

Dear Parents,

As we begin another school year here at Liberty Early Childhood Center, I want to take this time to thank you for your decision to send your child to our school. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work for Liberty Public Schools and for the opportunity to see your child grow and learn. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you and your children and hope that you will take the time to get to know me as well.

To first share a little about myself, I am originally from the Kansas City Northland area but have lived all over the Kansas City area throughout my life. I graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 2005 with degrees in Elementary and Early Childhood Education, Elementary Art Education, and Early Childhood Special Education and in January of 2015, I earned my Master of Arts in Art Education through Boston University.

Previous to working at LPS I lived overseas in a small island country called Bahrain where I worked as an early childhood teacher at a Nursery-grade 12 international school. I stayed in Bahrain for 5 years where I gained many new friends and a better understanding about cultural and family diversity.

I have spent the last 11 years teaching early childhood but I spent the first three in the Blue Springs School District teaching Early Childhood Special Education with students aged 3-5. Working in this setting has helped me to gain a stronger understanding about the individual needs of each student that I work with and I am excited to be back working in the same area again.

At home, I have a spunky 12 year old Schnoodle (Schnauzer/Poodle Mix) named Shane and in my free time, enjoy painting, reading, watching movies, and spending time with friends and family. I will be getting married in June 2018 to my amazing fiance, Scott... so watch for the name change!

If you ever have any questions, concerns, or comments I would be more than happy to talk with you, so please don't hesitate to contact me via email (Kristina.olms@lps53.org) or phone.

Warm Regards,

Kristina Olms (Bartholomees)