

TEACHER BIOS

Kim Blenkhorn has a degree in Early Childhood Education and taught preschool for many years. She also taught children's art workshops at The Artworks Studio in Hopedale and is now teaching art classes for the Community Education department.

Nanci Cahalane is a certified AFAA Personal Trainer and Fitness Counselor with more than 17 years of personal training experience. She was an MIAA Certified Coach and has competed in numerous marathons during her 35 years of running and racing experience.

Circuit Lab uses innovative, leading-edge equipment and software to give children an opportunity to learn essential modern world skills that are not typically taught in school.

Laura Conner comes to Medway with a background in graphic design and art education. Laura has been teaching art for four years and is currently an art teacher at Medway Middle School. When she is not teaching, she can be found coaching track, running, painting with oils and creating mosaics.

Melanie Dawson received a BA in Early Childhood Education and Special Needs from Boston College and has a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Connecticut. Melanie, a former Kindergarten teacher, currently runs Preschool Programs through Medway Community Education.

Amanda DelPrete opened Inspire Dance Academy in 2011 and specializes in ballet and modern dance. She received her B.A. in dance at Columbia College in Chicago and Rhode Island College. Amanda has danced professionally with numerous companies.

Drama Kids is a children's drama program that uses various fun and fast paced drama activities to build children's speaking, acting and social skills. This unique acting program is internationally known for its creative drama curriculum and teaching methods that are great fun and highly developmental for all children and teens.

Greg Dowdell is the Head Professional at Maplegate Country Club and has been teaching golf for more than 20 years. He is also the varsity golf coach at Medway High School.

Jeanne Donnelly has been teaching various forms of exercise since 1979. She has trained in and teaches Tai Chi, Qigong, Yoga, Martial Arts, and Self Defense and Safety Workshops for women and children. She is also a Personal Trainer, Master Level Reiki Practitioner, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, 4th Degree Black in Tae Kwon Do and owner of Makoto-Do.

Kelly DuBois is a certified Boot Camp instructor and personal trainer who teaches one-hour, total body workouts, both indoors and outdoors, and personal training sessions for clients of all ability levels.

Patrice Dwyer has over 20 years of experience working with health clubs, health and wellness centers, and corporations. She is passionate about helping others achieve their health and wellness goals.

F.A.S.T. Athletics offers top-notch athletic programs for children of all ages. F.A.S.T. firmly believes that Fitness, Agility, Skills, and Teamwork are four key elements of embracing a healthy lifestyle.

Ann Fisher, owner of Molly's Apothecary, has been making soaps, lotions and bath and body products for 14 years. Molly's Apothecary is at the Medway Mill.

Christine French is a certified Zumba instructor with specialties including Zumba Kids, Zumba Gold, Zumba Toning and Zumba Gold-Toning. She teaches regular one hour classes at fitness centers and for local municipalities around the Medway area for individuals of all fitness levels and ages and is fully insured and CPR/AED certified.

Cerissa Gatewood has her bachelor's degree in Forensic Science. She has also worked for Camp Invention for the past eight years. She is currently working for the special education department at Medway Middle School.

Carl Geden is the owner of Northeast Educational Technologies where he designs and develops educational programs in Robotics, Software and Physics.

Julie Guido is an 8th degree black belt master and began teaching in 1982. She loves teaching each new student and helping them become better martial artists.

Mary Ellen Hasenfuss has worked in the Medway school system as a administrator, teacher and coach. She is currently the head coach for the Varsity field hockey team and is one of the coaches for the Outdoor boys and girls track team.

Christine Howard is a 6th degree black belt master who enjoys the self-discipline and practice necessary to become a good martial artist and karate teacher.

Sandhya Jain has had a passion for cooking for more than 20 years. While she grew up learning the basics of the traditional Indian spices from her mother, cooking in America taught her how to recreate the same flavors with the ingredients available in grocery stores here. She is currently a continuing adult education instructor at Tri-County Regional Vocational School and also conducts cooking workshops at Whole Foods.

Elaine Kessler has worked with children as a Music and Movement specialist in preschools and daycare programs throughout Medway and the surrounding towns for many years. Her programs are designed to foster a love for music and encourage creative expression in children of all ages.

Siri Krishna Khalsa is KRI certified and has been teaching yoga since 1976.

Juanita Allen Kingsley is Director of Business Development for Century Health Systems. As a health educator, she trains more than 2,000 people in the MetroWest region annually through her First Aid, CPR and AED classes. Juanita became a licensed EMT in 2001.

Lisa Kohne is a Certified AFAA Group Exercise Instructor with over 30 years of fitness and dance experience. She is CPR/AED certified.

Mark Lenzi, co-owner of Franklin Liquors, was trained by the International Sommelier Guild and is a Certified Specialist of Wine and Spirits. He is also the first in MA to be a California Wine Appellation Specialist.

Sue Lynch is the director of Camp Invention, entering its 16th year here in Medway. She also has worked for Medway Public Schools in the special education department for 19 years.

Medway Cable Access has provided public access cable television programming in Medway since 1984, offering programming created by local producers every day. MCA not only provides our producers with a place to exhibit their work, it also gives these creative individuals the training and equipment they need to fulfill their visions

Medway Community Farm manages a diverse vegetable operation that produces food for the spring, summer and winter Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares. The farm offers a variety of educational programs, community events and volunteer opportunities for the public.

Ida Matuskova has been knitting for 30 years and recently completed a certification from Craft Yarn Council. She has experience teaching knitting to small groups of adults and children.

Christine Moyer has taught elementary art for more than 10 years. Prior to teaching art, she taught 4th grade and special education, always keeping herself involved in education. As an art teacher, she has more free time to devote to her own creative arts and is currently an active quilter and fabric artist

Amy Nickerson has worked in direct sales since 2004. She became a creator for Life Expressions Décor in August 2017 where she is able to fully express her creativity as she shares her quality product line with others.

Debi Rossi is an investment professional and a member of CFA Society Boston, a non-profit society dedicated to putting investors first and raising ethical standards within the investment profession. CFA consolidates financial content and makes it widely available to the general investing public.

Kim Simone, Certified Specialist of Wine and French Wine Scholar, is thrilled to be part of the educational team at Franklin Liquors! Kim has been in the wine business since 2002 and holds a Master's degree in Gastronomy from Boston University, where she is now a teaching assistant. Her passion is helping novice wine drinkers understand why they like the wines they do, clarifying the complexities of wine, and making the topic approachable and fun.

Skyhawks Sports Academy and Tennis Academy provide a wide variety of fun, safe and positive programs that emphasize critical lessons in sports and life, such as teamwork, respect and sportsmanship. Their programs are designed to give each child a positive introduction into sports while fostering a lifelong love for an active, healthy lifestyle.

Wicked Cool for Kids has been providing amazing children's programs that blend STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) education goals since 2007. They champion a great mix of focused lessons and structured play that maintain academic integrity within a creative environment.

Young Hacks Academy (<http://www.younghacks.com>) is a tech leadership camp in which participants build video games about worldwide challenges. While children love YHA's computer activities and unplugged games, parents appreciate the unique focus on developing 21st center leadership skills.