PU Presentation: Helping Manage Behavior & Mental Health Needs through Character Building for Primary-age Children
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JONNA TYLER, LCPC, RPT-S
Ms. Tyler is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor. She received her master’s degree in Counseling from Bradley University. Ms. Tyler specializes in treating the mental health needs of children and their families. Ms. Tyler is one of the co-owners of The Antioch Group, Inc. in Peoria, Illinois. Ms. Tyler also is serving as the President of The Antioch Group and as the Director of the Antioch Group Child Clinic. She co-founded the Illinois Association for Play Therapy and has published work on play therapy.

PU Presentation: SEL for my Child & Community Resources
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DR. DERRICK BOOTH, PPSD DIRECTOR, SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL LEARNING
Derrick Booth is a 1991 graduate of Manual High School, Illinois State University, and Bradley University completing his doctoral degree in March of 2022. He has served our district as the Basketball Coach of Manual Academy and currently is the Director of Social and Emotional Learning for Peoria Public Schools. Derrick led the efforts of Peoria Public Schools to develop and open the doors of the Wraparound Center in October of 2018. Derrick and his brother David have founded the Booth Basketball Academy and the motto of their academy is “improving your game on and off the court”. Derrick serves on the Local Advisory Committee for LISC. Board of Directors for the Center of Prevention of Abuse and the Board of Directors for the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

PU Presentation: How to Help My Child be Better at Reading
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LINDSAY BOHM, PPSD CURRICULUM COORDINATOR, OVERSEES LITERACY & SOCIAL STUDIES
Lindsay Bohm, Curriculum Coordinator, oversees the district's literacy, social studies, and library programs. This is her first year with Peoria Public Schools. She has served in instructional coaching roles for statewide grants assisting districts with school improvement planning and implementing new assessment systems in Illinois. Her first 10 years in education were spent teaching English Language Arts in upper elementary and middle school classrooms.
RENEE GREGORY, 3rd GRADE CHARTER OAK TEACHER
Renee Gregory has taught 9 years in PPSD 150, grades 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8. She attended PPSD schools herself, and her parents taught in the district. She has 4 children: a filmmaker, a power sports vehicle salesman, a robotics troubleshooter, and a chef in a 3-Michelin Star restaurant. She lives with her husband, David, a life-time career artist.
PU Presentation: How to Help My Child be Better at Math, 5th – 8th grades

KATIE WELCH, ROLLING ACRES MIDDLE SCHOOL
Katie Welch is a 7th Grade math teacher at Rolling Acres Middle School. She is married with two children (9 and 11). She earned degrees from Trinity International University Grand Canyon University. With four years of full-time experience working with delinquent and at-risk youth as a counselor parent in Indiana, she is now in her 12th year of teaching. She loves teaching middle school students and finds great joy and excitement when students make sense of numbers and develop mathematical reasoning. Raising tweens and teens can be challenging and she looks forward to presenting ways parents and teachers can work together to make students more successful, and confident, in their mathematical abilities.

LAURA KOWALSKIE, Center for Prevention of Abuse, Director of Prevention Education
Laura has dedicated herself to the Center for Prevention of Abuse’s Prevention Education department since 2012 and joined the Leadership Team in 2018 as Director of Prevention Education. She designs and implements programming focused on child sexual abuse prevention, social and emotional learning, healthy relationships, teen dating violence, bias-based bullying, abuse prevention of individuals living with disabilities, and more, within Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties. Laura completed degrees from Illinois State University and Bradley University. She was the 2021 winner of the “Education” Award by the Women’s Fund and the Community Foundation of Central Illinois and was honored as one of WEEK’s 25 Women in Leadership in 2021.
KATHY ELLIS, U OF I NUTRITION PROGRAM
Kathy has worked at the University of Illinois Extension for 20 years. Teaching how to stay healthy in Peoria Public School classrooms across the district. Her two grown children attended Peoria Public Schools, and now her grandson. She resides in the Peoria Public School area.

TEAM, WHITTIER & FRANKLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**MS. CRISTEN (CECE) GREER**, Whittier Culturally Responsive Committee
Ms. Cristen (Cece) Diane Greer was born and raised in Peoria, Illinois, and a product of Peoria Public Schools. She has attended Western Illinois University & Saint Xavier University. Cristen currently serves as the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Building Coordinator for Whittier Primary School and has been the coordinator since Whittier started AVID in 2015. Cristen is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and active in the Nu Pi Omega Chapter. She currently serves as a Graduate Advisor for Bradley University. Cristen, along with three other teachers, developed the Cultural Responsiveness Learning (CRL) Committee, at Whittier Primary School.

**MS. TANYA LASOTA**, Whittier Culturally Responsive Committee
Tanya LaSota was raised in Central Illinois. She graduated from California State University & Grand Canyon University. Tanya has taught for 18 years with 14 of those years being in Peoria Public Schools. Tanya has taught at Valeska, Harrison, and now at Whittier. Tanya along with other co-chairmen, developed the Culturally Responsive Learning Committee at Whittier. Tanya has been a dyslexia specialist since 2005. She is on the board of the Dyslexic Families of Central Illinois, & the Rewarding Resilience Scholarship Selection Committee.

**STEPHANIE CHURCHILL**, Franklin Culturally Responsive Committee
Ms. Churchill is a School Social Worker serving Franklin Primary School. She received her BSW and MSW from the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana. She has been a school social worker for 22 years and has worked for PSD150 for 12 years. She co-chairs her school’s Culturally Responsive Teaching committee and serve on the SEL committee. She served several years on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association of School Social Workers.

**SONYA PACEY**, Franklin Culturally Responsive Committee
Mrs. Pacey is a third-grade teacher at Franklin Primary school where she has taught for the past fifteen years. Prior to that, she served children and families at Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center as a Teacher Associate. Mrs. Pacey is a native of Peoria, “hailing from the southside”, RamNation. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Bradley University, where she later earned a Master of Arts Degree in Curriculum and Instruction.
BIANCA BROWN, LPC, NCC & HARRISON TEAM
Miss Bianca Brown is a Peoria Native, as well as a product of Peoria Public Schools. After graduating from Richwoods High school, she went on to study Psychology with a minor in Sociology at Bradley University for undergraduate studies. Miss Brown continued her higher education at Bradley University within the Professional School Counseling Program, receiving her License in School Counseling and becoming a National Certified Counselor. Miss Brown is in her fourth year as the School Counselor at Harrison Community Learning Center, The Pride of The Southside.

LISA R. GENTRY, MA, LCPC
As a teacher, school counselor, and private practice therapist, Ms. Gentry has had the pleasure of working with children, adolescents, and families throughout central Illinois for over 25 years. She has a master’s in Curriculum & Instruction and a master’s in School Counseling. She is currently a school counselor at Harrison Community Learning Center, focusing mainly on K-4th grade.

MICHELLE COCONATE, ROE
Michelle Coconate is a former Peoria Public School Teacher and Special Education Coordinator who is currently Director of Culture and Climate Supports at the Regional Office of Education #48.

Miss Netty Abatayo and Miss Jennifer Malabosa
These teaching professionals have joined the Hines Primary family this year, both as special education teachers. They have joined Peoria Public Schools this year from the Philippines through a cultural exchange program that has partnered with the district. They are excited to share a little bit of their Philippine culture with Peoria families, students, and staff!