

extended school enrichment

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



Valeska Simmonds, Site Supervisor

Valeska is entering her 14th school year as the Forest Dale Site Supervisor. Prior to working for Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, Valeska worked at Pike Township in their Loving Care program. Valeska is a graduate of Anderson University with a degree in Bible & Religion.

Fun Fact: Valeska collects cats and dogs!



Charlsie Krauss, Assistant Site Supervisor

Charlsie is in her third year as the Forest Dale ESE Assistant Site Supervisor. Charlsie worked previously as a Head Counselor for the Vacation Station at Carmel Middle School as well as a Kid Counselor at Town Meadow and Smoky Row elementary.

FUN FACT: Charlsie was in the top 10 of the Carmel Idol singing competition at her high school.



Hope Castillo, Head Counselor

Hope is entering her 6th school year at Forest Dale Elementary and her second year as a Head Counselor. Hope is so excited to be back again for another fun school year. During the school day she is at Woodbrook Elementary as a Kindergarten IA. Hope is married with two great kids. Her son is entering fourth grade at WBE and her daughter Lucy is entering Pre-K!

Fun Fact: Hope is a makeup artist!

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Jill Fooksman Kid Counselor

This is Jill's fourth school year here at Forest Dale Elementary. She is looking forward to a new school year with lots of energy and fun! Some of her hobbies include crafting, crocheting, reading, collecting items.

Fun Fact: Jill loves Pokemon!



Terra Botta, Kid Counselor

This is Tera's third year working in ESE and her first year at Forest Dale! She has three brothers and two sisters, she likes being a part of a big family. She wants to be accepted at Butler University to become a high school algebra teacher.

Fun Fact: Terra is learning American Sign Language!



Lauren Deighan, Kid Counselor

This is Laurens first year with the ESE program. Prior to coming to ESE Lauren worked for the United States Tennis Association developing tennis programs for children age 5 to 10 years old!

Fun Fact: Lauren enjoys Tennis, running and pickled ball! Lauren has also participated in two marathons!

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Kiara Jackson, Kid Counselor

Kiara is starting her first school year here at Forest Dale, but over the summer she worked with the “Move to Improve” sports camp and “Where It’s At camp.” She is a junior at Carmel High School. She loves to work with kids because they never fail to brighten up her day! She is looking forward to meeting the kids!

Fun Fact: Kiara will be learning two languages this year. She will be studying American Sign Language and Spanish!



Elizabeth Kinnett, Kid Counselor

Elizabeth is starting her first school year here at Forest Dale Elementary. During the summer, Elizabeth, was at the “Where It’s At” summer camp. She is going to be a junior at Carmel High School this year. She really enjoys working with kids because it is fun to watch them discover new things.

Fun Fact: Elizabeth has a twin sister!



Molly McGeehan, Kid Counselor

Molly is beginning her 11th year at Forest Dale! She loves working with kids. She finds it very rewarding. She is very glad to be back for another great year!

Fun Fact: Molly loves Country Music!

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Ashley Salinas, Kid Counselor

Ashley is beginning her second year with the FDE ESE program. Ashley has worked with children for three years and has also volunteered with CCPR as a youth volunteer for respite events!

Fun Fact: Ashley is now a proud mommy to a beautiful baby girl, Audrey Rose!



Anna Koenig, Kid Counselor

Anna is starting her third year in the ESE program and will be working as a sub in the ESE program. Hope is beginning her freshman year at Hope College which is located in Michigan. She comes to us from McAlister's and spent the summer working as a Nanny!

FUN FACT: Anna can play eight different instruments and is studying to be a nurse!

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