

# Meet our DPS Preschool Staff!

## Dawn Hilgers

**DPSP, ECFE, & ECS Coordinator**



My educational background is a Bachelor of Science in Marketing/Business from SCSU, and a current Minnesota teaching licensure in Parent and Family Education. For the last 17 years, I worked for Watertown-Mayer Schools as their ECFE Parent Educator and Early Childhood Screening Coordinator. I recently took on my new role in Delano, starting in July. My three children: Lauren 24, Alec 20 and Carly 18 are or will all be on their own adventures this fall and I will become an empty nester. I have two rescued cats, love to go to the cabin, play card and board games, go antiquing, meet with friends for lunch or girls night out, reading mysteries, and am currently writing my own book. I've got an open door policy and welcome you at any time!

## Becca Seiberlich

**DPSP & TKC Coordinator**



Hello! I graduated from St. Cloud State University in 2004 and have a license in K-6 grade, and 5-8 Mathematics. I recently completed a Master's program through the University of Minnesota and now have my Director of Community Education Administrator license. I have been in my role as a coordinator since 2011; previously I worked in a similar program for 7 years in the Westonka School District. I live in Delano with my other half Chad, our daughter Haylie (14), our son Matthew (8), and our big fur baby Minnie. In my free time, I enjoy camping, traveling, crafting, antiquing and spending time with my family and friends. I am excited to have you with us next school year!

## Nichole Awker

**3/4's Preschool Teacher**



Hello! I am a licensed teacher with an elementary education degree from St. Cloud State University. I have been teaching for 18 years. I started out teaching 1st and 2nd grade in Anoka. In 2006, I started working for the Delano School District. I have been teaching preschool every since and absolutely love it! I have two boys, Tanner (13) and tucker (8) and Bella, my fur baby. Our winters are spent in any indoor park we can find, while our summers are spent on a lake in Nisswa.

## Natalie Dinger

**Early Childhood Special Ed**



I attended Minnesota State University, Moorhead. I have a degree in Special Education with a license in Early Childhood Special Education. I have been teaching in Delano for 15 years. My husband and I have three girls ages 10, 8 and 3. We enjoy spending time outdoors and traveling. In addition to family time, I enjoy running and gardening. I love watching all kids learn and grow while making progress big and small!

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## Cheryl Hall

### 4/5's Preschool Teacher



I attended Minnesota Southwest State University and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1996. I hold a kindergarten-6th grade teaching license and have been in the education field for the past 23 years. During these 23 years I taught preschool, kindergarten, first, and second grade. In the fall of 2006 I started teaching preschool at Tiger Kids Club and I am currently in my 13<sup>th</sup> year of teaching in Delano. I live in Montrose with my husband Jim (yes, he is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in Delano) and our three children, Dylan (12<sup>th</sup> grade), Caden (11<sup>th</sup> grade), and Karlie (8<sup>th</sup> grade). My children are involved in many sports, so our family time is often spent on a court, field, or in a gymnasium. Please stop over and say hi if you see me there.

## Katrina Koppi-Kohn

### 4/5's Preschool Teacher



Hello! I graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. Cloud State University in 2017, with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education (birth-grade 3), and a minor in Special Education. I student taught in Big Lake in a preschool classroom, as well as at Talahi Elementary in St. Cloud, in a second grade classroom. This will be my second year teaching with Delano Public Schools, and it has been a wonderful experience. Beyond my love for education of young children, my interests include spending time with family and friends, especially outdoors, and indulging my passion for rescuing animals. I look forward to meeting and learning about you!

## Monica Kuka

### 3/4's Preschool Teacher



I went to St. Cloud State University and Crown College, where my focus was in early childhood education. I have been teaching preschool in the Delano School District for 13 years. The past seven years I have been with the 3 year olds. I also taught at a small private preschool for several years. My husband, Dale, and I have three grown children who went through the Delano Schools. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, 4-wheeling, hiking, board games, Sudoku puzzles, and volunteering in different ways.

## Megan Lohse

### Early Childhood Speech Language Pathologist



I graduated from Crown College with a degree in linguistics and TESOL. I received my master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Northern Illinois University. This is my first year working in Delano as a Speech-Language Pathologist. I enjoy baking, reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

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## Tanya Musselman Early Childhood Speech Language Pathologist



I graduated with my Masters degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. I have been a licensed Speech Language Pathologist for almost 20 years. My husband and I have four children ages 15-21. When I am not working, I enjoy running and traveling.

## Kristi Nyquist Early Childhood Special Ed



I graduated from the University of MN-Crookston in 2007, where I majored in Equine Science and pre-veterinary medicine. I became a substitute teacher as a “side-job” in 2008, and it was then that I discovered my passion for teaching. I later enrolled at the U of M, where I completed a Master’s Degree in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education in 2013, and began teaching in Delano the same year. My husband, Kyle, and I live in Waverly. We have 4 children who attend school here in Delano - my youngest are currently attending our fantastic preschool programs! In my “spare time” I enjoy training and riding horses and spending time with my family.

## Jessica Orvik 4/5’s Preschool Teacher



I graduated from Crown College with a PreK-6th grade teaching license. I was excited to be hired right out of college with Delano Schools. I have been teaching here for 13 years and look forward to many more!

I have lived just outside Delano my entire life where I grew up on a farm. I currently live on the outskirts of Montrose with my husband Matt and our dog Maddi. We recently just bought our dream house where we hope to raise a family. In my spare time, I love spending time with family and friends, fishing, camping and reading.

## Jenny Power 3/4’s Preschool Teacher



I graduated from Ridgewater College in 2004 and then went on to SCSU where I earned a degree in Early Childhood Education, with a teaching license for birth-grade 3 in 2007. I have been involved with early childhood programming in multiple districts since 2000; I’ve been with Delano since 2006. I’ve taught 3/4’s and 4/5’s classes. I enjoy spending time with family, playing board games & watching movies. I’ve loved to downhill ski since I was two! I enjoy traveling, taking care of my koi pond and gardening. I look forward to working with you and your child this next year!

