

2024 - 2025 New Staff



Welcome to Graham Road!

Mini Bae

Instructional Assistant

Hello, I'm Mini Bae. It's an honor to be joining you all at Graham Road Elementary School as an Instructional Assistant. Even though I'm still unfamiliar and may be inexperienced, please guide me with patience. I have been living in Fairfax, Virginia for over 20 years and I'm a mother of four daughters. I spend most of my weekends busy at church, but those times are the most meaningful and joyful for me. I enjoy taking photos, so I like volunteering as a photographer at church events. I hope to build good relationships and create wonderful memories with our class children and all the staff members in the future. Thank you for welcoming me.



Olga Lopez

Custodian

What I like to do in my free time, go to the gym or walk in a park to enjoy nature, fresh air, read about history or any information and share with my two children. My son Eduardo has trained in MMA. He is a blue belt in Judo and Jiu jitsu, and he plans to become an MMA trainer and my daughter Nohelia finished her 3rd year of college at GM studying to be a medical assistant. What I love most about working as a custodian is that I can serve many people and can help in different ways.



Felicidad Nogales Ferrufin

Family Liaison

Hello everyone, my name is Felicidad Nogales Ferrufino, this is my first year as a family liaison, I am very excited to work with the Graham Road team this year. I am Bolivian and I speak Spanish, I have been living in Fairfax County for many years, I like the area and the community, I received a graduate degree in food engineering in 2012, I worked as a food analyst in laboratories for three years, then as a teacher's assistant with three-year-old children, last year I worked at GRES as an instructional assistant. Outside of work I enjoy reading and spending time playing with my children. I look forward to meeting and working with you this year.



Hello! My name is Suheir Alfadhly, this is my third year at GRES. I am excited to be joining you as a Special Education Teacher Trainee. I am originally from the Middle East where I have taught English and Spanish languages for different age groups with special needs. My hobbies include reading, spending time with family and friends and going on walks. I am looking forward to work with you all!

Suheir Alfadhly ***Special Education Teacher***



Diana Meredith

PAC Teacher

Hello! My name is Diana Meredith, and I am thrilled to be joining Graham Road Elementary this year. I am one of the Preschool Autism Classroom (PAC) Teachers and I am incredibly passionate about inclusivity, diversity, and community. I am currently in my master's program at George Mason University for Special Education with an emphasis in Applied Behavior Analysis. When I am not in the classroom, I like to spend time with family (including my fur babies), along with hiking, traveling, and going to concerts! I look forward to the upcoming school year and being a part of this amazing team!!



Danielle LaRosa

3rd Grade Teacher

Hello! My name is Danielle LaRosa, and I am so excited to be joining Graham Road Elementary School this year.

I was born and raised in Charlottesville, VA and have taught third grade there for the past two years. I attended Randolph-Macon College where I played 4 years of volleyball.

When I am not in the classroom, I enjoy coaching and playing volleyball and spending time with friends and family. I am looking forward to a great year with everyone!



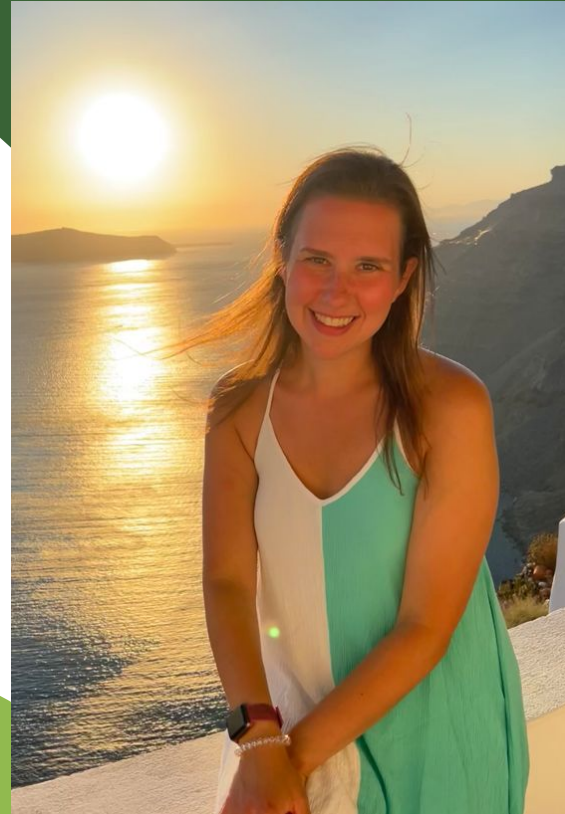
Stephanie Elias

Teacher

Hello! My name is Stephanie Elias and I am excited to join Graham Road Elementary this year.

This is my 11th year with FCPS where I have been a Math Coach and taught 5th & 6th grade.

When I am not in the classroom I enjoy spending time with my family, cooking, and traveling. My picture was taken in Greece; one of my favorite places I have traveled. I am excited to get back to my roots and teach 6th grade at Graham Road!



Madison Salazar

5th Grade ELA Teacher

Hey y'all!

I am thrilled to be part of the Graham Road Elementary team here in Fairfax County, Virginia! I recently relocated from Fort Worth, Texas, with only a single year of teaching experience under my belt. I am excited to begin my new adventure in life, in a new community while supporting our students in achieving their full potential. I am always seeking new opportunities to learn, grow and develop as a professional, so please do pass on teacher tips for this newbie! I do pride myself in being a very driven & positive individual and hope to get to know you all better throughout this next school year!

Looking forward to collaborating with everyone!



Kasey Azar

School Counselor

Hello! My name is Kasey Azar and I'm so excited to be Graham Road Elementary's new school counselor. I am originally from Pennsylvania, but have spent the last 9 years living and working in Louisiana - first as a teacher (3rd grade and PreK) and then as an elementary school counselor. Outside of school I enjoy going on walks with my dog Abita, reading, and trying new foods. I'm looking forward to an amazing year!



Hyun Sook Yang

Instructional Assistant

My name is Hyun Sook Yang. Although I have volunteered at many places before, this is my first year ever assistant teaching. I love to work with and meet new people. My hobbies are cooking and reading. I am so excited to work with everyone!



Hyeryun “Ms. Lynn” Ryu

PAC Instructional Assistant

Hello. My name is Hyeryun Ryu. I am so excited to join Graham Road team. I had begun my career as an elementary school teacher in Korea but changed the career path to hospitality when I moved to the US. I joined FCPS as a cafeteria manager 5 years ago. Now I am returning to the classroom where I can work with students more directly. I enjoy walking on trails, cooking, and swimming. I look forward to having a wonderful year with you all.



Anna Ramsey

ESOL Teacher

Hello! My name is Anna Ramsey, and I am excited to join Graham Road Elementary! I have been a teacher for thirteen years, and I've taught at elementary schools in Japan, Fairfax County, DC Public Schools, and the Dominican Republic. I am originally from south Alabama, and I have a small chihuahua named Penny. In my free time, I like to read, research, linocut, cook, and spend time with my family. It is going to be a great year at GRES!



Casey Policy

ESOL Teacher

My name is Casey Policy and I will be joining the #GrahamFam as an ESOL teacher. I am getting back into the world of teaching after taking a break to do the best job ever and be home with my kids. My youngest will be going to Kindergarten so the time has come! I taught Kindergarten and First Grade for 12 years before being home. The past two years I have been working part-time at my children's preschool as well as working as a High Impact Tutor last year at Westlawn. I'm so looking forward to learning more about Graham Road and being a member of the community!



Gayla Baumgardt

Social Worker

My name is Gayla Baumgardt and I am very happy to be the new social worker at Graham Road Elementary. I am excited to get to know the families and staff, and be a part of this amazing school community. I live in Falls Church with my husband and two children, who are in 8th and 4th grades in FCPS schools. After school I like to play and snuggle with my miniature poodle named Beau.



Eferlyn Maninggo

2nd Grade Teacher

Hello! My name is Efrelyn Maninggo and I'm super excited to be part of Graham Road Elementary this school year. My teaching career started at San Andres Elementary School, Kadingilan District I. I have been teaching for 9 years as a Kindergarten teacher in above mentioned school. My hobbies are riding my motorcycle and spending time with family. I look forward to meeting you soon.



Michael Secchi

Band Teacher

My name is Michael Secchi and I am very excited to be working with Fairfax County Public Schools! I was born and raised in Norwalk, CT where I love to play music for friends and family and soon enough decided to become a teacher! I have taught private lessons for young students for a couple of years now and I am very excited to put my skills into the classroom! I went to school at George Mason University and loved every moment. I have 2 cats and I enjoy cooking, playing games, music, and outdoor activities. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!



Thomas Hill

TSPEC

Hello, I am Thomas Hill. With six years of experience on the Fairfax County Public Schools technology support team, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of technology in both classrooms and businesses. As a detail-oriented information technologist, I am passionate about harnessing technology to enhance learning and productivity. Beyond my professional pursuits, I am a multifaceted individual with a deep appreciation for music, often self-producing music and writing software programs in my free time. My other interests include cooking, reading, biking, playing the guitar, following economics, and birding. I am thrilled to have this opportunity to collaborate and grow with the community at Graham Road Elementary School, fostering a sound educational environment that benefits everyone involved.



Marianna Taylor

Instructional Assistant

Hello, my name is Marianna Taylor and I am excited to be a part of the Graham Road community! I started working in public education as a special education instructional assistant and eventually an instructional assistant in Frederick County Public Schools (Maryland). I enjoy working with kids of all grades and levels. I recently moved to the Northern Virginia area. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, baking and reality TV shows. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year!



Susana López

Instructional Assistant

Hello! My name is Susana López, I am Peruvian and I have three successful children. I have studied Architecture in my home country; I love the interior design and its details. I arrived in the United States a year ago and at this stage of my life I am developing my other vocation, education. Last spring I worked at Camelot Elementary School and this fall I will be here to enjoy with the children. In my free time, I love traveling and reading about history and psychology. I am looking forward to start a great year!



Coming Soon!

Pramila Karki
Instructional Assistant

Coming Soon!

Amani Salih
PAC Instructional Assistant

Coming Soon!

Shelley Omar
Instructional Assistant

Coming Soon!

Lori Krishnan
Environmental Education