

House B Teaching Team 2015 - 2016

Karen Allard – Math Interventionist and Co-Teacher (kallard@mtsd-vt.org)

I am looking forward to my 3rd year with this incredibly talented teaching team. This is my 8th year of teaching in Milton. I hold certifications in K-6 General Education, Middle School Social Studies, and Special Education. Prior to joining Milton, I worked in law for over 10 years. When I am not teaching, I am spending time with my husband James, daughter Emily, and dog Jack. I have a strong affinity to community and continue to stay involved in programs that support our youth.

Tami Koester - Speech-Language Pathologist (tkoester@mtsd-vt.org)

I'm embarking on my 17th year as a Speech-Language Pathologist in Milton and my 27th year as a Speech-Language Pathologist in general. I'm looking forward to my third year working with Houses B and C. Some of you may know me from the 13+ years I worked in Milton's Birth to three and Essential Early Education Program. Wow! Our kids have grown into fine young men and women, and I'm proud to work in our school district. I grew up in Chicago and Iowa. I received my Bachelor's of Science degree from Iowa State University and my Master's of Science degree from Bowling Green State University. I came to Vermont via NYC and love living here with my family. I also like to learn, hike, bike, ski, volunteer, and will spend my last dime to travel.

Greer Krembs – Science (gkrembs@mtsd-vt.org)

I'm looking forward to my third year of learning, growing, and building community with the House B students and teachers at Milton Middle School. I grew up in Vermont and earned a Biology degree at St. Mary's College of Maryland. I moved around the country exploring New Orleans, Louisiana, Michigan, and Washington state, where I earned my Master's degree in Teaching at Western Washington University, with endorsements in Biology and General Science. I moved back to Vermont two years ago and live in Winooski with my dog, two cats, and rabbit. I am a very curious person, which is why I love science. Science is a way of thinking and enables us to ask questions about and explore the world around us. I love the outdoors, walking my dog, canoeing, gardening, hiking, reading, and cooking.

Francine Lemnah – Mathematics (flemnah@mtsd-vt.org)

I have been teaching in Milton for 16 years as a Middle School Math Instructor. I live in Westford with my husband, Mark. We have two adult children -- Derrick in Stowe, VT with his family, and Renee in Little Compton, RI with her family. As for myself, I grew up on a beautiful farm, in a small town, up in the Northeast Kingdom, one of eleven children. As for my educational background, I earned my undergraduate degrees as a non-traditional student attending Plymouth State College, The Community College of Vermont, and eventually completed my studies at Johnson State College, summa cum laude. While at JSC, I double majored and earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with a minor in Early Childhood Education. Over the past seven years, I have worked and earned an additional endorsement in middle school mathematics and recently earned a Master's degree in Education at St. Michael's College, summa cum laude. As for my personal interests, I

love to be with my family and to actively do things outside such as gardening, golfing, swimming, biking, and hiking. I also love to travel, listen to music, refinish old furniture, remodel my home, and create quilts.

Josh Roof – Humanities (jroof@mtsd-vt.org)

My name is Josh Roof, and I am thrilled to be part of House B for the third year, and the Milton Middle School for my ninth year. We have such an amazing opportunity to do great things as a 6-8 community. My credentials are a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Saint Michael's College ('97) and a Master of Arts in Education from UVM ('06). I have held many jobs in various educational settings during and since college. I began my public school teaching career in Milton at the start of the 2006-2007 school year. I love being part of the Milton learning community and have made numerous meaningful relationships and friendships over the past nine years. Reading, writing, and learning about the world and its peoples are essential to my life, and my desire to share these with others led me to the classroom. My goal is to help students improve their skills and interests by finding what works for them individually, and as a group. Currently, I live in Burlington with my wife and two daughters. I enjoy athletics (especially basketball), music, cooking, writing, and reading.

Ellen Taggart – Humanities (etaggart@mtsd-vt.org)

I was raised in Concord, Massachusetts and have lived in Vermont for 20 years. My teaching experience includes three years as a Humanities teacher at Orange Center School, and seven years as a Literacy Specialist and Soccer and Basketball coach at Shelburne Community School. I will be starting my 3rd year at MMS as a Humanities Teacher on House B. Prior to teaching, I spent a decade working in environmental policy and community organizing. I currently live in Winooski with my spouse, Margaret Limoge, and my adorable Rat Terrier, Tanner Blue. I am looking forward to another great learning year on House B with our incredibly fun-loving and hard working students and teaching team!