

Hi Steele Elementary Families,



My name is Andreas Schmid and I am excited and a little bit nervous (...that's how I am before every concert...) to be joining the team at Steele as the music teacher (K-5) and getting to know students, parents and colleagues.

I'm excited about my position at Steele because it spans Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This will afford me the opportunity to build up a musical curriculum starting with a playful musical education including stories, movement and speech, leading into rhythmic and melodic applications, as well as introduce the students to different instruments.

I am originally from Switzerland and I am very happy to be here in Denver with my wife who is a native Coloradan!!!

I studied at New York's Drummers' Collective, served in the Swiss Army, graduated from Berklee College of Music in Boston, and received a Master's in music education at the Zurich Conservatory. I also studied the cajón at the Taller Flamenco in Seville, Spain.

I have performed throughout Europe and the US at a variety of acclaimed jazz and rock clubs, as well as festivals.

Being musically active means your ears must constantly be on alert, your motor skills are in demand and you're communicating using body language. Even more so, music is a form for expressing your feelings and allows you to use your creativity, which is especially important for children and young adults seeking an outlet for their emotions and creativity.

My memories of going to music class have a positive connotation partly due to its interactive nature, but also because of my inspiring teachers. Besides learning music theory and practice, I learned a lifelong skill that allows me to express my creativity. This is what I want to pass on to my students.

If you want to know more about, feel free to visit my website:  
[www.andreasschmiddrums.com](http://www.andreasschmiddrums.com)

See you in the auditorium!

-Andreas Schmid