

# New Anser Staff for SY2020-2021



## 2/3 Grade Crew Leader – Jessie Dahlin

Hi Crew! I am so excited to be joining the Anser community as part of the 2/3 team! I am venturing south from Moscow Idaho where I was born and raised and also raised my two kiddos. I earned my Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and my Master of Arts in Teaching Degree in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Idaho and I am currently working on a Master of Arts in Communication and Leadership at Gonzaga University. I have been teaching in the EL Education model for eleven years at Palouse Prairie Charter School where I was the founding 2/3 crew teacher.

When I am not teaching, I love writing, watching football, and being outdoors especially camping, hiking, and being on the water. I feel very lucky to have lived most of my life in northern Idaho and now I am so excited to make myself at home in the southern part of the state I love so much.

## 4/5 Crew Leader – Heather Kelly

I am thrilled and honored to start my career at Anser Charter School as a 4/5 grade crew leader. As a recent graduate of Boise State, I received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in English teaching. I have been privileged enough to be involved in Anser over the past 2019-2020 school year as a student teacher and then as a long term substitute. I am so excited to learn and grow alongside your children in every adventure that the upcoming school year brings us. The Treasure Valley has always been my home and I am so excited to start my journey as an educator here. On the weekends, I enjoy reading in a hammock alongside the Boise River or hiking with my dog up in the mountains.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Crew Leader – Brooke Hanlon



Hello Anser families! My name is Brooke Hanlon and I am so excited to be joining the team as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade crew leader this fall. I am a recent Boise State University graduate with a B.A. in Elementary Education and math endorsement. My family is originally from Southern California and that is where I grew up. I came to Idaho for college and couldn't imagine gaining a better education experience from any other school. I actually spent some time student teaching in Junior High math here at Anser, too! This will be my first year teaching full time and I couldn't imagine a better place to start. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy painting, hand lettering, listening to country music and being outside. I cannot wait to spend this year together!

## Physical Education Specials/Electives – Tanya Rush

Tanya is in her 8<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. She has the best of both worlds by recently being a middle school PE and Health teacher. Through her 8<sup>th</sup> years of teaching, she has developed a program with BSU Kinesiology department with my previous professors to enhance cross-curricular student learning between the university and students. She also created a community outreach program with newly arrived refugees, and developed students networking skills to help implement change in the community for the better. Other projects Tanya has lead included creating three murals for the school parking lot with local artists, creating YouTube videos, organizing school wide events for Earth Day, developing an alternative transportation raffle through donations from local businesses, teaching the students the importance of supporting local businesses, and exposing students to community debates at the City Club of Boise. Other avenues established with and for the students were building a rapport with Idaho Power, with Curb It, with Boise International Market, and with the Idaho Green Challenge. In addition, she has developed a club mountain bike team for three years at her previous school and created the school's first high/middle school Ultimate Frisbee team at both schools and teach an Ultimate Frisbee class at BSU.



When Tanya is not teaching, she loves being outdoors, mountain biking, hiking, playing tennis, or camping. She also loves traveling to different countries and embracing their cultures. Tanya loves doing these adventures with her spouse and two dogs, Bear and Clancy. Tanya is a new mom to a beautiful little girl. Family means everything to Tanya!

## Other Staff Shifts: 2/3 Crew Leader – Julie Bu’



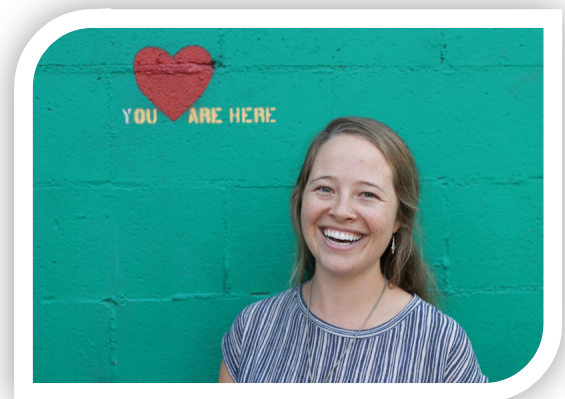
I am very excited to have the opportunity to be a 2/3 Crew Leader position. I started my teaching career with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Salem State University and I have always enjoyed working with children of all ages. I also have a love of children's literature and hold credentials in Literacy and Reading. After many years in education, I understand the critical need for all students to become great readers and want to be a part of their journey. I have always believed in the Expeditionary Learning foundation of Anser and am so fortunate to be at a school who vision is student centered. I am also very excited to join the awesome 2/3 teaching team, as we plan and create our expeditions together with our crews. I have taught Spanish from Kindergarten to 12th grade and worked for the YMCA for three years in their childcare and after school programs. My Master's Degree is from BSU in Bilingual and ELL Education and I have a Ed. Specialist Degree from University of Idaho. I am so thankful to have

been a part of the 6-8 team for the last three years and grateful for the chance to have worked as the Spanish teacher. My family has been a part of the Anser community for 21 years and am so privileged to be here as a teacher as we expand the school with new classes for more students and their families.

## Other Staff Shifts: JH World Studies Crew Leader – Sarah Higgins

I am thrilled to be moving to the Jr. High World Studies position. I have taught in the primary grades for the last six years, but have always held some role with middle grade students through leading outdoor trips in the backcountry or coaching sports like volleyball or track. My first teaching job was in a Kindergarten class during the day, and working as a student advisor for the Community School Residential program in Sun Valley in the evenings. The following year I stepped into the Residential Coordinator position and managed that program from an administrative role. During that year I completed a Masters in the Art of teaching with a focus on Character Education.

After a few years of teaching in a traditional classroom setting I decided to follow my curiosity for international travel and moved to Taipei, Taiwan to teach English. Taipei was a perfect jumping off place for exploring East Asia, including travel to Vietnam, Japan, Singapore, Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia. Other global travel highlights include the Louvre and the Sheikh Zayed grand mosque in Abu Dhabi, the Great Wall of China, snorkeling in Zanzibar and eating pretzels in Munich. Travel has enriched my life and my teaching practice. Experiencing new places has helped me feel connected to the world as a global citizen I can't wait to share my passion and experience with my World Studies Crew!



## Other Staff Shifts:

### JH Humanities/Solutionary Crew Leader – **Becky Morgan**



Becky Morgan has loved teaching 6th grade at Anser, especially engaging students in the community through field work and SOS (Sixth Grade Year of Service). In 6th grade, through the lens of community health, students create and implement collaborative and individual service projects in order to purposefully and meaningfully make a difference in our local community. With SOS as a jumping off point, Becky will move to Junior High to extend and deepen student learning about interconnected global issues, continuing with her goal of educating young people to be "solutionaries," confident, empathetic, knowledgeable thinkers, designing solutions to problems they care about in order to build a healthy future for all.