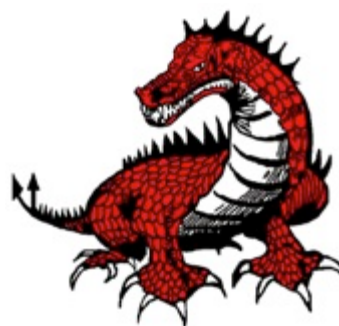


Pendragon PRIDE



PENDER ELEMENTARY eNEWS



August 23, 2019

Meet the Teacher!

My name is Mrs. Goodman and I am the Early Childhood Educator!

I have been teaching for 29 years now, and I have taught preschool for 19 years. It's true when they say, time flies when you are having fun!

I have a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an Early Childhood emphasis. I always say that I have the best job around because I love the little children! They are so full of fun and stories; they are also full of wonder! Everything is new and exciting to them!

My husband, Steven, and I live in Pender. We enjoy flipping houses and we are now on number 29!

Our youngest son, Aaron, lives and works in Wayne, and our two older children, Jason and Amy, who are both married, live in Hawaii, and Eagle, NE, respectively. We have 4 grandsons and one grand daughter.

I am looking forward to a great year in preschool as we learn and play together!

Some of My Favorite Things:

My Faith
My family
Children
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Dogs and Cats
The color red
Sweet tea from McDonald's
Remodeling houses
HGTV
Flowers



Teaching is an absolute passion of mine! I am so excited to start another year of kindergarten. It is going to be a year full of *fun, learning* and lots of *adventure!* I would like to share a little about me.

I was born and raised in Pender and attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney where I graduated with a degree in elementary education with an endorsement in special education. I then went to Wayne State and received my master's degree in curriculum and instruction. I have been married for 22 years to my amazing husband Mark. We have two wonderful children Samantha (9) and Kate (7). We love spending time together as a family!

I have a love for learning and I would hope that my students would also learn to love learning as much as I do. I feel that children are different and require specific attention and affection for them to flourish. I will strive to be that for each of my students; an educator who loves each child that walks in my door and gives each of them not only an education, but also a passion to learn.

I believe a successful year consists of an open communication line between parents and teacher. Please feel free to email me at shkinni1@penderschools.org anytime you have a question or concern.

A FEW OF MY FAVORITES:

Color: Purple

Food: Pasta

Drink: Diet Coke

Book: Heaven Is For Real

Song: Africa

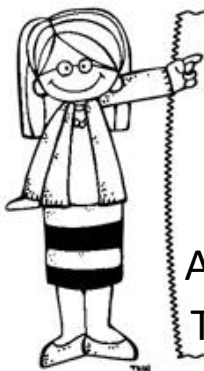
Season: Summer and Fall (I love both!)

Things to Do: Spend time with family 💕



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 tenth year teaching kindergarten at Pender. I love teaching kindergarten and all the growing, learning, and fun we get to have! It amazes me each year when I see how much the students grow. My favorite subject to teach is reading. I really enjoy seeing my students grow into successful readers and develop a love of reading. 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**

Author: **Dr. Seuss** We share birthdays

Thing to do: **Spend time with my family**



Parents, please never hesitate to contact me. I feel that communication is essential for a successful education.

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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 8th 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, London and Miley, I call them my furbabies. I enjoy spending time with them. I also love to spend time with my 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

London 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 December of 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 and my wonderful parents! Also, I have a nephew named Kaden and another nephew on the way! 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

Kauffman Stadium
Memorial Stadium
California
The Lake
Home with my family!

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.

My husband Jim and I have 3 children who are all Husker alumni. My son Christopher lives and works in Lincoln, Rachael in Austin, Texas and Rebecca in Rochester, Minnesota. All three of them were my students in second grade!

This summer I went to see Rebecca in Minnesota. While there, we went to Thursdays on Main which is a craft/entertainment evening and we went shopping. I also enjoyed some camping, jet skiing, and racing. I just returned from watching the Knoxville Nationals sprint car races in Iowa! I am already having a great year in second grade with my new students. It is so exciting to spend every school day with second graders who are learning new things. I can tell it is going to be a fantastic year!



Meet the Teacher!

Hi! My name is Mrs. Smith and I am one of the second grade teachers this year. This is my 14th year teaching in Pender and I am looking forward to a great year with some awesome students!

I was born and raised in Odebolt, Iowa. I came to Nebraska to attend Wayne State College. I received a degree with a major in Elementary Education and Early Childhood, and an endorsement in coaching. I also have my Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. I met my husband while in Wayne, and we decided Northeast Nebraska was a good place to raise our family. We have two boys. My oldest son Blake is in 5th Grade and loves learning new things. He enjoys sports, playing games, reading books, and is trying band for the first time. My youngest son Colton is in 3rd Grade and loves getting dirty! His favorite things to do include playing farm in the dirt, riding bikes, reading books, playing soccer, and playing with Legos. We spend a lot of time traveling to visit family. We love spending time outside playing ball, swimming, golfing, gardening, or spending time at the lake!

This is going to be a fantastic year of learning and exploring new things! If you ever have questions, please do not hesitate to get ahold of me at vismith1@penderschools.org.

My Favorites

Food: Steak Oscar

Color: Red

Drink: Diet Cherry Coke

Season: Spring

Sport: Basketball

Restaurant: Olive Garden

Fast Food: Dairy Queen

Animal: Monkey

Hobby: Gardening

Summer Activities: Spending time with friends and family and being at the lake!



MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs. Hoffman – 3rd Grade

Hi! My name is Liz Hoffman. I am beginning my fifth year of teaching in Pender. Prior to Pender, I taught third grade at Stanton Community Schools for eight years. I also coached Girls Basketball. A little about me... I am originally from Leigh, Nebraska. I graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 2007 where I obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education Degree and played basketball for four years. In December 2009, I obtained my Master's Degree in Curriculum & Instruction through Peru State College. I am married to Mr. Luke Hoffman, a 5th grade teacher. We have three kids: Sloane (3), Neely (1), and Bryce (2 weeks). We are definitely busy but wouldn't have it any other way!

Outside of teaching, I love to spend time with family and anything outdoors. I enjoy playing and watching sports of all kinds. I also enjoy boating, watching a good movie, and shopping! I am excited for another fun-filled learning year in 3rd grade!

Your Partner in Education,
Mrs. Liz Hoffman





MEET THE TEACHER



Hello! I am so happy to come back this fall for my second year as a 3rd grade teacher at PPS! Even though this summer FLEW by, I always get so excited to head back to school to meet a new group of students. I look forward to getting to know an outstanding group of 3rd graders!

My husband, Mark, and I keep very busy chasing around our one year old daughter, Everly. She learned to walk right before Easter, and she hasn't slowed down since. Everly loves our dog, Bo, and she lets him know by giving him hugs and kisses. Her favorite thing to do is cuddle with Bo when he least expects it.

Although I love Pender, I haven't always lived here. 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 the horses. I showed horses competitively for 13 years before I went to college. My mom and dad worked very hard so my siblings and I could travel all over the state of Nebraska showing horses. Mark, Everly, and I go to York as often as we can to visit my family.



What brought me to Pender? You might say my amazing husband Mark (PHS alum), but actually it was Wayne State College! You may not know that I did my student teaching right here at PPS. I LOVED my student teaching experience at PPS, 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 6th grade at Emerson-Hubbard for two years. I am excited to begin my sixth year of teaching at the best district! GO PENDRAGONS!

MY FAVORITE THINGS:

College Football Team: Nebraska Cornhuskers

NFL Team: Green Bay Packers

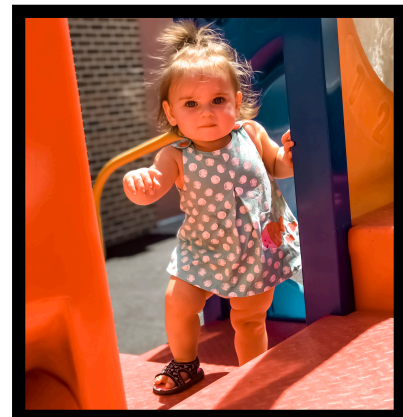
Season: Summer & Fall

Drink: Iced Tea & Diet Dr. Pepper

Classroom supplies: Astrobright paper & Ink Joy Gel Pens

Food: Italian, Chinese, Mexican, American

Ultimate: Spending time with my family



MEET THE TEACHER

Mrs. Nixon

★ WELCOME

Hello! My name is Mrs. Nixon and I will be your child's teacher this year. I am really excited to have the opportunity to teach 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Writing for a fifth year at Pender Public Schools.

My husband, Thad, is the School Counselor at Pender Public Schools. We have 4 children. Our oldest son, Brody, will be in the fourth grade, while Jace will be in first grade. Our daughter, Bergen, will be in Kindergarten this year. Dansby is the youngest of our children, and he is three years old. We enjoyed a summer of sunshine, little day trips for fun, and playing outdoors.

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.

After three years, I took a job in Wakefield as a 4th grade teacher and also coached volleyball and basketball in my ten years at Wakefield Community Schools. In addition, I obtained my Master of Science in Education degree from Peru State College.



MY FAVES

Color: Red
Candy: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
Teams: Huskers, Detroit Lions
Music: Country
Drink: Diet Mt. Dew
Store: Target
Hobbies: Gardening, Painting
Books: Berenstain Bear's- The Bike Lesson, Wonder
Subject: Writing 😊



CONTACT

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MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs. Schrunk and family at wrestling meet -2019

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

EDUCATION

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

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FAVORITES

I love to spend time with my family, compete in rodeos and watch Nebraska Football! My favorite time of the year is fall, we get the beautiful colors, the weather cools down and football begins. 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 seventh year of teaching in Pender and ninth 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 girls basketball and head boys golf coach. 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, Sloane is 3 and Neely is 1. They are now big sisters to their brother, Bryce, who was just born 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



Mrs. English-5th Grade

Hello, my name is Tara English and I am your child's 5th grade teacher this year. I am married to Mark English. We have 3 children; Amber is 20 years old who is attending Northeast Community College, Evan is 15 years old, a freshman and Adyson is 8 years old, a 3rd grader. ☺ They both attend school here at Pender. I am from Walthill and have lived there my entire life. This is my 8th year here at Pender Public Schools. I previously taught at Bancroft-Rosalie for 8 years.



Some of my favorite things I like to do are spend time with my family and friends, play board games with my kids, go camping and relax by a campfire. I also spent a lot of time running my kids to different events, which I am grateful I am able to do!!

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!!



If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to call me at 402-385-3244 or email me at taengli1@penderschools.org.

Welcome to Sixth Grade!!!

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 15th 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 Elem Education and have a Master's Degree in K-6 School Administration from UNK. I recently have started taking classes again at UNK toward my 7-12 Administrative Endorsement and 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. Carson is a Junior, Camryn is a Freshman, Peyton is in 6th Grade, and Paxton is in 4th Grade. We also have three dogs that are extremely spoiled; Theo, Charlie, and Fletcher.



Our summer was spent at the ball field as all four kids played softball or baseball. The main highlight of the summer was our 3800-mile drive to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. We started by visiting the Great Smoky Mountains in TN, Ft. Sumter and Myrtle Beach in SC, and Pender High School in Pender County, NC. After 5 days on the beaches of the Atlantic Ocean we made our way home. Along the way we visited 10 college campuses trying to show our own kiddos the many different places they could choose to further their education someday.

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 the mountains (and, now, the beach) and going to MLB, Husker and NFL games!

This year our theme is "PRIDE with a Purpose." I will be expecting our 6th graders to be the leaders in this mission to spread kindness throughout the school. As the oldest students in our area, they will be the role models for the younger students to look up to. I know this class is ready to rise to the challenge. It's going to be a fantastic year!!



Tara Miller

Sixth Grade

4-5-6 Reading Teacher

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welcome back!



MY FAVORITES

Food: Steak
Drink: Diet Coke
Color: Purple



ABOUT ME

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 9th 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, has a criminal justice degree, and works as a truancy/behavior officer for Walthill Public Schools. We have two daughters, Farris (age 11) and Liberty (age 6). We are an easy-going family that loves to fish, camp, and watch Iowa football. That's right, I am a Hawkeye fan...don't judge me too harshly!

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Who is that weird tall guy?

My name is Mr. Mailloux. This year I will be one of the elementary special education teachers and the head boys basketball coach. I graduated from here in 2013. I then graduated from Doane College with degrees in elementary and special education. For the last two years I taught 5th grade in David City.

I am SO excited to be BACK in Pender! This summer I moved back and bought a house with my fiance Allie. We have two dogs named Bandit and Mya and a cat named Smokey.



Some of my favorite hobbies are: Fishing, Hunting, and Golfing



Bandit is a Husky-Malamute mix. Mya is a Chocolate Lab.

Mr. Mailloux's Favorites

Drink: Red Gatorade

Food: Chicago Style Pizza

TV Show: Anything Hunting

Music: Country

Artist: Garth Brooks

Football Team: Nebraska

Basketball Team: Duke

Subject: Social Studies

Animal: Dog

Color: Blue

Holiday: 4th of July

Place: Outside

MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs. Kayla Welch

ABOUT ME

Hello, my name is Kayla Welch. This is my fourth year at Pender. I am the head teacher in the Pendragon Academy. I currently live outside of Homer with my husband, Larry and our 3 fur babies.

EDUCATION

I attended Homer Community Schools and graduated in 2012. I then attended and graduated from Wayne State College with a degree in Special Education.

MY FAVORITES

Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Food: Alfredo
Favorite Sport: Basketball
Favorite Team: Cornhuskers
Favorite Hobby: Reading
Favorite Athlete: LeBron James
Favorite Movie: Fast and Furious

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Meet The Teacher

Mrs. Audra Miller

Kindergarten-6th Grade Reading Intervention Teacher



Mrs. Miller, daughter Logan, son Drew, husband Grant



Summer fun! Kayaking at the lake in Pierce.

I was born and raised in Wayne, NE. I graduated from Wayne High School and Wayne State College. I taught in Texas for 9 years before returning to live in my hometown.

This is my 12th year at Pender and 21 years overall. We spent the summer toggling between ball fields for both kids, swim meets, basketball league, and squeezed in a few days at the lake in between it all!

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Color: Black

Favorite Movie: Rudy

Favorite Book: Where the Red Fern Grows

MEET THE PRINCIPAL!

Mrs. Kelly Ballinger

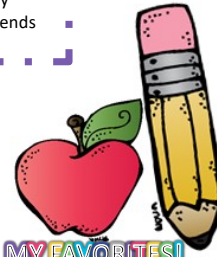
The Basics!



Hi! My Name is Mrs. Kelly Ballinger. I am 49 years young! I live in Pender with my husband Larry and my dog Wilson ☺. We have two daughters Paige (24) and Hallie (20). Paige is a teacher/coach and Hallie is a junior in college. I enjoy walking, kayaking, camping, traveling & being with friends and family.

MY CHILDHOOD!

I started school in Wayne, NE and moved to Villisca, IA when I was in the 3rd grade. I moved to Bancroft, NE when I was in the 6th grade and I graduated from Bancroft-Rosalie HS. I have one younger brother Matt.



MY FAVORITES!

- Food: Anything my husband cooks ☺
- Movie: The Sandlot
- Book: Everybody Always
- Color: Teal
- Drink: Diet Coke
- Season: Fall
- Sports: Volleyball & Basketball
- Fast Food: Qdoba
- Singer: Maroon 5/Jo Bros/Brad Paisley
- Hobby: Walking & Repurposing old furniture.
- Subject: Science
- Store: Target
- Dessert: Carrot Nothing Bundt Cake ☺
- Candy: Twix
- Restaurant: Fiesta Brava
- Flower: Love them all! 🌸

MY EDUCATION!

I graduated with a bachelors degree in Special Education from Wayne State College in 1992. I received my Masters degree in administration in 1998 and my Specialist degree in administration in 2006 both from Wayne State College.



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