in 2025 with a degree in Elementary Education. I completed my practicum at Elizabeth Haddon School, and I completed a year-long student teaching in kindergarten at Holly Glen School in Williamstown. After graduating from Rowan University, I spent my time substituting through a multitude of grades from preschool to high school.

Being a teacher is such a rewarding experience as you truly get to see the children grow and thrive each day. As a teacher, I want every student to feel welcomed, accepted, and supported in all aspects. I am constantly growing and learning, and am eager for the school year to begin.

Outside the classroom, I enjoy going on walks with my family and friends. I also enjoy spending my summers and free time at the beach, specifically Wildwood Crest. I am one of two kids and am the youngest of the two. I also enjoy seeing Broadway shows in New York with my family, particularly my sister.

I am honored to have the opportunity to work at Elizabeth Haddon, and I can't wait to see what the year brings. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at f Foley.haddonfield.k12.nj.us

Sincerely,

Faith Foley

Adrianna Reitano, Special Education Long Term Substitute



Dear Elizabeth Haddon Elementary School Community,

My name is Adrianna Reitano, and I am thrilled to be joining the Elizabeth Haddon community! I am honored to serve as a Special Education Long-Term Substitute and truly look forward to being part of such a supportive and welcoming community of students, families, and staff.

I graduated from Rowan University in 2025 with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Social Studies. During my time at Rowan, I gained valuable experience substituting in multiple schools across South Jersey and working in a daycare setting. I have had the opportunity to work with students of all ages and grade levels, and I have loved every experience.

The most rewarding part of teaching for me is getting to work with children each day. I truly value the opportunity to connect with every student and be part of their learning journey. Those meaningful relationships are what inspire me and fuel my passion for teaching. My mission is to create a safe, supportive, and engaging classroom environment where all students feel valued, encouraged, and excited to learn. I strive to honor each child's unique needs, celebrate their strengths, and help them grow both academically and personally while fostering a genuine love of learning.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, going to the beach, watching the Eagles, and relaxing with a good book or movie. I also love to travel and learn about new places. There's nothing better than discovering something new and exciting!

I am so excited to be part of the Elizabeth Haddon community and cannot wait to see what the school year brings. Please don't hesitate to reach out at areitano@haddonfield.k12.nj.us

Sincerely,

Adrianna Reitano