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# STUDENT ENRICHMENT

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**News:**

- Floyd County Elementary Schools are offering an after school enrichment program this year twice a month for our identified gifted students in 5th, 6th, and 7th grades.
- Permission forms are coming home soon!
- Third and fourth grade pull-out enrichment will still occur during the school day with Dr. Snyder during second and third nine weeks. We are continuing with the Appalachian Rural Talent Initiative curriculum.
- Letters home for identified third graders will go out the week of Sept. 12.

**Important Dates for September:**

- September 16: Mid-Term Reports
- September 23-26: Fall Break

**Important September Dates for Gov School Students:**

- Thursday, Sept. 15 (all day event): Parent/teacher conferences
- Saturday, Sept. 17 (9am-1pm): Saturday Study Session
- Friday, September 30: End of the first grading period

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## Meet our Team!

**Check Elementary Enrichment Coordinator**

Carley Alonzi graduated with her Masters in Teaching from Christopher Newport University and this year marks her tenth year in education. Mrs. Alonzi taught first, third, and fourth grade before entering her current role as Instructional Coach. This role allows Mrs. Alonzi to work in all classrooms, K-7, to enrich lessons and instructional practices. Mrs. Alonzi also completed her Masters in Educational Leadership in 2020. She is an avid reader and loves spending time with her husband, daughter, and faithful dog, Max!



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## Willis Elementary Enrichment Coordinator

It is a pleasure to join Floyd County Schools this year. I am originally from the Philippines teaching in both public and private schools, and teaching different grade levels. I decided to go to the US in 2006 and I served as a Cultural Ambassador/ Public School Teacher in North Carolina. I moved to South Carolina when I got married, and took another teaching job for almost a decade. I was assigned to teach 3rd grade and 5th grade. My husband, Chris, is a businessman and we are blessed with two lovely daughters. Both of our children are enrolled in Willis Elementary School, where I also teach 6th and 7th grade Science and Reading. I'm looking forward to another exciting and fruitful teaching experience this year.



## Indian Valley Elementary Enrichment Coordinator



I am Holly Conner and this is year 10! I have taught 4th grade at IVES for 5 years now. I graduated from Radford University in 2007 with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education. I just graduated with my Master's in Literacy Education with the preparation to be an even better reading teacher. I enjoy spending time with my husband and 2 children. We like to play outside, ride bikes, go for walks, and read books.

## Floyd Elementary Enrichment Coordinators

My name is Ashley Altis. This is my eighth year teaching at Floyd Elementary! I have taught second, third, and fifth grades, but most of my years have been spent in third grade. I love working with this community and the students at Floyd E and am looking forward to a great year!



I am currently teaching 6th grade history & science at Floyd Elementary. This is my 13th year of teaching. I have taught 4th, 5th, & 6th grade. I am excited to begin offering after school enrichment to our middle schoolers!



## Floyd High School Enrichment Coordinators



Mrs. Blackwell is starting her 22nd year of teaching high school math this school year. She has been at Floyd County High School for 20 years. Many of those have been dedicated to the courses of Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, and AP Calculus, but she has also taught many other things. She loves incorporating activities into her daily lessons and having students complete projects that showcase their understanding of the content. Preparing students for college is always her goal, but she tries to have fun along the way.

Dr. Amanda Biviano has taught for 18 years in the secondary classroom and 2 years in higher education. She has taught reading, writing, 6th through 12th English, and more. She earned her B.S. in English Education from the University of Concord, her M.S. in English from Virginia Tech, and her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Virginia Tech. She currently teaches her favorite course: Dual-Enrollment for 11th and 12th grade English at Floyd County High School! Her goal is to create academically challenging and culturally engaging learning experiences that foster purpose and connection in students. In her free time she enjoys gardening, camping, and spending time with her husband, kids, and her dogs, Buster and Maizy.



Since coursework is already differentiated at the high school with a variety of leveled course offerings, the HS Enrichment Coordinators...

- work directly with teachers and students in need of enrichment
- run the Governor's School Summer School process
- aid in selection of Governor's School year-round students
- monitor and communicate concerns within our gifted population
- prepare advanced learners through their coursework and opportunities



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