



Welcome to Team Calypso!



Dear Calypso student and family:

Welcome to Hunt Middle School and **Team Calypso!** We are looking forward to a school year that is filled with learning, curiosity and fun!

The most important things to bring with you on the first day of school are a positive attitude and energy for learning! There are some practical items that can be helpful, too, so below is a list of school supplies that will be good to have. If you can get your hands on these items over the summer, that would be great. Otherwise, we will help you find what you need when you arrive.

We will look forward to welcoming you on the **first day of school which is Wednesday, August 27th.**

Sincerely,

Ms. Klarides, iklaride@bsdvt.org
(Humanities)

Mrs. Orlando, lslocum@bsdvt.org
(Science and Math)

Ms. Sakai, tsakai@bsdvt.org
(Special Education)

Calypso Team Needed Supplies:

- ☐ Pencil case or pouch that you will carry from class to class
- ☐ **Pencils!!** If possible, please get one or two 12-packs to have throughout the year
- ☐ water bottle
- ☐ 4 separate pocket folders, preferably the stronger, “laminated” or plastic type
- ☐ 2 composition books (the marbled-cover kind; either college or wide rule)
- ☐ 2 locks (one for the hall locker; one for P.E.) Either number or word combo locks work
- ☐ 2 pairs of earbuds that can **stay at school!** Inexpensive, dollar-store variety recommended
- ☐ Black and blue flair pen or ultra fine point Sharpie marker



Helpful to have:

Basic calculator, glue sticks, extra pocket folders, small box of colored pencils or thin markers

Turn the page to read about your Calypso teachers! →→→→→→→→



Hey everyone, I'm Mrs. Orlando. I grew up in Burlington and went to school at C. P. Smith, Hunt, and BHS. (That's a photo of me at Camp Hochelaga when I was about your age.)



I have 3 grown children and one grandson, Neal, whom I love to spend time with. I am also a total animal person! have a cat named Knives plus Thor, a ball python, and 3 African water frogs. I do a lot of outside activities like hiking and biking, and I also play the violin and piano. I love teaching sixth grade math and science and I know that we'll have a great year together on Team Calypso!

Hi everyone, I'm Ms. Klarides. I am originally from Connecticut but I moved up to southern Vermont when I was in high school. I also lived down in Florida for a few years. I am so grateful to be back up in Vermont and learning with you all this year.



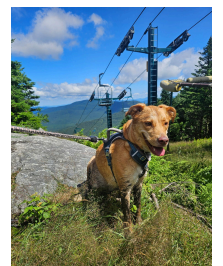
I just moved to Burlington from Winooski. I live with my dog Rosie, she is really fun and energetic. We like to spend a lot of time outside walking on the rec path and enjoying the lake. She really loves to swim!

One of my favorite things to do is cook. I enjoy trying new recipes and sharing food with family and friends. I just went and picked strawberries the other day and made a crisp. It was so good!

A few years ago I went back to school at UVM to become a teacher. I chose middle school because I think it is a really awesome age where a lot of important stuff happens. I'm looking forward to being your teacher and learning together!

Hi! I'm Ms. Sakai (she/her). I grew up in central Vermont and I came to Burlington to study ancient Greek and Latin at UVM. I am a huge word nerd - I love learning about where words come from and what they mean! To learn more about my Japanese roots and practice a new (spoken) language, my husband and I moved to Sapporo, Japan and taught English for two years.

We came back to Vermont to teach and enjoy our community here. I loved snowboarding, hiking, and biking in Japan, and I still enjoy these hobbies back here in Vermont! Lately, I've been having a blast hiking with my 1/2 year old rescue puppy, Zangi.



Calypso Team

2025 - 2026

* As of July 2025

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Ivy Leddy
Jay Cline Lucey
Josephine Unrein
Kain Poulin

Kristina Mangar
Leo Farnham
Lyric Lowery
Mapenzi Mbilizi
Maria Cataleya Angeles
Matthes Callery
Nathan Bald
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Riley Savage
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