

Tara Bowers

This is my fourth year teaching at Rosa Parks since I graduated from Salisbury University with a degree in elementary education, and certification in early childhood, middle school math, and middle school English. History has always been a hobby and a passion of mine and I minored in history while at Salisbury. I am currently getting my graduate degree from University of Maryland in human development. I spend my free time reading, spending time with family, and playing with my one year old puppy, Ripken.

David K. Hamrick

I have a Master's degree in education from Loyola College and a BSBA degree from Appalachian State University with a major in economics and banking and a minor in finance. My wife is a third grade teacher at Little Bennett Elementary School. I have two children: Jacob, 10 years and Emma, 8 years. My hobbies include attending NCSU Wolfpack sporting events and trying to beat my father on the golf course, which seldom happens.

Dr. George Mitchell

I came to RPMS from Anne Arundel County Public Schools in 2006. I have been a university administrator (Howard University) and professor of political science/international relations (Tufts University), as well as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer. In the Foreign Service, I had assignments in Nigeria and Canada and served on the staff of a secretary of state. I have studied at Ohio University (B.A.) and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government (M.P.A.) before earning my doctorate in international relations at the University of Southern California. I live in Ellicott City in Howard County. My son, Andreas, graduated from Centennial High School in 2009 and now attends Washington University in St. Louis, where he is in a pre-medical program. My daughter, Anna, is in the seventh grade at Burleigh Manor Middle School; she plays soccer (forward) and basketball (forward) and enjoys creative writing, art, science, and reading. I enjoy reading history and philosophy, writing poetry, learning to use information technology, playing basketball, playing the alto saxophone, and watching European and MLS soccer on TV: Go Barcelona! Go Chelsea! Go DC United!

Kimberly St. John

This will be my sixth year at Rosa Parks MS. I grew up in Damascus, MD and have wanted to be a teacher since I was in fourth grade. I graduated from Washington College with a degree in history, a minor in art history and certification in secondary education. In 2008 I earned my Master's in Educational Technology from Johns Hopkins University. I love to read,

hike/bike, act and play music. I live in Frederick with my husband and my two mischievous cats, Jack and Gus.

Mary Ellen Sturm, NBCT

I have just celebrated my twenty-ninth year of teaching in MCPS. I attended Frostburg State University, obtaining a B.A. in geography education and social studies certification. I earned a Master's Equivalency from Montgomery County Public Schools Planned In-Service and in 2003 became nationally certified in early adolescence, social studies and history. I currently serve as the 8B team leader and eighth grade U.S. History teacher. Also, I serve as the social studies resource teacher. I live in Columbia, Maryland with my husband, two children; Katie and Nate, four ferrets, and four Yorkshire terriers.

Jason Volz

This is my fifth year of teaching at Rosa Parks MS and my 9th year total. I was born and reared in Queens, NY and moved to Maryland in 2004 to teach in MCPS. I attended and graduated from McDaniel College in 1998 with my undergrad degree and began my graduate degree a year later. I obtained my Master's Degree from McDaniel College in 2001. As well as teaching at RPMS, I also coach softball, run numerous intramural programs and coordinate the outdoor Ed field trip. During the summer I am the coordinator for the extended year program.

Matthew White

This is my second year teaching at Rosa Parks Middle School. I grew up in Calvert County, Maryland and obtained a B.A. in History and an M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Maryland. I absolutely love the Terps, and spend much of my free time attending UMD sporting events. I am also interested in studying historical film, and enjoy watching and creating historical documentaries whenever I get a chance. In the spring, I am the coach of the boys soccer team here at RPMS.