



2021-2022



Mrs. Danielle Peeling



Mrs. Tammy Wickliff



Mrs. Kelley Durham



Master Mathew Booe



Mrs. Linda Hemphill

Meet Our Teachers

BLPS Kindergarten Staff

School Director

Danielle Peeling has been with the BLPS family for 5 years. Her prior background as a teacher, in conjunction with her leadership experience, has contributed to Bethany's well-rounded approach in building a solid foundation for our students.

At Bethany, your child is not just one of many, THEY ARE FAMILY. We strive hard to provide a nurturing learning environment that develops the whole child, and prepares them to transition into public or private school seamlessly.

“Our verse of the year was chosen several months ago, but it seems even more relevant considering current events. ‘Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.’ (Romans 12:10). My hope is that we can use this verse to guide our days during this school year and beyond.”



Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Wickliff is a seasoned elementary school teacher, who has taught for more than 12 years. Her background is in education and curriculum development. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful instructor on our team. Kindergarten is such an important foundation year in your child's elementary education. We have seen our students flourish under Mrs. Wickliff's guidance.

"I look forward to meeting all of you, and working with your child this upcoming school year. With your assistance, my aim is to help your child realize his or her full potential, and develop a lifelong love for learning!"



Kindergarten Specials Teacher

Mrs. Kelley has been a part of the BLPS teaching staff for 3 years. As our resident STEAM specialist she is by far a “fan favorite”. The kids love learning Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math in fun and exciting ways. Mrs. Kelley has a background in teaching STEAM, preschool, and several enrichment programs in the VA area.

“The excitement I see from a child learning something new brings so much joy to my heart. It never gets old! I strive to find new and inventive ways to bring that level of happiness to all my lesson plans.”



Karate Instructor

Master Booe has taught karate at Bethany for 10 years. Our students are always excited on karate days. His vibrant sense of humor keeps the kids engaged and excited for more!

Mathew Booe is a trained black-belt, master instructor and teaches martial arts across the DMV area. In this class, your child will learn basic karate and social skills, discipline, respect, self defense, and honor.

“Honor is telling the truth and doing what you’re supposed to, even if no one ever finds out”.



Music Teacher

Linda Hemphill has served as Bethany's Director of Music for more than 20 years. She has over 50 years of experience as a church musician and choir director.

Her ultimate desire is to be able to teach children to love and appreciate music in all its forms. In this class your child will enjoy learning proper singing techniques and basic music concepts.

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. (Psalm 96:1)"



Why Bethany Lutheran stands apart.....

- Smaller sized classes with low teacher/student ratio, for more one on one learning
- Tablets available for student use
- State of the art Smart board used daily
- Seamless transition from in-person to virtual learning
- Two recesses (morning and afternoon) for ample brain breaks and socialization
- Special classes every day, **included** in tuition (Karate, S.T.E.A.M., Music, Book Buddies, P.E., etc.)
- Bathrooms conveniently located in or nearby the classrooms
- Assessments are given at beginning of school year to assist in teaching to every student's level
- Both Science and Social Studies are taught weekly instead of by semester
- Kindergarten classrooms have both a teacher and an assistant
- A supply fee provides a “cubby” of individualized supplies for each student
- Beautiful classrooms with natural lighting
- Shorter, more focused, learning day than most typical Kindergartens in the area
- Before and After care offered for registered siblings of the Kindergarten class for your convenience
- Hand sanitizer kiosks available in all classrooms
- Newsletters are sent to parents containing info on weekly learning objectives
- Open communication between parents, teachers, and administration
- A secure, parent-only, webpage that is updated several times a week with news, photos, etc.
- Growing Kindergarten library for students to check out books
- New, state of the art S.T.E.A.M. room for advanced educational opportunities
- Secure building and strict COVID policies to keep our students and staff safe