

Chapter 92

Lake Welcomes Students and Staff



Noel Ramos Olivas, Gabriel Aragon, and PaulRay Fuentes, grade 7

First Year As Principal

Amanda Stewart, Lake's principal, was born in 1986 and came from a family of 6 girls. She told us, "When I was a child I wanted to be an F16 fighter pilot." She was inspired by her grandpa, a spaceship window designer. She was born and raised in Denver. When she was in middle school she wanted to be a comedian.

She also told us, "When I was in high school I played lacrosse and volleyball." She also received an award for being a scholar-athlete. She went to C.U. Boulder for college and got her Master's at D.U. She got an award for being an exemplary teacher when she worked at Montbello.

She finds it challenging to support everyone at our school, but is working really hard to do so. She said, "I wanted to go to a school below expectations and help." Her dream is to run a mountain camp for kids. She loves her job at Lake and is an amazing principal. This is Amanda Stewart's first year as principal and so far everything's going great!

Mr. Reyes

Christalee Marcolina, grade 7

A long time ago **Dino Reyes** went to Lake Middle School but before that he went to Colfax and Fairview Elementaries.

Mr.Reyes' favorite subject in school was social studies. This wasn't always the case, Mr.Reyes says, " I was not always the good kid; I never listened to my teachers. But after I came back to work at Lake Middle School it was like a

Mr. Ellsworth

Gonzalo Leanos, grade 7

Mr.Ellsworth grew up in New York and moved to Colorado in 2003. **Josiah Ellsworth** is 35 years old and worked at a high school before working at Lake Middle School. Mr.Ellsworth has two brothers, one sister, and a dog called Loca. Mr. Ellsworth is married to Ms. Ellsworth for 5 years. Mr.Ellsworth's hobbies are working out, running obstacle races, and traveling.

Mr. Ellsworth's favorite food is ice cream, wings, pizza, and french fries. Building relationships with the kids are the most rewarding about his job. Mr. Ellsworth said, "When I was in

dream come true." Mr.Reyes also says that, " I wish I could see my teachers and show them that I became a DEAN at Lake Middle School.

Mr.Reyes seems like he could make it through anything, but we should know that has a weakness just like us.

Mr.Reyes weakness is speaking at a funeral, I mean, come on, who can hold it together at a funeral? Mr.Reyes accomplishments are is being married to Mrs.Reyes and being a Dean at Lake.

Dino Reyes is strange, energetic, and mysterious. But most of the time when he is with his friends he shows a lot of mercy, more than his friends do, and he would like to have the world be a peaceful place. Finally, I asked him what he would do on America's Got Talent and he said he would rap!

Mr. Reyes, thank you for being an inspirational person and doing what you do!

Mrs. Malekzadeh

Jordon Tyler Parker, grade 7

Do you know who the best teacher is? Do you know who to go to for help if you have trouble reading? Look no further than Alison Malekzadeh! In addition to helping kids, she also teaches adults to read!

Her favorite book, type of music, song, and weekend activity are: Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, calming music, Love Shack, and Ballet. Secondly, she has been to Michigan, California, Australia, Europe, and Mexico. Her favorite subjects are Reading & Science.

Mrs. Malekzadeh said, "I love teaching kids so they can excel!" She also said, "I chose to teach reading because it was one of my favorite subjects!"

She idolizes Miss. Bright and tries to be more like her every day!

grade school I used to be called Dumbo for having big ears." Mr.Ellsworth's favorite weekend activity is eating. Mr.Ellsworth also said, "Some of the kids call me Mr.Clean as a nickname." Mr.Ellsworth's role model is Dwayne Johnson.

Ms. Cooper

Shujaa Khalaf , grade 8

Carol Cooper is a new teacher at Lake Middle School this year. Before working as a teacher, Ms. Cooper worked as an artist and hairstylist. Ms. Cooper's favorite weekend activity is painting and making art. Her friends and family call her Juice. What makes Ms. Cooper laugh? People and animals make her laugh.

What comes easiest as a teacher for Ms. Cooper is loving kids. She is a very nice, caring teacher. The best compliment she ever got was from her mom who told her she was proud of her and she was a good daughter. Ms.Cooper loves to travel she has been to Egypt, Paris, Dubai, Mexico, Italy, Germany, England. " My favorite place that I visited was Paris". Carol Cooper loves her job at Lake!

Ms. McKenzie

Marcellano Trujillo, grade 8

Brandi McKenzie was born and raised in Denver.

Growing up, her biggest idol was one of her teachers she had met at the school she went to. She said her greatest achievements in her life so far are "her family and her son" and she also likes to travel. She has been to Canada, New York, California, and Vegas.The activities she is in to are snowboarding and playing football. She loves working at Lake and she said one of her most embarrassing moments was when she had "slipped on a piece of food in the cafeteria."

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