



## Meet the 2006-2007 Dodge Nature Preschool Staff

### **Amanda Janquart, Teacher**

Amanda begins her fifth year at Dodge Nature Preschool. She holds a B.S. in Environmental Education from the University of WI, Stevens Point and is currently in a Masters program at Concordia College. She has 6 years experience as a preschool teacher and experience as an environmental educator.

### **Deanna Heraly-Bennet, Teacher**

Deana has a B.A.S. in Early Childhood Studies from Metropolitan State University. She has previous experience in Head Start and working as a para in District 622.

### **Don Bollinger-Brown, Teacher**

Don is starting his sixth year at Dodge Nature Preschool. Don originally started as a parent volunteer in the Oak room, and the following year was hired on as staff.

### **Ed Steinhauer, Teacher**

Ed has taught children from preschool age through middle school in the St. Paul area as well as in Washington D.C. He holds a bachelor's degree in printmaking from Washington University in St. Louis and an M.Ed. from the College of St. Catherine. He enjoys cooking, gardening, and drawing. He is pretty sure that if the term "sustainable art making" hasn't already been coined, a working definition of it could be found at Dodge Nature Preschool.

### **Janelle Jaucques, Teacher**

Janelle graduated from the University of MN with an English degree. She is currently attending St. Catherine's for her licensure in Elementary Education.

### **Joey Schoen, Teacher**

This will be Joey's fourth year of teaching at Dodge Nature Preschool. Joey holds a B.A. in history from Macalaster College. Last year, she completed her M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education from the University of Minnesota. In addition to teaching, this year Joey will be taking on some administrative duties and teacher-mentoring.

### **Kara DeVriendt, Teacher**

Kara has a Bachelor of Science in English with a minor in Environmental Studies. She recently finished a Masters certificate in Wildlife Recreation and Nature Tourism, and is currently finishing a Master of Science in Agricultural Education with an emphasis in Sustainable Community Development. She has been teaching environmental education for the past three years.

### **Kris Rollwagen, Teacher**

Now in her fifth year teaching at Dodge Nature Preschool, Kris has worked with young children since 1975. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with majors in Child Psychology and Sociology and completed the teaching certification program at the Shirley J. Moore Laboratory School. She later returned to school for a Master's in Education with an emphasis in Child Assessment from the University of Wisconsin. Kris has been both a teacher and administrator, primarily with toddlers and preschoolers. She has also worked in community early intervention, teaching therapeutic play groups and providing parent support.

### **Mary Temple, Teacher**

Mary is beginning her fourth year at Dodge Nature Preschool. She holds a B.A. in Psychology with an emphasis on education from Metropolitan State University. Mary began at Dodge Nature Preschool as an intern.

### **Melanie Grue, Teacher**

Melanie has been at Dodge since spring of last year. Melanie recently graduated from Metro State University with a B.A. in Child Psychology.

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### **Rebecca Wandrei, Teacher**

This is Rebecca's second year at Dodge Nature Preschool, teaching full time. This winter, she will be completing her Masters degree in Environmental Education from the University of Minnesota. Before coming to DNP, Rebecca was a naturalist at Wargo Nature Center in Lino Lakes, Wood Lake Nature Center in Richfield, and Glacier National Park in Montana. She has also served as a school naturalist at Linwood and Adams Elementary Schools. In her free time, Rebecca enjoys dancing with Jawaahir Dance Company and gardening.

### **Sarah Kruger, Teacher**

Sarah is beginning her second year of teaching at Dodge Nature Preschool. She holds a B.S. in Child and Family Studies and she has a Minnesota Teaching License in Early Childhood Education. Sarah has taught ECFE for the past two years. She has held summer positions with Tri-Valley Migrant Head Start and Tamarack Nature Center.

### **Sarah Sivright, Teacher**

Sarah begins her sixth year of teaching and was the DNP Director for the previous four years. She received a B.A. in Fine Arts from Carleton College, and completed an M.A. in Child Development at the Erikson Institute in Chicago. She has over 15 years of teaching experience, including ten years at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. Sarah has also worked as a researcher and administrator of educational programs.

### **Sheila Williams Ridge, Business Manager/Assistant Director/Teacher**

Now in her seventh year at Dodge, Sheila has over nine years of experience in administration and management for nonprofits. She teaches CPR, and First Aid for the American Red Cross. She holds a B.A. in Biology from the University of Minnesota at Morris, and has experience in Nurse Assisting. She recently completed a Masters program at Concordia University.

### **Tammy Villegas, Administrative Assistant/Teacher**

Tammy begins her fifth year at Dodge Nature Preschool. She received her B.A. in Social Work from the College of St. Benedicts and has business experience working in a nonprofit clinic in South Central Los Angeles. Tammy also teaches lunch bunch.



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