

# Meet the Teachers & Staff of OGA



**2022-2023**



ORLANDO

2nd  
Grade

• GIFTED

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs. Cortes  
(2<sup>nd</sup> grade ELA)

## ABOUT ME

I was born in Bogota, Colombia. I came to the U.S. when I was 13 years old. I speak Spanish, English, and Portuguese. This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> year at OGA.

## EDUCATION

Bachelors and Masters in Social Work.  
Education Preparation Institute (EPI) completed at the University of West Florida.

Certified to teach k-3rd, ESOL & Spanish.

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Turquoise.  
Food: Peruvian, Mexican, & Thai  
Drink: Coffee and boba tea  
Movie: Avatar  
Book: The hunger games  
TV Show: Avatar: The last airbender.  
Place to Visit: The beach & mountains.  
Hobby: Travel, camping.

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# MEET THE TEACHER



**Ms. Gutierrez**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> grade Math/Science)

## ABOUT ME

I was born and raised in Miami, FL. In my free time, I enjoy listening to music, singing, dancing, cooking, and spending time outdoors. I have always had a passion for teaching. This year I get to expand and share even more with our students. I am grateful to have found my home here with you at OGA and I look forward to continuing to grow our school community.

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science  
Elementary Education  
Completed at  
Florida International University  
Teacher Certifications:  
Elementary Education K-6  
Middle School Math 5-9  
Spanish  
ESOL / Gifted Endorsed

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Mint / Teal  
Food: Ropa Vieja  
Drink: Iron Beer  
Movie: The Little Mermaid  
Video Game: Ark  
TV Show: Forensic Files  
Place to Visit: Costa Rica  
Hobby: Singing / Dancing

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**3rd  
Grade**

# MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs. Brown  
(3<sup>rd</sup> grade ELA/Math/Science)

## ABOUT ME

This is my 16<sup>th</sup> year teaching in OCPS!

I love reading book club books and listening to podcasts!

In my free time, I relax and swim with my little family.

## EDUCATION

University of Florida

Masters in Elementary  
Education

Gifted, Reading and ESOL  
endorsed

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Any shade of pink!

Food: Caesar salad and pizza

Drink: Diet coke and water

Movie: Legally Blonde

TV Show: Anything Reality

Place to Visit: Beach

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# MEET THE TEACHER



**Mrs. Fosky**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> grade Math/Science)

## ABOUT ME

I was born and raised in Tampa and I am a proud graduate of the University of Florida. I have 2 children; Jack (3) and Ella (5). This is my 15<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. Math is my favorite subject!

I love fostering a love of mathematics within my students. This is going to be a GREAT school year and I cannot wait!

## EDUCATION

- Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education (2007)  
University of Florida
- Masters Degree in Elementary Education (2008)  
University of Florida
- Gifted Endorsed
- Reading Endorsed
- ESOL Endorsed

## MY FAVORITES

**Color:** Pink

**Food:** Sushi

**Drink:** Diet Coke

**Book:** The Hunger Games series

**TV Show:** Real Housewives

**Place to Visit:** The beach

**Hobby:** Spending time with my family

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Sunderman  
(3<sup>rd</sup> grade ELA)

## ABOUT ME

Hello! My name is Ms. Sunderman. This is my 2nd year at OGA and my 5th year teaching. I am so excited to be working with the staff, students, and families at OGA! I strive to create a fun and collaborative learning environment for all of my students.

## EDUCATION

I graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

## MY FAVORITES

**Color:** Blue

**Food:** Pizza

**Drink:** Tea

**Movie:** Lilo and Stitch

**Book:** Harry Potter

**Place to Visit:** Puerto Rico

**Hobby:** Playing with my dogs

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4th  
Grade

# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Breutsch  
(4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA)

## ABOUT ME

I was a student intern in 3rd grade at OGA last year and am proud to have been given the opportunity to teach in my own classroom this year in 4th grade! I was born and raised on Long Island, New York. I love to read and enjoy spending my free time at the beach and Disney World!

## EDUCATION

I earned my Bachelor's degree from Rollins College in Environmental Studies. I will be receiving my Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education from Rollins College this December, with both Reading and ESOL endorsements.

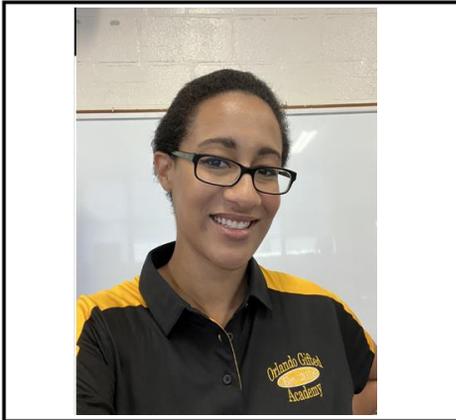
## MY FAVORITES

Color: Yellow  
Food: Boneless buffalo wings  
Drink: Lime seltzer  
Movie: Harry Potter  
Book: The Hunger Games  
TV Show: Scooby-Doo  
Place to Visit: Home (Long Island)  
Hobby: Reading and Beaching!

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# MEET THE TEACHER



**Ms. Danese**  
(4<sup>th</sup> grade Math/Science)

## ABOUT ME

I have been teaching in OCPS for 7 years in grades Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and even Adult ESOL at the Orange Technical College Campuses. I am so excited to join OGA on the fourth grade team!

## EDUCATION

Graduated from University of Central Florida with a Bachelors in Early Childhood Education  
-Certified to teach Pre-k- 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
-ESOL and Reading endorsed

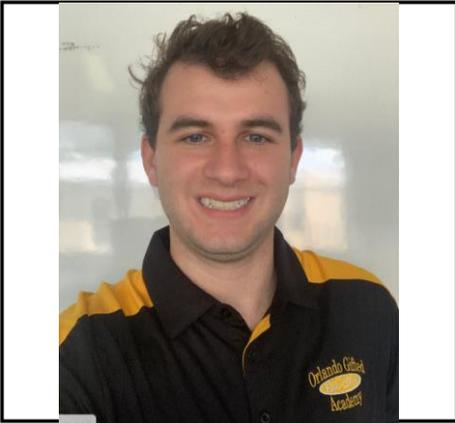
## MY FAVORITES

Color: Blue  
Food: Pizza  
Drink: Sweet Iced Tea  
Movie: The Lion King  
Book: Matilda  
TV Show: Steven Universe  
Place to Visit: Disney World  
Hobby: Playing video games, reading

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Mr. Osman  
(4<sup>th</sup> grade Math/Science)

## ABOUT ME

Hi there! This is my first year teaching at OGA. I like to play board games, watch anime, and play volleyball at the YMCA. I love drawing, reading manga, and playing visual novels with my fiancé. I thoroughly enjoy the free bread given at places like Olive Garden.

## EDUCATION

Bachelor's in Psychology,  
Rollins College

MBA, Crummer Graduate  
School of Business.

I am K-6, reading, and  
ESOL certified.

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Green

Food: Pasta+Chicken w/ Tomato Basil Sauce

Drink: Diet Coke

Movie: Weathering with You

Book: One Piece

TV Show: My Hero Academia

Place to Visit: Disney World

Hobby: Watching Youtube at 2x speed

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Hurley  
(4th grade ELA)

## ABOUT ME

I am originally from Rochester NY. I moved to Orlando in 2014. This year will be my 15th year teaching and my 3rd year at OGA! I LOVE animals! I have 2 pet turtles, Zackia and Cody. I love music and dancing. I recently have become a "plant lady" and have over 30 plants between home and school.

## EDUCATION

Masters in Elementary Education from The Warner School of Education in Rochester, NY

Gifted and ESOL Endorsed

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Purple

Food: Curried Goat or Samosas

Drink: Hazelnut or Caramel Coffee

Movie: Nanny McPhee

Book: Out of My Mind

TV Show: Chopped/Chopped Jr.

Place to Visit: Home (Rochester, NY)

Hobby: Trying new recipes

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5th  
Grade

# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Hanson  
(5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA)

## ABOUT ME

Welcome to 5th grade English Language Arts! My name is Ms. Hanson. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year full of engaging activities and enriching projects! This is my 3rd year teaching for Orange County Public Schools and my first year teaching at Orlando Gifted Academy. I am dedicated to creating a fun and safe learning environment where our class will become a family and everyone will feel respected.

## EDUCATION

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education as well as my ESOL and Reading Endorsements from Florida Gulf Coast University. Go Eagles!



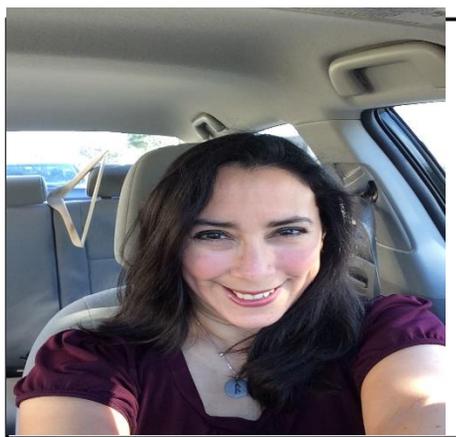
## MY FAVORITES

Color: Pink  
Food: Anything with chocolate Drink: Iced Chai Tea Latte Movie: The Parent Trap  
Book: Looking For Alaska  
TV Show: The Great British Baking Show Place to Visit: Ponce Inlet, FL Hobbies: Reading, pilates, and spending time with friends and family

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs. Kuerzi  
(5<sup>th</sup> grade Math/Science)

## ABOUT ME

Hello, Everyone!

I am one of the original teachers back when OGA started in 2018. I teach 5<sup>th</sup> Grade All Subjects, and this will be my 24<sup>rd</sup> year as an educator. I have a great family and love to read, travel, and spend time with my cat.

## EDUCATION

I attended a small college in beautiful Lafayette, Louisiana, ULL. I majored in English Literature and Business, then went back for my Teaching Certification in Elementary Ed, K-6, Gifted Ed k-12, and ESOL, K-12.

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Black or Navy Blue

Food: Vegetarian

Drink: Hot Tea

Movie: Anything Mystery

Book: Too many to chose

TV Show: Stranger Things

Place to Visit: Maine, Virginia

Hobby: Reading and Travel

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs. Stoute  
(5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA)

## ABOUT ME

Hello my name is Mrs. Antonia Stoute! I was born on one of the beautiful tropical islands of the Bahamas but I reside here in the lovely city of Orlando, Florida. I enjoy traveling and spending time with friends and family. This is my fourth year at Orlando Gifted Academy and I'm super excited for what this year holds for my reading scholars and I!

## EDUCATION

University of Central  
Florida



UCF College of Education  
and Human Performance

- Reading Endorsed
- Gifted Endorsed
- ESOL Endorsed
- Masters in Educational Leadership

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Black and Gold

Food: Pasta and Seafood

Drink: Water and Iced Coffee

Movie: Mrs. Doubtfire

Book: "Destined to Reign" by Joseph Prince

TV Show: Minute to Win it

Place to Visit: Jamaica

Hobby: Painting

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# MEET THE TEACHER



**Mrs. Valentin**  
(5<sup>th</sup> grade Math/Science)

## ABOUT ME

My name is Mrs. Joy Valentin and this is my 9<sup>th</sup> year teaching. My husband, David, and I have two boys, both students at OGA. I was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, then relocated to Orlando 16 years ago. As a family, we love to spend time at the beach, fishing, hiking and swimming. Before teaching, I traveled to Europe, Greece, Africa, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

## EDUCATION

Brooklyn College Alumni  
Professional Certified  
Educator - Valencia/UCF  
Elementary Ed K6  
Health Science K12  
Gifted Endorsed  
Reading & ESOL Endorsed

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Pink  
Food: Sushi  
Drink: Coffee  
Movie: Star Wars  
Book: Life of Pi  
TV Show: Jeopardy  
Place to Visit: Japan  
Hobby: Baking

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Bell

(6<sup>th</sup> Gr Life Science & Advanced Academics)

## ABOUT ME

I have been teaching for 18 years! Last year was my 1st year at OGA and I taught 4th grade math and science. I spend my long weeks and breaks camping all around the state parks in Florida.

## EDUCATION

- Master's Degree in Science (Exercise Physiology)
- Endorsed in Gifted, Reading & ESOL
- Certified in 6-9 science, k-6 elementary, K-12 PE & ESOL

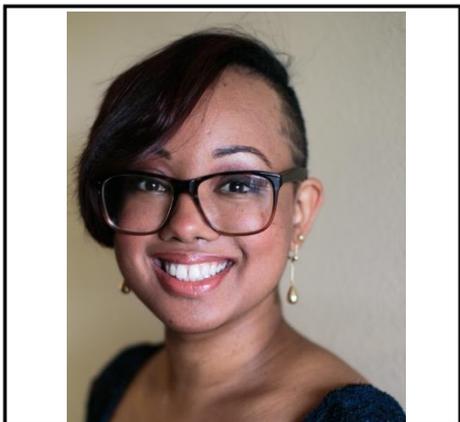
## MY FAVORITES

Color: Blue  
Food: Dark Chocolate  
Drink: Mountain Dew  
Movie: ALL Marvel movies!  
Book: Harry Potter Series  
TV Show: The Voice & AGT  
Place to Visit: Beach  
Hobby: Camping & puzzles

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Buyo

(World & US History, Art 1, Speech & Debate)

## ABOUT ME

I am proudly of Haitian and Filipino descent. I was born in Jamaica, Queens. The "Louise Breeze" smoothie at Park Ave Smoothie Café is named after me. I walked the red carpet at the Cannes Film Festival.

## EDUCATION

B.A. in Art History and Anthropology, University of Florida



## MY FAVORITES

Color: Black  
Food: My Lola's Lumpia  
Drink: Thai Iced Tea  
Movie: Spirited Away  
Book: A Wrinkle in Time  
TV Show: City of Ghosts  
Place to Visit: New Orleans  
Hobby: Photography

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# MEET THE TEACHER



**Dr. Carr**

(Algebra, Geometry, & Research)

## ABOUT ME

Hello! I'm Dr. Carr and this year I will be teaching Geometry Honors, Algebra, and Research. This will be my first year at OGA but my 24<sup>th</sup> year teaching with OCPS. I'm also a graduate of Bishop Moore Catholic High School.

Go Hornets!



## EDUCATION

**University of South Florida**

B.S. – Biology

B.A. – Clinical Chemistry

M.P.H. – Epidemiology

Ph.D. – Infectious Disease Epidemiology



**University of  
South Florida**

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Yellow

Food: Empanadas

Drink: Diet Coke

Movie: Star Wars Saga

TV Show: the Golden Girls

Place to Visit: Japan

Hobby: Cross-Fit, Disney, Running, Guitar



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# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Cross

(7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Math Advanced, Algebra,  
PreAlgebra, & DIT)

## ABOUT ME

I was born and raised in Georgia. I am married and I have 2 daughters. I LOVE SPORTS! My favorite sports teams are the Los Angeles Lakers and the New England Patriots. I also LOVE to travel and spend quality time with my family and friends.

## EDUCATION

B.S. in Computer Science  
(With an Emphasis in  
Mathematics)  
Albany State University

Gifted Endorsed

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Blue  
Food: Cashews  
Drink: Water  
Movie: Love and Basketball  
Book: The Bible  
TV Show: NCIS Los Angeles  
Place to Visit: Jamaica

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Breathe  
FOR  
Change

Ms. Cuomo

(6<sup>th</sup> Gr. ELA, French 1, French 2)



## ABOUT ME

Mom, Francophile, Disney-lover, Halloween enthusiast, Podcast pundit, Yogi, Krashen follower

## EDUCATION

B.A.-French and International Studies

M.Ed.-Elementary Education

Certified-Elementary Education  
K-6, French K-12ESOL

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Pink or Purple

Food: Sushi

Drink: Coke Zero

TV Show: The Nanny Place  
to Visit: Paris



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# MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs. Dunn

(Advanced Academics & Service Learning)

## ABOUT ME

This year, my husband and I are celebrating 31 years of marriage! We are blessed with two wonderful kids (Trey and Lindsay) who have found success in fields related to their college majors and their passions. Now we are empty-nesters. I enjoy boating, reading and playing with our dogs, Dabo and Riggs. This year begins my 20<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. EmPowering leaders through their Gifts and Talents is my personal passion!

## EDUCATION

Undergraduate Degree:  
Clemson University  
Go Tigers!  
Masters of Education  
Converse College



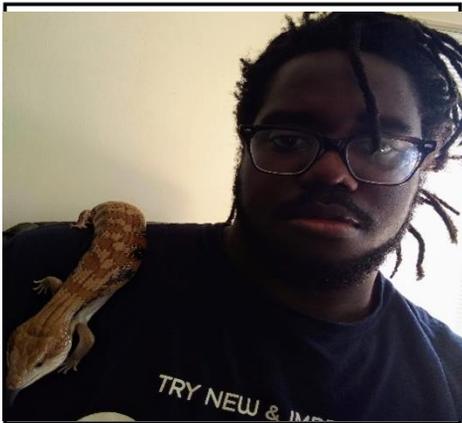
## MY FAVORITES

Color: Blue  
Food: Steak, Pizza, and Mexican  
Drink: Coke  
Movie: *Maverick*  
Book: Tales of Despereaux  
TV Show: *This is Us* & *The Big Bang Theory*  
Place to Visit: Lake Keowee, SC  
Strasbourg, France  
Hobbies: Boating & Training my dogs Dabo & Riggs

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Mr. Menna  
(7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PE, PLTW)

## ABOUT ME

Greetings. I'm Mr. Menna and I am looking forward to the unique opportunities presented to us this year. I will be teaching 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade PE and Project Lead the Way courses. My priority is the development of well-rounded scholars.

## EDUCATION

University of Florida  
Bachelors in Geographic Information  
Science

Certified: Engineering & Technology,  
Elementary Ed, ESOL, Middle  
Grades Science

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Red  
Food: Pasta  
Drink: Grape Juice  
Movie: Toy Story  
Book: Guns Germs and Steel  
TV Show: King of the Hill  
Place to Visit: Jamaica

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# MEET THE TEACHER



**Mr. Miller**  
(World History & Civics)

## ABOUT ME

Life has been my greatest teacher. Humans and our vast histories, cultures, foodways, conflicts, creations, and the funkiness in between, continue to fascinate me. I have been blessed live, travel and work in plenty of places, and these experiences infuse my pedagogical practices & perspectives.

## EDUCATION

Life, travel, struggle, celebration, & my students  
Educator Preparation Institute:  
Seminole  
State College  
BA in International Relations

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Purple  
Food: Sichuan Peppercorn infused foods  
Drink: Yierba Mate  
Movie: well-made documentaries  
Book: *The Silk Roads: A new history...*  
TV Show: *Street Food* (anywhere)  
Place to Visit: ancient trade ports  
Hobby: landscaping projects

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Olowu (oh-LOW-woo)  
(7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> ELA, Journalism, Research)

## ABOUT ME

To know me is to know how much I love being a Bostonian. I bleed Celtic Green, Bruins Yellow, and Patriot/Sox/Revolution Red and Blue (though I almost never watch the games). My spouse and I are proud of our college freshman and HS junior. I love to travel and have been to several countries in the Caribbean, Europe, and Central America – Next stop – JAPAN!

## EDUCATION

University of MA – Boston  
(Go, Beacons!!)  
English 6-12  
ESOL  
Middle Grades 5-9  
Gifted Endorsed  
Clinical Educator  
Facilitative Coaching

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Orange, Pink, Grey, glitter !  
Food: Avocado, Dark Chocolate, Sushi  
Drink: DD Iced Coffee, Coke Zero, Thai Tea  
Movie: Anything scary with the lights out!  
Book: The Color Purple, Great Expectations  
TV Show: The Walking Dead, Friends  
Place to Visit: Mr. Sancho's Beach Club  
Hobby: Resin crafting, road trips, shopping

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Miss Panther

(7<sup>th</sup> ELA, Spanish 1, & Creative Writing)

## ABOUT ME

Hello! I'm Miss Panther. I love reading, running, and traveling. I was born in Jamaica and I've lived in three countries. I've visited 11 countries and 15 states so far and I've run two half-marathons. I hope to run the Boston Marathon one day. When I'm not at school, reading, or running, I like to watch true crime shows.

## EDUCATION

I earned my B.A in Art History at Rollins College in Winter Park and my Master of Arts in Art History and Curating at the University of Birmingham in England.

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Yellow (Marigold)  
Food: My grandma's pot roast  
Drink: Water  
Movie: The Breakfast Club  
Book: The Martian by Andy Weir  
TV Show: The Expanse  
Place to Visit: London  
Hobby: Running

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# MEET THE TEACHER



**Dr. Rozmarynowycz**  
(Earth/Space Science & Physical Science)

## ABOUT ME

Science is one of the most fun and interesting career choices. As a researcher I would often find myself travelling to remote locations, perhaps to the center of a frozen lake by helicopter or snow mobile, or across an ocean aboard a research vessel. My work has taken me across the globe, from places like Russia and the Bermuda Triangle, to as far away as Canada. It is my goal to take the things that make science a fun career and bring them to the classroom.

## EDUCATION

### Ph.D – Env. Microbiology

- BGSU

### Cert – Bioinformatics

- University of Toledo



## MY FAVORITES

Color: 700 nm

Food: Pizza

Drink: Coca-Cola

Movie: Contact

Book: Science, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition

TV Show: Cosmos

Place to Visit: Epcot

Hobbies: Photography/Music



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**Special  
Areas**

# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Cybulski  
(Mandarin & Makerspace)

Hello! My name is Ms. Cybulski. It's pronounced sign-bull-ski. I am so excited you are here! I have a husband, a younger brother, and a miniature schnauzer. I came to the United States from China when I was 12. I am a Hufflepuff, love Star Wars, Adventure Time, the Marvel Universe, coding, books, robots, and all animals except for moths and mosquitos.

## EDUCATION

Bachelors: University of California, San Diego

Masters: California Institute of the Arts

Education Specialist: Saint Leo University

Doctorate (in progress): Saint Leo University

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## FAVORITES

Color: Forest Green

Author: Terry Pratchett

Food: Sushi

TV Show: Ms. Marvel

Drink: Jasmine tea (with boba)

Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol 2

# MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs. Faubel

(Elementary Art, Art 1, & Creative Photography)

## ABOUT ME

Hello! My name is Mrs. Faubel and I teach Elementary Art, Middle School Art, and Creative Photography. I love vintage clothes, home décor, and old movies. I live in an old pink house with my husband, son, and our cat Sweet Walter. My son will be a third grader at OGA this year. I'm looking forward to a fun and creative year in the Art room!

## EDUCATION

Flagler College  
Art Education



## MY FAVORITES

Color: Pink  
Food: Cookies & Cream Ice Cream  
Drink: Water and Coffee  
Movie: Alfred Hitchcock Films  
Places to Visit: NYC, Asheville, St. Augustine, Paris, and Barcelona  
Hobbies: Photography, Water Aerobics, Painting, and Estate Sales

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# MEET THE TEACHER



**Coach Fitzpatrick**

(Elementary PE, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Gr. PE)

## ABOUT ME

I am originally from the Bronx, NY. I have been in Florida for 25 years. The beach truly is my happy place!! I am starting my 16th year of teaching and am so excited to be part of the OGA Family!

## EDUCATION

I spent my college years in Buffalo NY. I earned a BS in Social Work.

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Red  
Food: Italian  
Drink: Club Soda and Water  
Movie: Pretty Woman  
Book: Any Biography  
TV Show: Law and Order  
Place to Visit: Italy?  
Hobby: Reading

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Santos

(Elementary Music, Chorus, World Music  
Drumming)

## ABOUT ME

I teach both music AND fitness! I'm a singer, piano teacher and personal trainer. I take any opportunity I can get to educate others on subjects I am passionate about.



## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Music Education  
University of North Florida



## MY FAVORITES

Exercise  
Classical music  
Vegan pizza  
Netflix  
Fall



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**Instruct.  
Support**

# MEET THE TEACHER



**Mrs. Crandell**

(Instructional Coach/Testing Coordinator)

## ABOUT ME

Hi! My name is Mrs. Crandell and I am thrilled to join the OGA family this year as your instructional coach and testing coordinator. This is my eleventh year in OCPS. When I am not working, I spend my time with my husband, Cameron, daughters Scarlett and Serena, and Molly the Collie.

## EDUCATION

I received my undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Florida, and graduate degrees from the University of Central Florida in elementary education and educational leadership.  
Go Gators and Go Knights!

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Orange & Blue  
Food: Mexican food and any kind of potatoes  
Drink: Diet Coke  
Movie: The Godfather trilogy, The Princess Bride  
Book: historical fiction  
TV Show: The Office, Game of Thrones  
Place to Visit: Germany  
Hobby: cheering for my sports teams- Florida Gators, Boston Red Sox and NE Patriots

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# MEET THE TEACHER



**Ms. Datus, MSW**  
(Registered Clinical Social Work Intern)

## ABOUT ME

I am a first-generation Haitian-American, and I grew up in Southwest Florida. As a “social” worker, I enjoy being around people, which led me to speak three languages conversationally: English, Haitian-Creole, and Spanish. I feel the most accomplished at work when I am able to help my students and their families with life’s challenges.

## EDUCATION

- **Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology** from Skidmore College
- **Master’s Degree in Social Work** from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- **FL Dept. of Educ.** Certification in School Social Work, PK-12
- **FL Dept. of Health** Registered Clinical Social Work Intern

## MY FAVORITES

**Color:** Red, Pink, and Green

**Food:** Haitian Rice/Beans/Legume (Greens)

**Drink:** Orange Juice

**Movie:** Finding Nemo

**Book:** The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

**TV Show:** Call Me Kat (Hulu)

**Place to Visit:** Library, Park, or Family Visits

**Hobby:** Reading, Dancing, Cleaning/Organizing

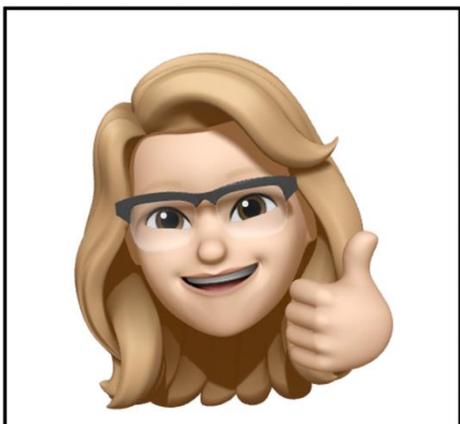
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# MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs. Gentry-Mickelson  
(Staffing Specialist)

## ABOUT ME

202-2023 will be my 22<sup>st</sup> year with OCPS and my 11<sup>th</sup> year as a School Staffing Specialist. My teaching background is with Students with Disabilities.  
I love my OGA Family!!

## EDUCATION

Masters in Educational Leadership from St. Leo University  
Certifications: Educational Leadership  
ESE K-12, Elementary Ed., & ESOL

## MY FAVORITES

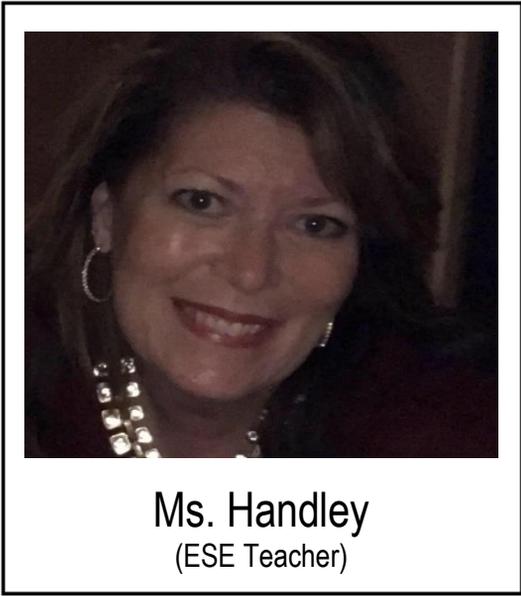
Color: Green  
Food: Mexican Food  
Drink: Water -Diet Coke  
Movie: Forest Gump  
Book: Harry Potter Series  
TV Show: Aerial America  
Place to Visit: Mountains  
Hobby: Golf

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Handley  
(ESE Teacher)

## ABOUT ME



I am a native of Orlando, Florida and have lived here my whole life. This is my 19<sup>th</sup> year of teaching in Orange County, all of them in gifted education. I have 3 grown gifted children of my own, and I am excited to begin my 5<sup>th</sup> year at OGA!

## EDUCATION

• BA Graduate of the University of Central Florida

### Certifications & Endorsements:

- Elementary Education K-6
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Gifted Endorsement
- Exceptional Student Education K-12

## MY FAVORITES

Color: blue

Food: salmon

Drink: Diet Coke

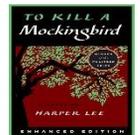
Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"

Book: To Kill a Mockingbird

TV Show: "Friends"

Place to Visit: Caribbean Islands

Hobby: traveling, reading, time with family



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Tyson Handley

# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Ortiz  
(Science Intervention)

## ABOUT ME

Hi! I'm Ms. Ortiz, and I'm the science interventionist for grades 5, 6, 7, and 8.

This is my second year with OCPS.

Before coming to OGA, I taught high school Environmental Science, was an entomologist with Walt Disney World's Horticulture team, and studied insect biodiversity & plant-insect interactions throughout the Everglades, Africa, and Canada.

## EDUCATION

- Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science, attended graduate school at the University of Miami
- Certification in Biology, Grades 6-12
- Currently working on my Gifted Endorsement

## MY FAVORITES

Color: **Yellow** and **Teal**

Food: Cuban Food

Drink: Yerba Mate, Kombucha, Coffee

Movie: Monty Python & the Holy Grail, Harry Potter

Book: Bugs in the System by May Berenbaum

TV Show: Star Trek: Voyager, Stranger Things

Place to Visit: The Everglades

Hobby: Rollerskating, hiking, painting, working with Orlando Girls Rock Camp in the summer

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# MEET THE TEACHER



**Ms. Scheid**

(Behavior Specialist & Magnet Coordinator)

## ABOUT ME

This is my 18<sup>th</sup> year in OCPS and my 4th year at OGA as the Behavior Specialist. I'm a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and currently in my 3rd year of a PhD program in Special Education, focusing on students identified as twice-exceptional. I have a 2 children, my son is 22 and my daughter is 20 - both are attending college full time (UCF & UNF). I'm originally from Ohio/Michigan and am an University of Michigan fan – GO BLUE!

## EDUCATION

BA: Psychology  
M.A: Educational Technology  
Eastern Michigan University

M.Ed.: Ed. Leadership  
Grand Canyon University

Ph.D.: Special Education (in progress)  
University of Northern Colorado

Endorsement: Reading, Gifted

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Red, Green, Blue

Food: Shrimp, Pastas

Drink: Water & Root Beer Floats

Place to Visit: Aruba, Bahamas

TV Shows: House Hunters, Bull, Good Doctor

Hobby: Traveling (by air, car, or cruise ship), Running, Home Improvement

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs. White  
(School Counselor)

## ABOUT ME

I was born in Westmoreland, Jamaica, and moved to Orlando in 1985. I grew up in Orlando and graduated from Dr. Phillips High School. I am passionate about education and helping students achieve their personal/social, academic, and career goals. I am so excited about this school year and look forward to sharing it with you and your child!

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts Degree from  
Florida Atlantic University

Master of Science Degree from  
Nova Southeastern University  
in School Guidance and  
Counseling.

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Yellow, Pink, and Blue

Food: Pizza, Plantains, Fried  
Chicken, and French Fries!

Drink: Sprite

Movie: Children of the Corn

Book: The Giving Tree

TV Show: The Walking Dead

Place to Visit: Costa Rica

Hobby: Spending time with family!

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**Media  
Center**

# MEET THE TEACHER



Ms. Lineberry  
(Media Specialist)

## ABOUT ME

I am going into year lucky 13 of working in the Media Center. I am excited to continue to share my love of books and reading with all of you. I spend a lot of my spare time with my amazing dog, love to do a variety of crafts and, of course, I am always reading. I am also the Partner in Education Coordinator.

## EDUCATION

University of Louisville:  
BS Organizational Leadership  
in Learning

Certified Media Specialist

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Red  
Food: Tacos  
Drink: Coffee  
Movie: Breakfast at Tiffany's  
Book: Alice in Wonderland  
TV Show: Friends  
Place to Visit: Any Beach  
Hobby: Reading and Crafting

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**Admin  
Staff**

# MEET THE TEACHER



**Mrs. Hale**  
(Assistant Principal)

## ABOUT ME

This is my 24<sup>rd</sup> year in Education. I have taught in elementary and middle school! My favorite subject to teach is Math, but Science is a close second. I truly believe that things do not get easier in life, we just get smarter and stronger.

## EDUCATION

I received my Bachelor's Degree  
at SUNY Oneonta

I received my Master's Degree  
in Educational Leadership at  
The University of Central  
Florida

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Red (but sometimes blue)  
Food: Pizza (Tomasino's)  
Drink: Unsweet Iced Tea (Chick-Fila)  
Movie: The Princess Bride  
Book: The Hunger Games  
TV Show: Love It or List It  
Place to Visit: mountainous areas

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# MEET THE TEACHER



Mr. Maguire  
(Principal)

## ABOUT ME

This is my first year serving Orlando Gifted Academy. This is my 27<sup>th</sup> year in OCPS and my 14<sup>th</sup> year as a principal. My wife has been an OCPS teacher for 28 years and we have four children: Reilly, Kallie, Chase and Emily.

## EDUCATION



Bachelor of Arts  
Gustavus Adolphus  
College



Master of Science  
Nova Southeastern  
University

## MY FAVORITES

Color: Blue  
Food: Ice Cream  
Drink: Mountain Dew Zero  
Movie: Lord of the Rings  
Book: Ender's Game  
TV Show: Any live sports  
Place to Visit: The beach  
Hobby: Driving my kids to practice

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