

# WB Related Arts Newsletter

Fall Issue: Meet the Related Arts Team



PE / Wellness are off and running!!! Our initiative this year was to get the kids moving As Soon As Possible. So obviously we decided to call these ASAP Games. We are constantly trying to balance 'quality instruction' versus, "This is the best and only exercise many of these children will get today." Learning these locomotor games as well as Gym rules and safety procedures.

## Coach Michael Tomalo (PE/Wellness)

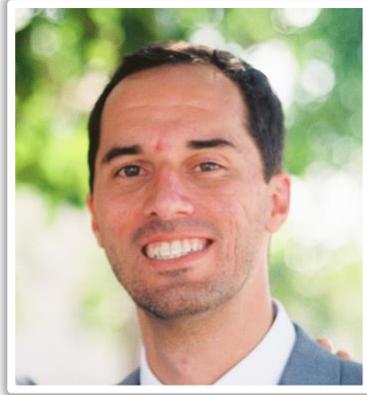
Fun Facts about Coach Tomalo: I am originally from Michigan and moved to Nashville in 2013. This is my 7th year teaching and have been at this school since it reopened in the fall of 2015. When I'm not teaching I like to explore the outdoors, go camping, and attend Pred's games.



## Coach Jeremy Dison (PE/Wellness)

Fun Facts about Coach Dison: I have lived my whole life in Nashville and am the oldest of 8 kids. My education is from Father Ryan H.S., TSU for my Degree in Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance and a Master's in Education online from The University of Phoenix. I teach Golf Lessons after school if I'm not working on my rental property. I'm the Head Coach for Hume - Fogg's softball team and run the Catholic Diocesan Golf League for 5th to 8th graders. In my spare time, I go to Haiti to help a village school through my church parish.





## Señor Daniel Diaz (Spanish)

I am the Spanish teacher at Waverly Belmont Elementary and I am really excited to start another school year with you and your family! In Spanish, we dance, sing, play and learn about cultures and interesting places from all around the world!

Fun Facts about Señor Diaz: I graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic University with a Bachelors in Music. My favorite memory of elementary school is my 2nd grade year, mostly because of my teacher Mrs. Jones. I love coffee, I roast my own at home. I also love to fly fish! I am the youngest of 3. I was born & raised in Miami, Fl.

## Mrs. Sarah Bixby (Art)

The art studio at WB is a safe place for students to express themselves creatively, while learning skills and information about visual arts and artists. Follow @ArtwithMrsBix on Twitter to see all the cool things going on in the art room! You can also check out your child's online art portfolio on [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com).

Fun Facts about Mrs. Bixby: My most favorite artist is Frida Kahlo. My favorite mediums are paint and fibers (I have a giant floor loom at home). I graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin. My husband and I are new parents! Our little one was born May 1st. I was born and raised in the Nashville area.



## Mrs. Alice Asako Walle (Music)

In music, we move, sing, improvise, play, make connections, and build our musicianship skills. Go to my website [www.musicwithmrswalle.weebly.com](http://www.musicwithmrswalle.weebly.com) for more information or Twitter account @Music\_MrsWalle for updated information on what's going on in class!

Fun Facts about Mrs. Walle: I graduated from Eastman School of Music (NY) with a Bachelors in Music Education and M.A in Music Education. My first teaching job was in Japan where I taught General/Instrumental Music for 3 years. Some of my favorite musicians include Lady Gaga, Bach, Kaskade, & Chopin. I was born and raised in the NJ/New York City area. Aside from music, I love to cook, run, and sit in the sun.

### Mrs. Laura Hartley (Library)

Hi! I will be your Monday-Thursday librarian this year. This is my 12th year in education. 7 in the classroom and 5 as a librarian. I'm originally from Memphis, but have lived in quite a few places (TN, MS, AL & Dubai). My husband, Todd, and I have been married for 12 years and have two sweet boys, Zeke, almost 4, & Asher, 2. I love teaching, reading, drinking coffee, camping, pool days and traveling to places I've never been.



### Mrs. Jana Whittle (Library)

Hi -- I am your librarian on Fridays. The other 4 days of the week I am retired, which means I am doing something I love. I enjoy reading; playing tennis and volleyball; traveling; playing bridge; and playing or spending time with my grandchildren... Zeke who is 3 and lives in Chattanooga and Millie who is turning 1 the end of September and lives in Denver, CO. I also like their parents too! I have two boys who attended MNPS schools and are now productive citizens. (Every parents dream right?!) I retired from MNPS in 2015 after 33 years of teaching. I am so thankful to be a part of the Waverly Belmont family. Please come by to see me any Friday!