



Danielle Peeling



Mrs. Tammy Wickliff



Mrs. Jackie Galligan



Kelley Durham



Mrs. Annie Walton



Mrs. Linda Hemphill

Meet Our Teachers

BLPS Kindergarten Staff



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School Director

Mrs. Danielle Peeling has been with the BLPS family for 5 years. Her prior background as a teacher, in conjunction with her leadership experience, has contributed to Bethany's well-rounded approach in building a solid foundation for our students.

At Bethany, your child is not just one of many, THEY ARE FAMILY. We strive hard to provide a nurturing learning environment that develops the whole child, and prepares them to transition into public or private school

“Our verse of the year was chosen several months ago, but it seems even more relevant considering current events. ‘Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.’ (Romans 12:10). My hope is that we can use this verse to guide our days during this school year and beyond.”



Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Wickliff is a seasoned elementary school teacher, who has taught for more than 13 years. Her background is in education with a Masters degree in curriculum development. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful instructor on our team. Kindergarten is such an important foundation year in your child's elementary education. We have seen our students flourish under Mrs. Wickliff's guidance.

"I look forward to meeting all of you, and working with your child this upcoming school year. With your assistance, my aim is to help your child realize his or her full potential, and develop a lifelong love for learning!"



Kindergarten Assistant

Ms. Jackie Has taught at Bethany for 3 years and is the Bobcat Class Assistant and Spanish Instructor! She is married, to her husband Sean, for 15 years and has 3 energetic daughters: Isabella, Dani and Ella; and one fur baby, their cat Luna. She loves arts and crafts, teaching spanish, science experiments, and DIY projects.

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Kindergarten Specials Teacher

Mrs. Kelley has been a part of the BLPS teaching staff for 4 years. As our resident S.T.E.A.M. specialist she is by far a “fan favorite”. The kids love learning Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math in fun and exciting ways. Mrs. Kelley is a certified S.T.E.A.M. instructor with a background in teaching preschool and enrichment programs in the VA area.

“The excitement I see from a child learning something new brings so much joy to my heart. It never gets old! I strive to find new and inventive ways to bring that level of happiness to all my lesson plans.”



Gymnastics Instructor

Ms. Annie Walton started doing gymnastics at the age of 3. She had a very successful gymnastics career, eventually earning a full athletic scholarship to the University of Iowa, where she received her Masters in Special Education. Fun Fact.....She was one of the first Iowa Hawkeyes to compete at the NCAA gymnastics championships!

Ms. Annie and her family have been members of the BLPS community since 2016.

“I am so excited to teach your children basic tumbling skills, as well as improving their strength and balance”.

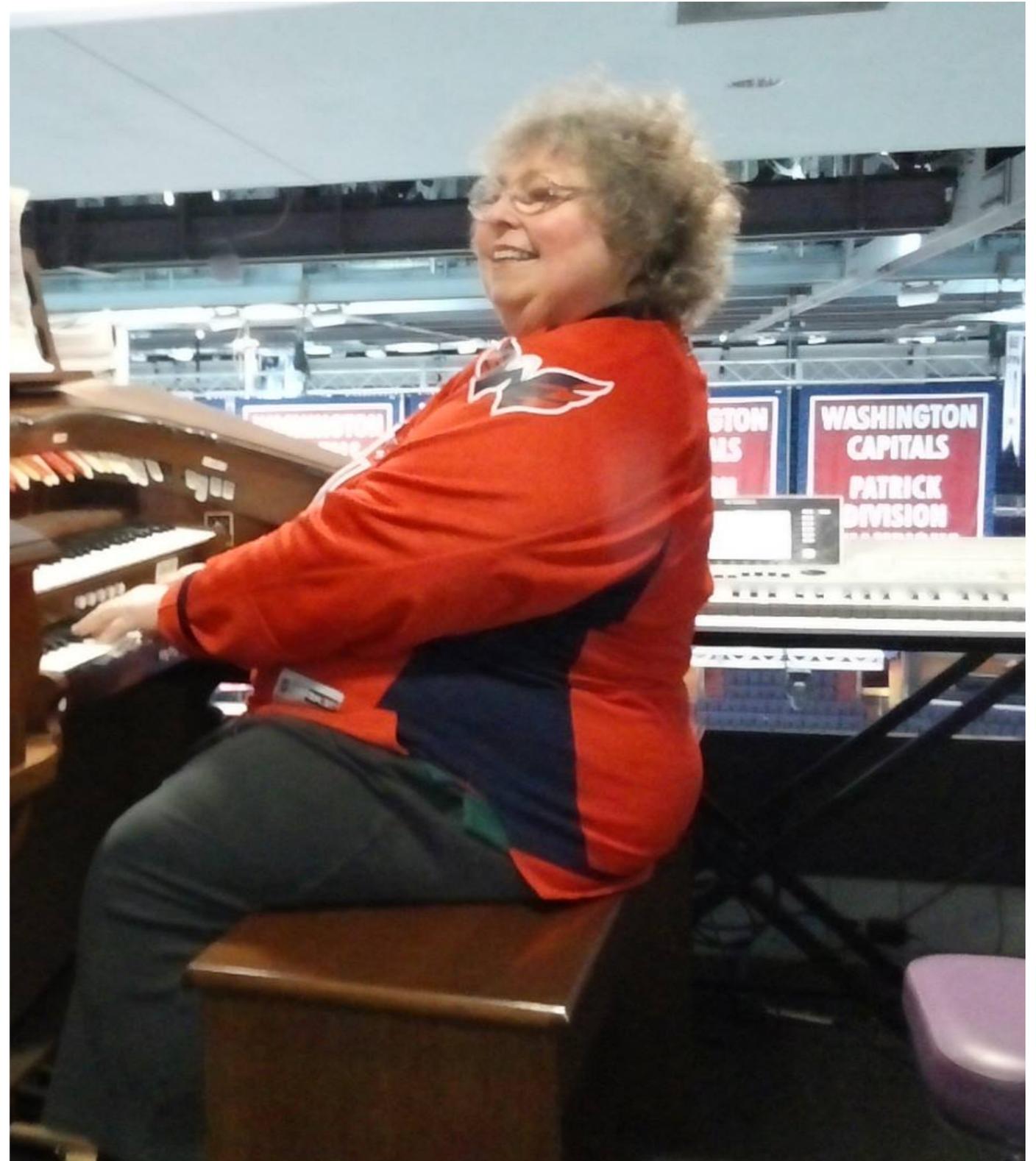


Music Teacher

Linda Hemphill has served as Bethany's Director of Music for more than 20 years. She has over 50 years of experience as a church musician and choir director.

Her ultimate desire is to be able to teach children to love and appreciate music in all its forms. In this class your child will enjoy learning proper singing techniques and basic music concepts.

“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. (Psalm 96:1)”



Why Bethany Lutheran stands apart.....

- Smaller sized classes with low teacher/student ratio, allowing for more one on one learning
- Tablets available for student use
- State of the art Smart board used daily
- Two recess periods (morning and afternoon) for ample brain breaks and socialization
- **Daily specials classes, included in tuition (Gymnastics, Art, S.T.E.A.M., Music, Book Buddies, P.E., Gardening, Spanish, etc.)**
- Fun and engaging learning environment
- Assessments are given throughout the school year to assist in teaching to every student's level
- Both Science and Social Studies are taught weekly, instead of by semester
- Kindergarten classrooms have both a teacher and an assistant
- A supply fee provides a "cubby" of individualized supplies for each student
- **Shorter, more focused, learning day than most typical Kindergartens in the area**
- Before and After care offered for registered siblings of the Kindergarten class for your convenience
- Hand sanitizer kiosks available in all classrooms
- Newsletters are sent to parents containing info on weekly learning objectives
- Open communication between parents, teachers, and administration
- A secure, parent-only, app that is updated several times a week with news, photos, etc.
- Growing Kindergarten library for students to check out books
- New, state of the art S.T.E.A.M. room for advanced educational opportunities
- **Secure building to keep our students and staff safe**