

Staff Profiles

- **RHONDA MARINO**

Rhonda is the Director of McGregor Preschool. She started at McGregor in 1985. She has taught Kindergarten, First Grade and Preschool. She has a Masters of Education in Early Childhood Education from University of South Carolina. Rhonda also teaches Early Childhood Education classes as an adjunct instructor for Midlands Technical College and is a Master Trainer for South Carolina continuing education. She is married with two sons: Russ who lives in Charlotte, NC and Brad who lives in Charleston. She enjoys running, reading and traveling.

- **PAIGE SMOAK**

Paige started teaching the two day three year olds in 2006 and she is thrilled to be the Kindergarten teacher starting in 2007. Paige is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education and a Master of Education degree in Reading. She is a former Kindergarten and 1st grade teacher. She has been married to her husband, Brad, for 26 years and has four children. Hayley attends the University of South Carolina, Lenlee and Cole attend Irmo High School and Reece attends Irmo Elementary. Paige has been a member at McGregor since 1994 and has served as a Sunday School teacher and Youth Leader. In her spare time (ha ha), she enjoys watching high school and college football, photography, scrapbooking and cooking.

- **JENNY GANTT**

Jenny is the associate teacher in the five year old Kindergarten Class, and she has taught at McGregor since 1985. She has an AD from the University of South Carolina and she worked for the Federal Government for 10 years before coming to McGregor. Jenny has been married for 37 years and has a son, Justin, who earned his Ph.D. from USC in 2006 and works as Senior Research Engineer for Exxon/Mobil in Houston, Texas. His wife, Valerie, teaches 1st grade. She also has a daughter, Amanda, who has a MAT in Education and a Master's Degree in Mathematics. She teaches math at Charleston Southern University. Amanda's husband, Dan, attends graduate school at the College of Charleston. Jenny's favorite pastime is going to movies.

- **JAN CROFT**

Jan is the co-teacher for the five day four year old class with Amy Sgorrano. She started teaching at McGregor in 1987 when her children attended. She graduated from Columbia Business College with a degree in Secretarial Science, and worked at the Federal Bureau of Investigation for twelve years prior to being a stay-at-home mom. Her children both are USC graduates and both live in Columbia. Her daughter, Neilly, is married to Michael Weeks and they have an infant son, Croft. Her son, Harrison, is with Palmetto Health Baptist in Public Relations. Jan enjoys reading, gardening, crossword puzzles and spending time with Croft.

- **AMY SGORRANO**

Amy teaches the five day four year old class with Jan Croft. She graduated from The State University of New York at Plattsburgh with a degree in Elementary Education. Amy is married to Todd with three children: two boys, nine and seven, and one girl, four. She enjoys going to the beach, camping, swimming and reading.

- **JUDE COLEMAN**

Jude teaches five day four year olds with Laura. Jude started substitute teaching at McGregor in 2006 and began teaching full time in 2007. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from East Carolina University. Jude and her husband, Hunter, have been married for twelve years. He is a Meteorologist at the National Weather Service, and they have a son, Hayes and an older daughter, Lainey. She and her family moved to Irmo to be closer to family in North Carolina.

- **LAURA HAMILTON**

Laura teaches five day four year olds with Jude Coleman. She started at McGregor in 2005. Originally from New York, she attended college for Nursing at Molloy College in Rockville Centre, New York. Laura has been married to her husband, Scott, for 21 years. They have three children Alexa (17), Bryce (14) and Gabi (10). She enjoys playing tennis and spending time with her family and pets. She and her family attend Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church.

- **KAY CORBETT**

Kay has been teaching at McGregor since 1995. She is currently teaching the three day four year old class with Karen Fields. Prior to becoming a McGregor Preschool teacher she was an active member of the McGregor Preschool Board. Kay, originally from Tennessee, graduated from The University of Tennessee at Memphis with a B.S. degree in dental hygiene. For several years, in Memphis and Atlanta, she worked as a dental hygienist. Before coming to work at McGregor Preschool, she also worked as a corporate events planner. She has been married to her husband Mike for 26 years, and they have two children. Her daughter Mallory is a Clemson University graduate and lives here in Columbia. Her son, Mitch, is a sophomore at Clemson. Kay's interests include reading, playing tennis, and traveling with her family. She and her family attend Riverland Hills Baptist Church.

- **KAREN FIELDS**

Karen co-teaches three day four year olds with Kay Corbett and the two day three year olds with Kathy Young. She began teaching at McGregor in 1999. She has a BA in Elementary Education from Augusta College (now known as Augusta State). After graduation, she taught in the Reading Recovery Program for 1st through 5th grades at Wheelless Road Elementary School in Augusta, GA. She is married to Curtis Fields, a USC School of Engineering graduate. He is employed with SCANA. They have called Irmo home for 27 years. They have three children. Justin (25), Ali (22), and Hayden (14) are McGregor "graduates". In her spare time, she enjoys looking through cookbooks for new ideas in the kitchen, gardening, and trips to the beach!

- **MAUREEN TAYLOR**

Maureen teaches three day three year olds and two day two year olds with Kellie Leslie. Maureen has taught at McGregor since 2002. She is married to Mark and they have three children. Maureen moved from Forest Hills, NY to attend the University of South Carolina. Go Gamecocks!

- **KELLIE LESLIE**

Kellie teaches three day three year olds and two day two year olds with Maureen Taylor. She started working at McGregor in 2006. She has two children, Nicolas and Jake who both attended McGregor Preschool. She has a BA in Sociology from West Virginia University. Kellie is originally from Moorestown, New Jersey. She enjoys working with a local pet rescue organization. Come see me if you would like to add an animal companion to your family!

- **BETH BRADLEY**

Beth teaches three day three year olds with Kathy Young and two day two year olds with Kim Neville. Beth started teaching at McGregor in 1999. Beth is married to Chris and they have three children: Michaela (15), Sadie (11) and Callahan (3). All three of her children have gone to McGregor Preschool and Callahan is currently enrolled there now. Beth attended college at Salem State where she majored in Elementary Education.

- **KATHY YOUNG**

Kathy teaches three day three year olds with Beth Bradley and two day three year olds with Karen Fields. She has taught at McGregor since 1996. Over the years, she has taught the one year old, two year olds and four year olds. Kathy has a BA Degree in Psychology: Guidance/Counseling from Newberry College and a MEd degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Carolina. She lives in Lexington with her 15 year old son, Chandler, who is a 10th grader at Lexington High School. They are members of Lexington Baptist Church. She also has two adult sons – Will lives in Charleston and Brad who also lives in Charleston with his wife, Jade and daughter Kali Price. Prior to moving to Lexington five years ago, McGregor was their church home for 20 years.

- **KIM NEVILLE**

Kim teaches the two day two year olds with Beth Bradley. She has served on the Preschool Board of Directors, been a member of Parent Council, and Parent Council President for two years. She and her family are members of McGregor Presbyterian Church. She also taught the preschool Sunday School class at McGregor for 4 years and the Kindergarten Sunday School class. She and her husband have two girls, Katie (11) who attends CrossRoads Middle School and McKenzie (8) who attends Irmo Elementary. Both of her girls attended McGregor throughout their preschool careers. Her favorite past times include spending time with her family, boating, and traveling.

- **KATHERINE KECKEISEN**

Katherine is the Preschool Business Manager for the Preschool. She taught at McGregor Preschool from 1996 to 2008 in various age groups. Katherine graduated from USC with a BS degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education. She and her husband Tom have 2 boys. Katherine is a very active member of Union United Methodist Church in Irmo. Her family loves playing tennis and being outdoors.

- **SUSAN DICKERSON**

Susan teaches three day two year olds with Lynne Medlock. She has taught at McGregor since 1988. She attended USC – Spartanburg. Susan is married to Scott Dickerson and has two children – Matt, 27 and Megan 23. Their family are members of McGregor. They enjoy the beach and attending USC football games.

- **LYNNE MEDLOCK**

Lynne teaches three day two year olds with Susan Dickerson. She started teaching at McGregor in 1995. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Auburn University where she met her husband, Joe. They have three children – Hannah 19, a sophomore at Clemson, Hunter a 19, a freshman at Clemson and Erin 8, a third grader. Her family enjoys the beach, playing tennis and snow skiing.

- **LISA RASNICK**

Lisa teaches the Mothers Morning Out classes with Brenda Teague. She began teaching at McGregor in 2002. She holds a B.S. degree from California State University at Northridge. She also works with after school children at All Star Gymnastics in the afternoons. Lisa is married with two daughters and she enjoys scuba diving, cross stitching and reading.

- **BRENDA TEAGUE**

Brenda started at McGregor in 1994. She has worked with two and three year olds and currently co-teaches the Mothers Morning Out class with Lisa Rasnick. Brenda is married and has two grown daughters. The Teague family has lived in Columbia for 24 years, originally from Charlotte. Brenda attended Western Carolina University. She loves most any beach, spending time on the lake with family and friends and supporting the USC Gamecocks. Along with her family, she is an active member at Union United Methodist Church.

- **AMY RAYNOR**

Amy began at McGregor as a substitute teacher in 2007. In 2008, she started teaching music at the Preschool. This year she will also teach Science to our Kindergarten and four year old classes. Amy has a Bachelor's Degree in Family Studies from Messiah College in Pennsylvania. Amy has taught preschool and directed an after-school program. For the last 6 years, Amy has stayed home with her children – Mackenzie (7) and twins Cierra and Skylar (4). In her free time, Amy enjoys spending time with her husband of 13 years, playing with her kids, reading, and listening to music. Currently, Amy directs a children's choir and sings with the worship team at Ashland United Methodist Church. Amy always looked at music as a hobby and is very excited to share her love of children's music here at McGregor.

- **LEA VANE**

Lea Vane is our new Spanish Teacher. She is a Columbia College student majoring in Spanish. She has been a Teacher Cadet at Irmo High School, has worked with Arden Elementary after-school program and has tutored children in Spanish. Lea comes from a family of two former and one current McGregor students! She enjoys traveling and reading. Lea just spent a month in Mexico doing a work-study program from Columbia College.