

Welcome to Draco House!



Mrs. Wade, Ms. Herriges, Mr. Smith, & Mrs. Brandt

Mrs. Wade-

Hello, my name is Christine Wade and I will have the pleasure of working with your son/daughter in Draco House. I teach Math and Science alongside Ms. Herriges. This will be my 19th year of teaching. I started my teaching career in a small K-12 school where I taught 6th grade and coached both basketball and volleyball. I stayed there for 10 years before taking 10 years off to be a stay at home mom. I then returned to teaching after my youngest went to Kindergarten. I subbed in the Bemidji School District for a couple years before taking a full time 4th grade position at Northern Elementary where I was for 8 years before moving to Gene Dillon. Mr. Wade (who also teaches at Gene Dillon) and I have 3 beautiful daughters; Alexis (19- who will be off to GCU in AZ in the fall), Taylor (17- who will be a Senior at BHS), and Emily (16- who will be a junior at BHS in the fall). In my spare time, which I don't have much of ;) I travel to watch our girls play volleyball and basketball. I also enjoy a good book and having quiet outdoor movie nights by the campfire with the family. I am looking forward to another exciting year at GD and can't wait to meet everyone.

Ms. Herriges-

Hello! My name is Nadine Herriges and I teach language arts and social studies for our 4th graders. This will be the start of my 29th year of teaching! My teaching experience includes 8 years at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School in Cass Lake, 1 year in Ponemah, 18 years at Horace May and this past year at Gene Dillon. I have taught at every grade level (1st through 5th), with the majority of my experience in 4th grade - my favorite! I enjoy being outdoors as much as possible - boating, swimming, fishing, and hiking. I also love music, reading, traveling, and painting. I'm looking forward to meeting you and your child in the fall and working together to make the coming school year an enjoyable one for all of us!

Mr. Smith-

Hello, I'm Jeff Smith and I teach Math and Science to two classes in Draco House. I've taught fourth, fifth, and sixth grade, but fourth grade is my favorite grade to teach and I look forward to continuing my tenure at this grade level. I've been working for Bemidji Schools since 1997 and have been a classroom teacher for Bemidji Schools since 1999. Until this year I was at Lincoln Elementary. Before that I worked at The Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji. I'm proud to be part of the new 4-5 school, Gene Dillon Elementary. I believe it's a fantastic school with great teachers, kids, and parents. I'm looking forward to meeting you at the end of the summer.

Mrs. Brandt-

Hi, my name is Katie Brandt. I teach Language Arts and Social Studies. This will be my 12th year working in education and my 6th year of teaching 4th grade. In the past, I have worked at a daycare, been a substitute teacher, and taught English as a Second Language. When I'm not teaching I enjoy reading, going on walks, and spending time with my family. My family is made up of my husband, our two kids, and a dog. My son is 4 years old and my daughter is almost 2. I'm looking forward to meeting you this Fall and having a wonderful year together!

Draco Supply List

Ms. Herriges and Mrs. Wade	Mrs. Brandt and Mr. Smith
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 24 #2 pencils● 2 notebooks (Single Subject- Wide Ruled)● 1 composition notebook (Wide Ruled)● 7 pocket folders● 3 glue sticks● 1 large eraser● Colored pencils (12-pack or more)● Crayons (optional)● 1 pack of black Expo dry erase markers● 2 highlighters● Scissors● 1 ream of white copy paper● Pencil box/bag (optional)● Backpack● Gym shoes are required for P.E.● 2 boxes of Kleenex● 1 paper pocket folder for Music Class (no plastic please)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 24 #2 pencils● 4 notebooks (Single Subject- Wide Ruled)● 1 composition notebook (Wide Ruled)● 4 pocket folders● Colored Pencils (12-pack or more)● Crayons (optional)● 1 pack of black Expo dry erase markers● 2 highlighters● Scissors● 1 ream of white copy paper● Pencil box/bag (optional)● Backpack● Gym shoes are required for P.E.● 2 boxes of Kleenex● 1 paper pocket folder for Music Class (no plastic please)