



Blue River Valley Schools

Home of the Vikings

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Welcome and About Me!

My name is Jennifer McDonald. This is my 19th year of teaching. I have been here at Blue River Valley Elementary for 7 and a half years and am so thankful to be here! I was one of our 6th grade teachers in years past, but now I am our STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) teacher for grades K-6. I love science and love watching our students explore and learn about our world and how it works! I also coach our elementary robotics team and our varsity cheerleaders.

My Education and Professional Background

I received my Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree from Ball State University in 2004. With that degree I have a science concentration and a kindergarten endorsement. I was lucky enough to be able to student teach with our own Mrs. Sharrett in 2003, and that's where my love for BRV started! Before college, I attended and graduated from Tri High School. I am currently working towards completing a Masters Certificate in STEM through the University of Indianapolis.

My Educational Philosophy and Thoughts on Our School

I believe positive relationships with kids are the key to successful teaching. Students are more willing to learn from someone they feel a connection with. I also believe science is so important for our kids! Science and engineering lessons foster curiosity, teach teamwork and collaboration, and allow for so much creativity. I truly love our school and community. I am proud to be a Viking!

My Family

I have been married to my husband, Jason, for over 20 years. Jason works as the director of operations for Bish's RV in Anderson. We have two daughters that attend Blue River, Emma and Grace. Emma is a senior and Grace is a freshman. We live in New Castle. We also have two crazy dogs, Carly and Harley.