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☺ Meet the Teacher ☺

MEET

Miss Maggie



#Selfie



#welcome

Welcome to preschool! My name is Maggie Fillipi and I'm so excited to be teaching preschool this year! This will be my third year of teaching and my second year here at PPS! I love working with children at this age because I get to watch them grow and learn everyday. I grew up in Pender and graduated in 2019 from Wayne State College. I'm looking forward to a GREAT year in preschool.

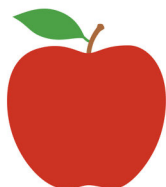
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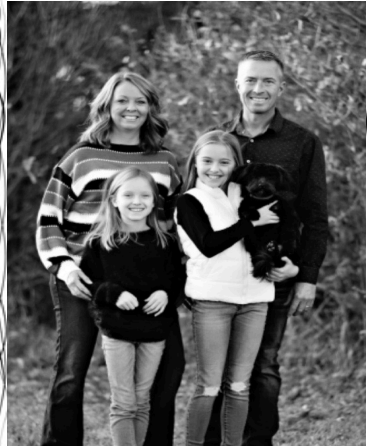
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Scooters coffee
Target
Husker football
Dogs
Netflix
Christmas



WELCOME to Kindergarten

WELCOME
BACK!



About Me

I am so excited to start a new school year 😊. My name is Shauna Kinning, and I was born and raised in Pender. My husband's name is Mark, and we have 2 daughters, Samantha and Kate and a dog named Ozzy 🐶. I taught for 3 years at District 82 and I am starting year 21 teaching kindergarten here at PPS. We are going to have so much FUN this year! I can't wait for August 19th to meet you!

My Favorites

Season: Fall
Drink: Diet Coke
Candy: Anything
chocolate
Color: Purple

But my VERY
favorite thing is
being with my
family ❤️

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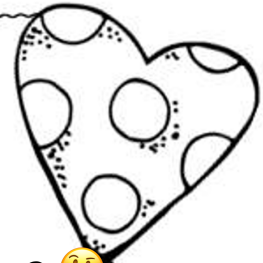
HELLO KINDERGARTENER!

My name is *Mrs. Bargholz* and I am so excited to be your teacher this year.

We are going to do so many **FUN** things and of course we will learn a lot. This will be my twelfth year teaching kindergarten at Pender. I love teaching kindergarten and all the growing, learning, and fun we get to have! Want to know a little more about me? Here are a few of my **FAVORITE** things:



Color:  Purple
Food:  Chocolate
Drink:  Dr. Pepper
Season:  Fall



Store: Target and does Amazon count? 

Thing to do: Golf, Netflix Binge, Read

Parents, please never hesitate to contact me. I feel that communication is essential for a successful education. Call 402-385-3244 or email ambargh1@penderschools.org



My family: Jayme,
Ayla (10), Hailey (7)
Grayson (5)

Love,
Mrs. Bargholz

Meet Miss Bessmer

WELCOME
BACK!



About Me

Hello! My name is Ashley Bessmer and I am one of the first grade teachers. I am starting my 10th year at Pender Elementary.

I was born and raised in Pender and fortunate enough to graduate from PHS. I went on pursuing a degree in Elementary Education from UNL and always knew I wanted to come back to Pender. I have two dogs, Sophie and Miley, I call them my furbabies. I enjoy spending time with them. I also love to spend time with my friends and family.

I am super excited to get this year started! We are going to do a lot of amazing things in first grade!!

My Favorites

Season: Fall

Food: Tacos

Drink: COLD water &
Dt. Mtn. Dew

Color: Blue

Animal: Elephant

Book: Tale of Desperaux

Hobbies: Reading and
Golfing

Sophie and Miley



meet

Miss Wolfgram



welcome

Welcome to 1st grade! I am so excited to begin this school year with you! You would not believe how much you will grow during the time we get to spend together. We will have so much fun each and everyday. I can't wait to meet and get to know you and your family!

a little about me

I am so overjoyed to continue my teaching career at Pender Public Schools as a 1st grade teacher! I graduated from Wayne State College in 2017 with a degree in Elementary Education and an ESL and Reading and Writing endorsement. I feel so fortunate that I get to teach your child this school year! Educating children is where my heart lies!

I grew up in Laurel, NE and graduated from Laurel-Concord High School in 2014. I have 4 siblings; 1 brother and 3 sisters. Also, I have two nephews named Kaden and Kyson. Kaden is 3 years old and Kyson is 1 year old. We love spending time together and watching anything dealing with the Nebraska Cornhuskers!

GO BIG RED!

my favorites
For Classroom

Paper Mate Flair Pens – Magnets –
Sticky Notes – Stamps - Stickers -
Teacher Gift Cards

Sports Teams

Nebraska Cornhuskers – Kansas
City Royals – North Carolina Tar
Heels – Minnesota Vikings –
Boston Celtics

Foods

Italian Food – Sweet Corn –
Cheeseburgers - Fruit – Ice Cream

Favorite Places

Memorial Stadium
The Beach
California
Kansas City
The Lake

2nd Grade – Mrs. Dahlman

Meet the Teacher!

Hi! My name is Sheila Dahlman and I teach second grade at Pender Public Schools. I am originally from Bow Valley, Nebraska. I attended Wayne State College and moved to Thurston right before I graduated from college. After graduating I taught in Walthill for a few months before I started teaching at Pender. At Pender, I have taught 7-12 Special Education and K-1, 7-8 Remedial, 2-6 Remedial, 2nd grade, and 3rd grade. After a few years teaching, I went back to Wayne State and got my Master's degree in education.

My husband Jim and I have 3 children who are all Husker alumni plus a son in law who is an Iowa State alumnus. Christopher lives and works in Lincoln, Rachael in Austin, Texas and Rebecca & Paul in Rochester, Minnesota. All four of them work with computers! Christopher, Rachael & Rebecca were students of mine in second grade!

This summer I spent a lot of time with family, golfing, and camping. I also spent time doing some sewing, gardening, cross stitching, and tatting. I did get to do one of my favorite things this year which was I went to the Knoxville Nationals Sprint Car Racing! I am so excited to start a new year in second grade with my new students! We will all be learning so many great things!



Welcome to 2nd Grade!

Get to know Mr. Mailloux

Teaching Career

I am starting my 5th year in education overall and my second year in 2nd grade. I taught 5th grade for two years in David City before coming to Pender and teaching 4-5-6 Special Education for one year. I am also the boys basketball coach here in Pender.

Personal Life

I grew up in Pender just like you! In fact Mrs. Dahlman (your Reading and Social Studies teacher) was my teacher when I was in 2nd grade. I live in the country between here and Wakefield with my wife Allie, our son Brantley, our three dogs Atlas, Mya, and Bandit, and a whole bunch of chickens.

In my spare time I love to be outside in nature hunting and fishing. I also like to play golf, cook, and read.



My Favorites

Color: Red

Teams: Nebraska Cornhuskers & Duke Blue Devils

Place: Anywhere Outside

Book: Where the Red Fern Grows

Music: Country

Sport: Basketball

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welcome

3rd GRADE

...and the best year ever! I am so excited to be your teacher! It's going to be a great year full of fun, discoveries, and lots of learning! I can't wait to share it with YOU!

#BESTYEAREVER

Hello!

A **LITTLE ABOUT ME:**

HOMETOWN: Leigh, NE

COLLEGE: UNK Lopers

GRADUATE SCHOOL: Peru State College

HUSBAND: Mr. Luke Hoffman, 4-6 Math teacher

CHILDREN: Sloane (5), Neely (3),
Bryce (2), new baby in Aug.

Meet the Teacher



FAVORITES:

DRINK: Iced Coffee :)

FOOD: Pizza

HOBBY: Anything outdoors

COLOR: Red

TEAM: Chiefs/Twins

ANIMAL: Dog

SPORT: Basketball

STORE: Scheels/Target

MEET THE TEACHER



Hello! My name is Brianna Gaer, and this will be my fourth year as a 3rd grade teacher at PPS! This summer summer flew by, but I am so happy to be heading back to school! I look forward to getting to know an outstanding group of 3rd graders!

My husband, Mark, and I just celebrated our fourth anniversary. Our daughter Everly is three years old. She started preschool this fall, and I am so excited to see her grow and learn new things at preschool. Everly will have a sibling very soon! Mark and I are expecting our second child in November, and Everly can hardly wait! Other members of our family include our two dogs Bo and Riggs.



I grew up on a farm about five miles south of York, Nebraska. I grew up having many farm animals, but the ones that I hold near and dear to my heart were my horses. I showed horses competitively for 13 years before I went off to college. My mom and dad worked very hard so my siblings and I could travel all of the state of Nebraska showing horses. I have shared my love of horses with Everly, and she is *obsessed* with horses. Hopefully in the near future, Everly can have horses of her own!



What brought me to Pender? You might say my amazing husband Mark (PHS alum), but it was Wayne State College. You may not know that I did my student teaching experience here at PPS. I LOVED my student teaching experience at PPS so much, and I am so fortunate to be a teacher here. Before I received a position at PPS, I taught 3rd grade in Paxton, Nebraska for two years and 5/6th grade English language arts in Emerson for two years. I am excited to begin my eighth year of teaching at the best district! It's a GREAT day to be a PENDRAGON!

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MEET THE TEACHER

Mrs. Nixon

WELCOME

Hello! My name is Mrs. Nixon and I will be your child's teacher this year. This will be my 20th year of teaching overall, and I am so excited to share it with your child. It is sure to be the best one yet!

My husband, Thad, is the School Counselor at Pender Public Schools. We have 4 children. Our oldest son, Brody, will be in the sixth grade, while Jace will be in third grade. Our daughter, Bergen, will be in second grade this year. Dansby is the youngest of our children, and he is coming to preschool this year! We enjoyed a summer of sunshine, baseball, softball, and visiting new places.

This is going to be a great school year, and I can't wait to start this year's learning adventure with your child.



EDUCATION

I grew up in Leigh, Nebraska and then attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Upon graduating with my elementary teaching degree and coaching endorsement, I began teaching 5th grade in Lincoln at Hartley Elementary and coaching basketball at Lincoln Northeast.

From there, I moved to Wakefield Community Schools and taught 4th grade/Writing and coached for 10 years. In addition, I obtained my master's degree from Peru State College.

In 2015, I started teaching in Pender and have been teaching Writing all day, every day to 4th-6th graders!



MY FAVES

Color: Red
Candy: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
Teams: Huskers, Detroit Lions
Sport: Volleyball
Music: Country
Drink: Bubblr
Store: Target
Hobbies: Gardening, Painting
Books: Berenstain Bear's- The Bike Lesson, Wonder
Subject: Writing ☺



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I encourage you to contact me if you have questions.

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MEET THE TEACHER



I'm thrilled to be your 4th Grade teacher. Together let's make this year great!

EDUCATION

I attended and graduated from right here at Pender Public Schools. Next, I went to Wayne State College and graduated with an Elementary Education degree. This will be my fourth year as the 4th grade homeroom and the Social Studies teacher for 4th, 5th and 6th graders.

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Feel free to call the school or email me with any questions or concerns.

FAVORITES

I love to spend time with my family, teach, ride horses and rodeo, take the boys to their activities and watch Nebraska Football! My favorite time of the year is fall, we get the beautiful colors and the weather cools down. My favorite color is red and milk duds are my favorite candy.

MEET THE TEACHER

My name is Mr. Hoffman and I am a fifth grade teacher at Pender. This is my 9th year of teaching in Pender and 11th year overall. I will be teaching math to 4th, 5th, and 6th graders this year. We will continue using Saxon Math this year, so hopefully the students have gotten used to the format.

At school, I am also involved in being the head boys golf coach and coaching 5th/6th grade football. I enjoy the variety my day brings as I get to teach the elementary kids and then coach high schoolers after school.

During the summer months, you will see me early in the morning monitoring the high school & junior high athletes in the weight room. I also enjoy going on fishing trips, golfing, and boating. Mrs. Hoffman and I have two daughters and one son. We also have a baby due to be born any day! Sloane is 5 years old, Neely is 3, and Bryce just turned 2 on August 9th.

I graduated high school from Wakefield and then attended Wayne State College for my degree in education. Before coming to Pender, I taught sixth grade in Allen, NE and then worked for Halliburton, an oil field company.

MY FAVORITES:

Food: Steak and Mashed Potatoes

Sports Teams: NE Huskers, Chicago Bulls, KC Chiefs, KC Royals

Season: Summer & Football Season!

Color: Green

Animal: Gorilla

Place: On a Boat



MEET THE TEACHER

Mrs. English

★ My History ★



Hello, as many of you know I am your child's 5th grade teacher this year. I have met most of you and might have even had your child last year in 4th grade science. I was born and raised in Walthill and am married to Mark English. We have 3 children; Amber is 21 years old, Evan is 17, and Adyson is 10. This is my 10th year here at Pender Public Schools. I previously taught at Bancroft for 8 years. Some of my favorite things to do are spend time with my family and friends, play board games with my kids, and go camping while relaxing by a campfire.

★ My Teaching ★

I teach science to students in grades 4-6. I am excited about teaching your child this year. Since I had some of the same students as last year, it makes the beginning of the year so much easier. I am very excited to get going into the school year and get some routines back in our lives! I know it is going to be a great year for all of us!!

Contact Me

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Color: purple
Pet: dog
Drink: coffee

Favorites

Book: *Because of Mr. Terupt*
Food: chicken



Welcome to Sixth Grade!!!

Huskies



My name is Tara Miller, and I am extremely excited to be teaching Sixth Grade at Pender Elementary this year! I will also be teaching Reading to all 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade students. This will be my 17th year teaching overall with time spent in kindergarten, 3rd grade, 1st grade, and 4th grade. I graduated from UNL with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and have a master's degree in K-6 School Administration from UNK. I recently completed the classwork for my 7-12 Administrative Endorsement and am halfway done with my Educational Specialist degree. I am a lifelong learner and will continually be looking for ways to improve my teaching and myself.

I am married to Eric Miller, the PHS principal. We have three daughters and one son that keep us busy. This month we moved our oldest daughter, Carson, 800 miles away to start her freshman year of college at Ole Miss in Oxford, MS. Hotty Toddy, Rebels! Camryn is a junior and excited to have her own room! Peyton is in 8th Grade, and Paxton is in 6th Grade. We also have three dogs that are extremely spoiled: Theo, Charlie, and Fletcher.

Ole Miss

Our summer was spent at various ballfields around the state and often going three or four different directions at a time. Once that time was done, we were able to scoot south to the beaches of Gulf Shores, Alabama for some rest and relaxation. We also tried to spend as much time together as we could, knowing how busy it all gets once school gets started.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, working out, shopping online, and spending time with my family and friends. Together as a family we love road trips, just being home together, visiting college campuses, and seeing various professional sporting events. This summer these Cubs fans went to a Cardinals/Giants game in St. Louis!



Sixth Grade is such an exciting time of growth and maturation. They are now the leaders of the building with many younger eyes looking up to them. I will always encourage our kiddos to "be the leaders" both inside the school and in the community. We're going to have a great year! These kids are my "why," and I can't wait to see all they accomplish!

Tara Miller

Sixth Grade

4-5-6 Reading Teacher

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Welcome to Sixth Grade!

My name is Mrs. Bailey Tofflemire, and I am so excited to begin my career at Pender this year! I will be teaching Guided Reading to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. This will be my first year teaching, as I graduated from Wayne State College last Spring!



On July 31st of this year, I married Marcus Tofflemire! We have been together for nearly four years now! We are very excited to begin our lives together and see where we go!

Though this summer was filled with wedding preparations, my parents still found time to squeeze in our traditional family vacation! This year we went to Nashville! My siblings, parents, husband, and I had a blast visiting the waterpark, a mansion, and downtown Nashville. We even caught a Cardinals game and visited Six Flags in St. Louis on our way home!

In my spare time I enjoy reading, listening to music, crafts and puzzles. I will also be assistant coach for the Pender Flames this year! I am thrilled to be getting back into my lifelong love of dancing, something that has filled my heart and time since I was 5 years old!



I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of my students this year! I know each one will bring something unique to our classroom and learning experiences and will help make this a truly wonderful year!

Hello!



I'm Mrs. Swinton

Welcome to Pender!

I am excited to introduce myself as your kindergarten-3rd grade Special Education teacher! I was born and raised in Nebraska City but my family and I have lived in Pender since July of 2011. I graduated from Peru State College with a degree in Special Education and I have a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. I am entering my 11th year as an Elementary Special Education teacher and couldn't be happier to be part of an amazing team here in Pender!

My husband, Daniel, also works here at Pender Public Schools as the transportation coordinator. We have two daughters, Farris (age 13) and Liberty (age 8). We are an easy-going family that loves to fish, camp, and watch Iowa football. That's right, I am a Hawkeye fan...Go Hawks!



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My Favorite Things

Color: Purple

Place: Home

Food: Steak

Drink: Diet Pepsi

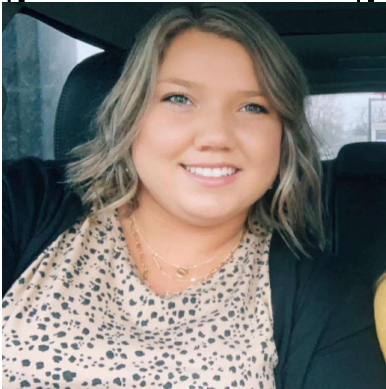


MEET

Ms. Blanke



#Selfie



Welcome to 4-5-6 Special Education

Hello! My name is Payton Blanke! I grew up and graduated in Emerson, Nebraska. I am graduating from Wayne State College in December with a Degree in Kindergarten-12th Grade Special Education with a coaching endorsement. I am currently teaching 4th -6th grade special education here at Pender.

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#Favorites

Sport: Basketball
Food: Chinese Food, Pasta
Drinks: Starbucks
Hobby: Hanging with family
Season: Fall
Color: Pink
Vacation Place: Florida



meet

Mrs. Welch



wELCOME

Hello! Welcome to the 21-22 school year. I am so excited to be back and I'm ready to learn so many new things this year.

a little about me

My name is Kayla Welch, and this is my 6th year at PPS. I am a K-12 Special Education teacher in the Pendragon Academy. I live outside of Homer on a small acreage with my Husband, Larry, my step-daughter, Kinsley and our 7th month old, Isabella.

my favorites

Favorite Color
Turquoise

Favorite Sport
Basketball

Favorite Hobby
Reading

Favorite Drink
Diet Dr. Pepper

Favorite Food
Alfredo

Meet the Teacher

Mrs. Audra Miller



Logan (16)



Grant & Audra



Drew (14)

I was born and raised in Wayne, NE. I graduated from Wayne High and Wayne State College. I taught in Texas for 9 years before returning to live in my hometown. This is my 14th year at Pender and 23rd year overall. I am the Reading Intervention teacher at Pender and love helping kids learn to read!

Most of our summer was spent with the kids playing basketball and softball. I am looking forward to this school year and love being able to see the kids' faces!



Read to Succeed!