

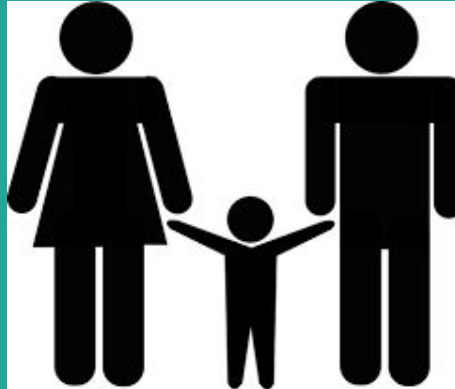


**Minerva France
Elementary
Welcomes you to the
2022-2023 School
Year!**





Meet the staff...





Mr. Hilkert Principal



I am Tyson Hilkert and I have been an administrator in Westerville City Schools since 2015. Prior entering administration I was an intervention specialist at Heritage Middle School and Pointview Elementary. I love Westerville, watching students grow, and value the relationships we establish within our school community!



Fun Facts:

- I love the outdoors
- I have a dog named Cooper
- I can water ski
- Football is my favorite sport



Miss J Assistant Principal



Hello team! My name is Ja'Niece Whitehead. I am coming to you from Cleveland (Oberlin), Ohio. I'm so excited to continue my journey through education by coming to Westerville and joining this amazing community and Minerva France team!



Fun Facts:

- Currently in school to obtain my PhD in education.
- Obsessed with sports.
- Originally from Youngstown, Ohio.
- I change my hairstyle, ALOT.
- Reading and new restaurants are the keys to my heart.
- Family is everything to me.



Mrs. Wolfgang School Counselor



Hello!

This is my 14th year in education. I had been the school counselor at Wilder for the last 8 years.

I am looking forward to building new relationships with the MFES students, families, and staff!



Fun Facts:

- I have two young human children (Liam & Evan) and one canine child- a black labrador retriever (Remy!)
- I am originally from the Youngstown area- I moved to Westerville 8 years ago.
- I love being outside- running, walking my dog, taking a bike ride.



Mrs. Davis Secretary



Hi, Minerva France family!
My name is Beverly Davis,
and I have been a secretary
at Westerville South High
School for the past 12
years, and prior to that, the
clerk at Pointview
Elementary School. I am so
excited to meet each of you
and to begin the next school
year with you at our new
school. Go Falcons!



Fun Facts:

- Family is important to me and God is the center of my life.
- I love jigsaw puzzles, trying new recipes, reading and traveling.
- I am a Certified Holistic Health Coach.
- I have a passion to encourage women to take time for themselves.



Mrs. Dias MTSS Coach



My name is Mrs. Dias. I have been an Intervention Specialist with WCS for 5 years but have been teaching a total of 10 years. I am so excited to step into a different role this upcoming school year and support many amazing students and teachers! I can't wait to meet you all!



Fun Facts:

- I have two dogs named Arlo and Ace.
- I went to Westerville Schools.
- I used to dance.
- I love shopping.



Mrs. Robertson Instructional Coach



Mrs. Robertson

I have taught in Westerville for the last 22 years! Before becoming an instructional coach, I was a first and second grade teacher.

I'm so excited to meet all of our students and establishing our Minerva France family!



Fun Facts:

- I went to Westerville Schools
- I love basketball
- The beach is my FAVORITE place to visit
- I have 2 children Cameron (20) and Sydney (17)



Miss Brown Kindergarten Teacher



Hi! I'm Grace and I am so excited to start my first year of teaching at Minerva France! I graduated from Ashland University in May and I am from Hilliard. I can't wait to meet all of you and to see my kinder kiddos grow.

Go Falcons!



Fun Facts:

- I go to Cedar Point every summer with my family... but I hate roller coasters! I am a professional Fanny pack holder. 😊
- Donuts are my favorite food
- I have an older brother!



Mrs. Tombaugh Kindergarten



Hello!
My name is Mrs. Tombaugh. I have been a kindergarten teacher for 12 years. I have also taught Preschool and was a Reading Teacher. I'm SO excited to meet all of you!



Fun Facts:

- My husband and I have 2 grown kids.
- I LOVE the beach!
- I have lots of houseplants.





Ms. Walters Kindergarten Teacher



Hello everyone!

My name is Ms. Walters! I have taught 4th grade at Hawthorne for the past three years. I am SO excited to not only join the Minerva France family, but to also make the big jump to kindergarten! I cannot wait to meet all of you! See you soon :)

GO FALCONS



Fun Facts:

- I have a Pit Bull named Izzy (she is my baby)!
- I love to play volleyball.
- I have lived in Westerville my entire life.



Mrs. Yeager Kindergarten



Hi! My name is Mrs. Yeager and this will be my 11th year teaching! I LOVE kindergarten and can't wait to help start your passion for learning at our AMAZING new school, Minerva France! Go Falcons!



Fun Facts:

- My husband and I have 1 daughter named Isabella & 2 dogs, Addy & Leo
- I attended Westerville city schools
- I played volleyball in high school and college
- My favorite vacation spot is on the beach with a good book





Miss Bush

1st Grade Teacher



Hello parents and students! My name is Jen Bush; you can call me Miss B./Miss Bush. I am beyond thrilled to be teaching at Minerva France this year and to have the opportunity to open a brand new building! I graduated from BGSU in 2007; I am made to be a Falcon!

I have taught in several schools and grade levels; my heart is in first grade and I could not be more excited to meet you all!



Fun Facts:

- I have been a summer nanny for over 10 years.
- My family lives near Cedar Point; I worked there for two summers! Roller Coasters are a favorite of mine.
- I enjoy Zumba and Hip Hop classes at the rec center.
- I attend Rock City Church.



Mrs. Glover

1st Grade Teacher



Howdy Partners!

My name is Ashley. I grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana and moved to Ohio just 5 years ago! I have been teaching for 14 years and I absolutely LOVE MY JOB!

I can be very quiet, but I look forward to meeting you all:)



Fun Facts:

- **I LOVE** - Prayer, Music, Tacos, Target, and Sweets!!
- I am married to a pastor and we are passionate about our faith.
- I have four wonderful children Londyn(11), Cameron(10), Byron & Bentley (twins,6 months).





Miss Robinson 1st Grade Teacher



Hi! My name is Cirrus, I grew up in Ashland and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 2020. This will be my third year in Westerville City Schools!

I am so excited to find joy and new ideas alongside the Minerva team!



Fun Facts:

- My favorite picture book is the Word Collector by Peter Reynolds, and the last great book I read was I Know How the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou.
- I ran track in field in college and now coach high jump at Columbus School for Girls!



Mrs. Williams

1st Grade Teacher



Hello! My name is Mrs. Williams. I have been teaching for 9 years! I am so excited to join the Falcon Family!



Fun Facts:

- Favorite food is tacos and ice cream!
- Love playing soccer and volleyball!
- I have a husband and two beautiful children!



Ms. Edelson

2nd Grade Teacher



Hi Falcon Family!

My name is Sarah and I have worked in education for 18 years. For the past 12 years, I have been a Behavior Specialist with Westerville Schools.

I am SO excited to get back to the classroom and be part of opening a new elementary school, building lots of new relationships and sharing the year together!



Fun Facts:

- I have one daughter, Maddie, who is going to be in 5th grade next year
- I love dogs and have a Goldendoodle named River
- Some of my favorite things are: reading, ice cream and being outdoors- especially at the BEACH!





Miss Farnsworth Second Grade



My name is Kaitlin Farnsworth and I am a recent graduate of BGSU- from one falcon to the next! I have two years of inclusive student teaching experience. I am beyond excited to begin my teaching career in Westerville! I can't wait to learn with everyone this year!



Fun Facts:

- Favorite Food: Taco Bell
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Ocean City, MD

I have lived near Cleveland my whole life- looking for any tips/fun places to scope out near Columbus!!



Mrs. Karabinos 2nd Grade Teacher



Hello! Hello!

My name is **Katie** and I have been teaching 2nd grade for 8 years! I cannot wait to start this new chapter and get to know all of you!



Fun Facts:

- I just got married this past June! (new school, new last name and I couldn't be more excited!)
- I love plants and my cat, Henry, but they do not get along!!!!
- I am a big foodie! I love trying new restaurants!
- Thrifting and going on hikes are my favorite.



Mrs. Leach

2nd Grade



Hello Minerva France!

I am Denise, and I have been teaching in Westerville for 15 years. I have taught at Hawthorne and most recently Cherrington. I am super excited to be back in second grade and get to know this new Falcon family!



- Traveling fuels me!
- My husband and I have a full house with 3 kids, 2 dogs, and 3 (barn) cats.
- I went to school in Westerville K-12





Miss Ey 3rd Grade



Hello! My name is Miss Ey! This is my third year teaching, second year in Westerville and first year teaching third grade! I am so excited to be part of the falcon family with you all!



Fun Facts:

- I was born and raised in Westerville!
- I graduated from Ohio University - Go Bobcats!
- I love cooking, reading and watching new shows and movies!



Miss. Miller

3rd Grade



Hello!

This will be my 8th year teaching. I have taught 5 years in 3rd grade but the last 2 years I have been with the littles in Kindergarten! I am very happy to be in Westerville and very excited to be at Minerva France!



Fun Facts:

- I have a fur child named, Remi.
- I run marathons!
- I love traveling and being outdoors.



Ms. Rable

3rd Grade



Hi!!!! My name is **Ashley Rable!** I've known I wanted to be a teacher since I was in elementary school. I have followed this desire ever since, and I am now in my 10th year of teaching! I have taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. **THIRD GRADE IS MY FAVORITE,** but shhhhh, that secret is between us!



- I became a mother of twin boys, Zaddok and Zayden, in April.
- I have two kitties - Rocky Road + Espresso Bean
- Sports are my favorite. I played 4 years of college softball at Thiel College.
- I am a fan of ALL Pittsburgh sports teams.
- I consider myself a tom-boy, but I do love shopping, and going to the salon.
- I still LOVE learning



Caitlin Florek

4th Grade



Hi everyone! My name is Caitlin Florek and I can't wait to be in 4th grade this year! Before this, I taught at Whittier in 2nd grade, 4th & 5th WVA, and 4th grade. Before that, I taught for 4 years in California outside of San Francisco. I'm so happy to be a part of the Minerva France family!



Fun Facts:

- I read way too many books so I love to share them with everyone!
- I have an insane dog named Luna who has too much energy. I also have a cat named Ella who is a grumpy old lady.
- I love to travel. I took 2 cross country road trips, one when I moved to California and one when I moved to Ohio.
- I played on a quidditch team in California!



Miss Sparks 4th Grade



Hi there! I'm Mollie Sparks. I have been a teacher for 3 years and I absolutely LOVE it. I know we are going to have an awesome first year at Minerva France and I'm looking forward to getting to know you. See you soon!



← My dog, Stanley.

FUN FACTS:

- I love to try new foods.
- I can play the piano and the flute.
- I have been to 26 states! Hopefully I'll be visiting a few more this summer.





Miss Woodhouse 4th Grade



Hello! My name is Hannah Woodhouse and I am currently a 4th grade teacher in Cincinnati. This is my second year of teaching and I am SO excited to move up to the Columbus area and start at Minerva France.



Fun Facts:

- I am originally from Indianapolis, IN and a member of my family has gone to every Indy 500 since the second running. (105 years)
- I graduated from Miami University. Love and Honor!
- I love to cook and try new restaurants!



Mrs. Diehl

5th Grade Teacher



Hello Falcons!



I am Mrs. Diehl and I this is my 6th year teaching 5th grade in Westerville! I am SO excited to meet all of you, we are going to have an amazing year at Minerva France!



Fun Facts:

- **I have two crazy dogs, Charlie and Enzo**



- **I just got married in July!**
- **I love traveling, this summer I went to Cozumel, Mexico.**
- **Math is my favorite subject!**



Miss Kogge

5th Grade Teacher



Hello!! My name is Taylor Kogge (a little hint- it's pronounced like hoagie but with a K). This past May I graduated from Ohio Northern University (go bears!) with my dual license in Elementary Ed and Special Ed! I am extremely excited to kick off my first year teaching at Minerva and to build relationships with staff and the students!!



Fun Facts:

- I love traveling! I have been to over 30 states & it's my goal to make it to all 50!
- I coached college basketball at ONU!
- I love all shows that involve crime & suspense (recommendations accepted :))!



Ms. Lewis 5th Grade Teacher



Hi there! 😊

I'm Ms. Lewis and this is my 3rd year teaching in Westerville. I have taught 5th grade all 3 years! You might say that it's my favorite grade 😊. I'm very excited to be a part of Minerva France and the opportunities that comes with starting at a new school. GO FALCONS!



Fun Facts:

- I have an adorable miniature poodle named Sasha.
- I play volleyball.
- My favorite insect is a butterfly.
- I love the color yellow!
- I love to travel, share your favorite place with me!

Mrs. Stewart-Shenefield 5th Grade Teacher



Hi, My name is Deneen Stewart-Shenefield. My nickname is Dee. I have been a teacher in Westerville for 17 years and this is my 10th year in 5th grade. I am so excited to start a new adventure at Minerva France.



Fun Facts:

- I have 4 married daughters.
- I have 4 grandchildren.
- I love camping with my family.
- I have 2 dogs named Bailey and Ruby and a cat named Kahlua.



Mrs. Church

♪ 1-5 Music ♪



Hello! My name is Emily and I am excited to start my 14th year teaching at Minerva France. I taught in Forest Hills schools in Cincinnati for 9 years, and have been at Liberty Union for the past 4. I graduated from Capital University and studied Kodály Music Education in Hungary for a summer. Go Falcons!



Fun Facts:

- I love coffee, quilting, and musical theater
- I have 2 kids - Henry (6) and Hazel (4)
- I was born in the Cleveland Area but have made Columbus my home
- My favorite picture books are Giraffes Can't Dance and Rock What Ya Got!



Mrs. Fout Visual Art



Hello! My name is Heather. I have been teaching Visual Art for 5 years at the elementary level. This will be my first year teaching in Westerville City Schools and I am thrilled to be a part of the Minerva France family!

Go Falcons!



Fun Facts:

- I am a graduate of Savannah College of Art & Design
- I love snow skiing, kayaking & swimming
- I am originally from Kent, Ohio
- I am a 3rd generation teacher



Mr. Gray

Physical Education



Hello! My name is Trent Gray and this will be my first full year in being a teacher. I have just graduated from Ohio University in the spring of 2022 -Go bobcats! During the spring, I student taught health and pe at Nelsonville-York high school. I am from Cleveland, Ohio and attended Twinsburg City Schools from K-12. I am very excited to live in Columbus and teach at a brand new school.



Fun Facts:

- I had my first vanilla ice cream cone in Canada.
- I am a first generation college graduate and I graduated with cum laude honors.
- I love working out, goal is to compete in a bodybuilding show.
- I played soccer.
- Big Cleveland sports fan (this is for sure the Browns year this season).

Miss Whybrew Media Specialist



Hello! My name is Sarah. I have been a librarian for 12 years and have been at WCS for two. I am so excited for you to see the beautiful new library we are preparing for you! It is full of adventures and treasures for you to discover!



Fun Facts:

- I have twin daughters who are 25.
- I have two dogs.
- My favorite picture books are *The Library* by Sarah Stewart and *The Seven Silly Eaters* by Mary Ann Hoberman.
- I love to read and I especially love to read to Elementary Students!



Mrs. Geary ESL Teacher



Hello!

My name is Mrs. Geary. This is my second year in Westerville, but I have been teaching ESL for 9 years. I am beyond excited to be a part of Minerva France team!



Fun Facts:

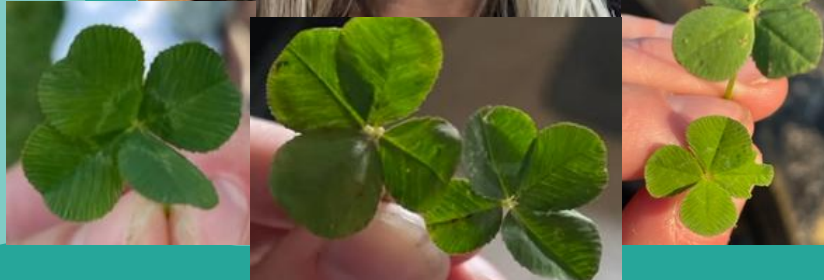
- I was born and raised in Poland - I can speak Polish.
- I have a cat named Donut.
- In my free time, I love dancing salsa, bachata and merengue!



Mrs. Sunday ESL Teacher



Hi everyone! My name is Mrs. Sunday, and I have been an ESL teacher in the Westerville middle schools for nine years, and this will be my first year teaching elementary! I am SO EXCITED to start the school year with you!!



Fun Facts:

- I used to live in Japan and can speak Japanese. はじめまして!
- I have two daughters named Lilly and Claire.
- I find four-leaf clovers ALL THE TIME!

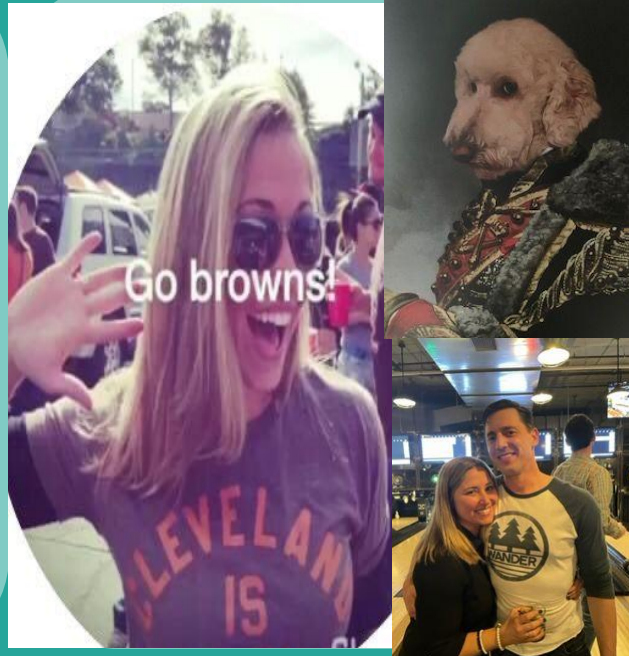


Ms. Comella Reading Intervention



Hello! I have spent the last nine years in third grade in Westerville. This will be my first year as a reading teacher! 📖📚 I am so excited to begin year **10** opening Minerva France Elementary and meeting you all! ❤️

GO FALCONS!!



FUN FACTS:

- My husband Sean and I have a Goldendoodle named Piedy & a Pitbull Lucy
- I love to swim, read, and ride my bike 🚲
- I am a huge Cleveland/OSU sports fan
- Kids ROCK!



Mrs. Cotter Reading Intervention



Hi! My name is Mrs. Cotter, and I have been teaching 3rd grade at Hawthorne Elementary for the past seven years! Before that I worked as a substitute in our district while my 3 boys went to Westerville Schools! They are grown up now, so my husband and I are officially empty nesters. I am so excited for the upcoming school year at Minerva France!

GO FALCONS!!



Fun Facts:

- I have three boys whom I LOVE! They are 25, 22, and 21.
- I live in Westerville.
- I graduated from Muskingum University.
- I love reading, going to the gym, and spending time with my family!



Mrs. Glaser Reading Intervention



Hi Falcon Friends! My name is Mrs. Glaser. I have been teaching for 10 years and this is my fourth year in Westerville. I am so excited to be at Minerva France and I can't wait to get to know you all!



Fun Facts:

- I enjoy being with my family, reading, baking, kickboxing, and pilates.
- I am from the Cleveland area.
- Elephant and Piggie books are my favorite!



Mrs. Rouse Reading Intervention



Hello! This will be my 13th year teaching in Westerville. I was an Intervention Specialist and this will be my first year as a Reading Specialist. I am so excited to start the school year at Minerva France.



Fun Facts:

- I have one daughter and her name is Isabella
- Coffee is my favorite thing
- I grew up in NY
- My daughter and I love to work on puzzles together



Neiah Blackwell

Intervention Specialist- ED SEL



Hello I

Am Neiah (Nee-yuh) Blackwell. I have been teaching in Columbus City Schools as an intervention Specialist for 6 years. This is my first year teaching in Westerville City Schools. I am so excited to be apart of Minera France new school community.



Fun Facts:

- I have been doing hair as a side job since I was 16 years old.
- I LOVE KARAOKE!
- I was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio (lived in Dayton for 10 yrs)
- I have a 13 year old son named Cameron.



Danielle Gilmore

Intervention Specialist

Primary ED-SLC



Hello! My name is *Danielle Gilmore*. I completed my BA at Bowling Green State University (I get to be a falcon again!). In 2019, I went back to school completing my MA in Differentiated Instruction at Concordia University Chicago. I am new to Westerville this year. This is my tenth year in education. I was previously in SWCSD where I was in the SLC at the intermediate level. As a Westerville North graduate, I am so excited to be back! I am happy to be a part of The Minerva France Family!



FUN FACTS!

- ★ *I love sports baseball and Buckeye football being two favorites.*
- ★ *I have a dog named Oscar*
- ★ *I am married with two children Zane, 5 and Gracelynn, 2.*
- ★ *I love being outside, the sunshine, LIVE music, and the color orange*
- ★ *I run on coffee. Finding new coffee shops is a favorite*

Jennifer Louthan Intervention Specialist



Hi!

My name is Jen. I have taught for 17 years. I am an IS, but I have also taught kindergarten and 1st grade. I grew up in Ohio, lived in DC for 15 years, then moved back to Ohio a couple of years ago. I cannot wait to meet all of you!



Fun Facts:

- I have 2 kids (Aidan, 12) and Ava (9).
- I love watching sports- esp. college football
- I enjoy running, being at the beach, and being outdoors

Amanda Ostendorf Intervention Specialist



Hello! Hola! Haya! नमस्कार!

My name is Miss Ostendorf. I have been an Intervention Specialist for ten years. I love teaching and cannot wait to be a part of the Minerva France Family! I can't wait to meet you all!

Go Falcons!



Fun Facts:

- I have a dog Rosie. We love to go hiking
- I am a huge foodie and coffee lover. I love trying all the restaurants Columbus has to offer!
- I love to travel!
- Football is my favorite sport and I am a huge Bengals and OSU fan



Mrs. Ebbrecht Mental Health Specialist



Hello Everyone!
My name is Sheila Ebbrecht and I will be starting my 13th year with Westerville City Schools. I live in Westerville and I am so excited to be part of opening a new building! I can't wait to get started and meet all of our students and their families.
Yay Falcons!!



FUN FACTS:

- I have 3 children, my oldest is in college and my twins are going to be seniors this year at WNHS.
- We also have a dog named Baxter.
- I grew up on a farm and love being outside. I even have my own garden.
- I love reading especially on the beach.



Deborah Anderson Instructional Aide



My name is Deborah Anderson. This is my second year as an instructional aide. I'm very excited to join the falcon family with new students!



Fun Facts:

- I got married this summer :)
- I have a dog, fish, turtle and leopard gecko
- I enjoy finding new outdoor places to explore



Katy Hartnell, RN

School Nurse



Hello, my name is Katy Hartnell and I am the new nurse at Minerva France and Genoa. I have been a nurse for 9 years. I started my nursing career in Labor and Delivery at St. Ann's and remained there for 8 years. I transitioned into school nursing last year as one of the Covid nurses for the district. I was blessed to work with an amazing team throughout last year and can not wait to be a part of the Falcon Family. What an exciting time for all of us!



Fun Facts:

- I have 3 amazing boys! Connor, junior at Westerville North. Liam, 8th grader at Walnut Springs. Kaelin 6th grader at Walnut Springs.
- My husband is a PE teacher and head coach for boys soccer at Westerville North.
- I was born and raised in Akron and met my husband in college while playing soccer at Ashland University.
- My first degree and career is Exercise Science & Food/Nutrition. Fitness and wellness continue to be a passion of mine.



Mrs. Karen Grove Food Service Lead



Hi my name is Karen. I have been with WCS 18 yrs. I love my job and love working with kids. I am so excited to open up Minerva Frances and work with everyone here.



Fun Facts:

- Married 33 yrs w/ 2 grown children
- I love to water ski, sail, and go camping.
- I love to travel and visit new places and people.



Sara Yinger

Attendance Clerk



Hello!

My name is **Sara Yinger** and I am returning to work at the elementary level after working for several years in higher education and starting a business. I am excited to join the MFES team and look forward to amazing 1st year together!

Insert a picture of you here

Fun Facts:

- I love to read, camp, travel, and watch films!
- I provide and work with people in need of affordable housing.
- God, family, & friends are the best things in life!



Your name and job title



Name
Teaching experience
Well wishes

Insert a picture of you
here

Fun Facts:

