

I am honored to work with the talented and experienced P.A.W.S. Team. I have been in the elementary special education department in the Wellesley Public Schools since August of 2008. For the last seven years I have served as the Elementary Department Head for Special Education.

Preschool at Wellesley Schools (P.A.W.S.) is an integrated preschool program with teachers who are licensed special educators with years of experience. Each classroom has at least one additional teaching assistant and many have an additional paraprofessional. Our related service providers include occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, and physical therapists. P.A.W.S. is also staffed with a full time school psychologist, a BCBA, a crisis interventionist, a school nurse, a team chair, and part-time social worker.

I believe in an inclusive school environment, where all children can learn from one another. We embrace differences in all children, families, and learning/play styles and teach using a variety of curriculums paired with cooperative play, child interests, and movement. Our goal is for children to foster a love of learning that will continue with them throughout their school career.

Partnering with families and caregivers is important to supporting children's progress in school. I look forward to collaborating with families and caregivers and feel open lines of communication are vital to a child's success. I will be collaborating with the PTO and meeting regularly to ensure that families feel supported and heard during their time at P.A.W.S.

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