

## Lawrence School 2011–12 STAFFING UPDATE

- **Sheila Cusack**—7/8 English Teacher (.8 FTE): Sheila comes to us highly recommended from Runkle School where she has taught one section of English for the past six years while raising her family. Previously, Sheila taught English at Framingham High School for seven years. She holds a B.A. in English and Communication from the University of New Hampshire and an M.Ed. in Secondary Education from the University of Massachusetts–Boston. Sheila will teach all three sections of eighth grade English and one section for seventh grade, taking over from Anne Myers and Dianne Muendel, who will now work all of her time as a K–6 Literacy Specialist.
- **Leslie Fagen**—Enrichment & Challenge Specialist (.5 FTE): Leslie has been one of two ECS specialists at Lawrence, working .3 FTE. For the coming year, she will increase her time to .5 FTE, assuming the time previously held by Tam Johnson. Leslie has been a leader in our work to differentiate instruction. I believe having one person in this role will provide for a more unified approach and enhance communication with parents and teachers.
- **Keryn Gannon**—Grade 2 Teacher: Keryn has worked in Brookline for the past 3 years in a variety of roles, most recently as Jill Demsey’s long-term substitute in second grade from April–June 2011. From September–December 2010, she was at Lawrence serving as a long-term substitute for Special Education teacher Mandy Tzan (Gr. 3–5 Learning Center) and also served as a long-term substitute at Runkle School from January–April 2011. Keryn began her training in Brookline as a full-time student teacher in first grade at the Baker School in the fall of 2008 and then became a full-time aide for the remainder of that school year. In 2009–10, Keryn completed a full-year internship at the Baker School in the K–3 Learning Center, as part of the selective Brookline-Lesley Internship Program. She holds a B.A. in Early Childhood Education from Boston University and an M.Ed. in Moderate Special Needs from Lesley University. Keryn will teach the new fourth section of second grade in Room 227.
- **Scott Heinze**—Physical Education (.8 FTE): Scott taught elementary physical education in Hawaii last year, where he worked with all grades and coached after school sports teams. He completed his student teaching at both the elementary and high school level in Granby, CT. Scott has also worked as an assistant coach to high school wrestling teams. He holds a B.S. in Physical Education with a minor in Health from Springfield College. Scott takes over most of the position held by Judith Ellis, who is on leave to pursue graduate studies. Jon Mastroianni will increase to full-time.
- **Maria Kalaitzidis**—Office Aide: Maria brings the right combination of office experience, having worked in the travel industry in reservations and accounting, and school experience, having served as an active volunteer and lunch parent at her children’s school. She has also volunteered extensively at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, including serving as the Greek School PTO President, secretary, and fundraising coordinator. Maria’s warmth, organizational skills, and work ethic make her a perfect fit for this position in the office. She will take over the position held by Peggy Williams, who retired in June.
- **Justin Kessler**—Northeastern Co-op Student: Justin will join us for the fall semester. He will assist in the office and help supervise lunch and cover classrooms.
- **Vicki LaRiccia**—Special Education Teacher (Grades 6–8 Intensive Learning Program): Vicki also comes to us highly recommended from Runkle School, where she worked for the past six years as an aide and long-term substitute in a special education program serving middle school students with autism-related disabilities. Vicki began her career in education at the May Institute in Arlington. Vicki is certified in both special education and middle school mathematics. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts–Amherst and an M.Ed. in Moderate Special Needs from Cambridge College. Vicki will take over the position previously held by Lindsay Morin.