



The 2019-2020 Kindergarten Team



Ms. Sarah - Room 114

Ms. Courtney - Room 112

Ms. Kelly - Room 115

Sarah Rauser

Ms. Sarah is originally from Michigan and attended Michigan State University. She received her bachelor's degree as well as master's degree from Michigan State. She has been teaching for seven years, and this will be her fourth year at Steele. She and her husband, Nick, recently had a baby girl named Madelyn. Sarah loves to spend her free time walking, hiking, and running with Madelyn and her two dogs, Molly and James.



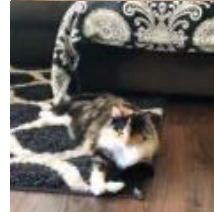
Cortney Finkler

Ms. Cortney is from the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. She earned a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University and continued her education at Lewis University before moving to Colorado in 2014. Cortney has six years of experience teaching primary. Outside of school, Cortney loves to spend time exploring with her boyfriend and dog, Luna-Tuna, traveling to new places, and eating delicious food.



Kelly Hensley

Ms. Kelly grew up in Littleton, Colorado. She graduated college from CU Denver and got her master's degree from CU Boulder. Kelly has been teaching primary for 7 years. Kelly spends her free time with her husband hiking, dancing, playing softball, traveling, going to Rockies games, enjoying live music and hanging out with friends, family & their adorable cats; Ginger, Gary and Georgia!





Ms. Sarah- TURTLES



Ms. Courtney- PANDAS



Ms. Kelly- LIONS



Sara Nath

Sara Nath is the ELD teacher for Steele Elementary. She is originally from Arkansas but has called Colorado home for the past 20 years. She has been teaching at Steele for 14 years (except for that year she swapped classrooms with a teacher in Australia)! She loves spending time at home with her son, Jack; her husband, Paul; and her Miniature Schnauzer, Lucy. They like gardening, traveling, and camping.



English Language Development

ELD's curriculum is designed to teach English that emerging bilinguals:

- **Are not likely to learn outside of school or pick up on their own**
- **Will not be explicitly taught in other areas**
- **Need to be able to use for effective academic learning and classroom participation**

Because there is a gap between what language a student knows and what they need to succeed academically.

- **Daily 45 minute Systematic Language Instruction**
- **For students whose families speak another language at home**
- **Identified through the Home Language Survey form**

Specials Teachers

Tim “Coach” Welch - PE



Emily Joy Walker - Art



Lane Miller - Drama



Andréas Schmid - Music



Patty Mather - Librarian



The Steele Code

At Steele, we do the right thing.

We respect ourselves, each other, our school and our community.

We treat everyone with kindness, compassion and a forgiving spirit.

We have the courage to take risks and learn from our mistakes.

We are responsible for our actions, our words and our learning.

We tell the truth even when it is difficult.

We do the right thing even when no one is watching.

At Steele Elementary

we balance

**Social and
Emotional
Growth**



**Academic
Growth**

Communication



- **Weekly Class Newsletter (email from teacher)**
- **Steele Stallion Press (sign up on the website)**
- **Steele Website**
- **Steele Facebook Page- Everyone**
- **Steele Private Facebook Page- Parents**

Arrival- 7:55-8:10 am**

- **Discovery Link- Before School starting at 6:30am and After School until 6:00 pm-** <http://discoverylink.dpsk12.org/>
 - **Registration will be open May 6-10 for new families**
- **7:55 am - Breakfast**
 - Cafeteria is open for breakfast for any and all students
- **8:10 am - First Bell**
 - Teachers meet students at the designated pick up spot.
 - Children in the cafeteria proceed to their classrooms.
- **8:15 am - Second Bell / Tardy Bell**
 - Parents should bring children who are late to the office for a tardy slip.

Dismissal Bell- 3:00 pm

- Teachers take students to the designated line-up spot
- **Parents update dismissal plans weekly for teachers.**
- Students are dismissed only to a Parent / Guardian / Bus
- Exception-when you have *officially* identified someone to pick your child up:
 - **This person must be listed in Infinite Campus as “Non-Household Relationship”.**
- **Discovery Link- Students are escorted to the cafeteria.**
- **Enrichment- Students are escorted by an adult to their Enrichment classroom**

A Typical Day in Kindergarten

- Arrival
- Morning Meeting
- Snack / Brain Break
- Literacy Block
 - Read alouds
 - Phonics
 - Writing
 - Shared reading
 - Literacy centers
 - Small group reading
 - Handwriting
- Lunch & Recess
- Science/Social Studies
 - Integrated into literacy lessons
- Math
- Afternoon recess
- Specials (P.E./Art/Music/Drama)
- Dismissal








Parents will be able to walk their student(s) into their classroom on the **first** day of school.

After the first day, parents will be asked to say goodbye to their students at their designated line spot.

This will promote our student's independence in starting the school day and ensures our school-wide safety policies are being followed.

Prepared for the Day

- Be on time- it does make a difference for your child.
- Water bottle 
- Students bring in a Healthy Snack every day –
 - Please note food allergy requirements for snack
- Change of clothes in a gallon bag, with named labeled, stored in top of locker
- “Safe Shoes” for PE days 
- **Label EVERYTHING** (coats, water bottle, snack, lunch box)

1/2 Day SCHEDULE for first 3 days of school

- August 19, 20, and 21 will be 1/2 days for kindergartners
- Pick up will be 11:15 am at the designated pick up spot.
- Students will eat lunch at school.
 - Home Lunch or School Lunch
- In the afternoons, a 20 minute one-on-one session will be scheduled for each child
 - Objective for these sessions:
 - to learn more about your student's academic strengths and needs
- Look for a electronic sign up from your teacher after class assignments are released in late May.

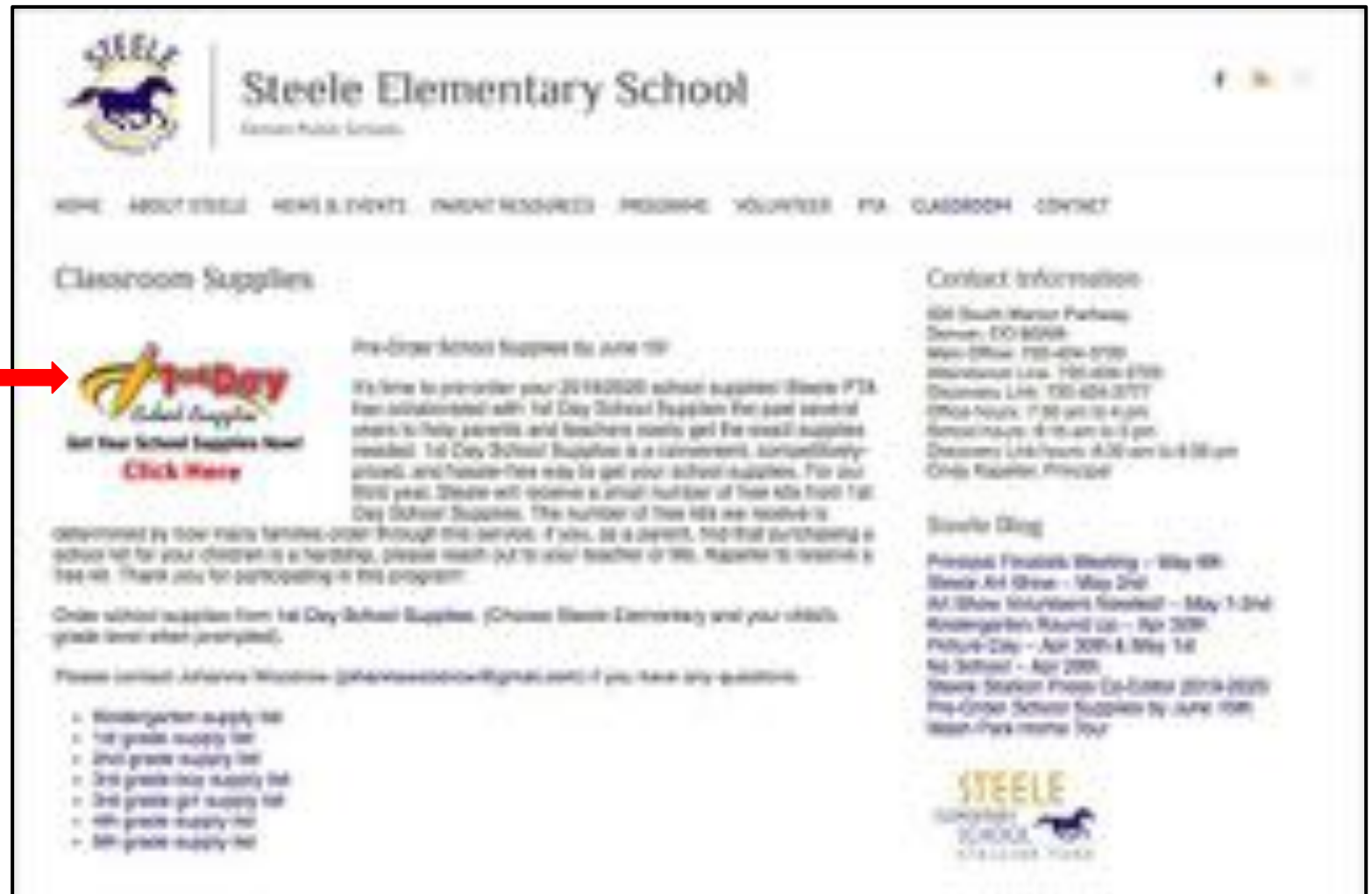


School Supplies

https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/list.php?school_zip=80209

From Website Main Page:

- Choose **Classroom**
- Choose **School Supplies**
- Click on link for **1st Day School Supplies**



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Classroom Supplies

1st Day School Supplies
Let Your School Supplies Start Here
[Click Here](#)

Pre-Order School Supplies by June 15th

It's time to pre-order your 2018/2019 school supplies! Steele PTA has collaborated with 1st Day School Supplies for just about everything you'll need to help parents and teachers easily get the exact supplies needed. 1st Day School Supplies is a convenient, competitively-priced, and flexible site to get your school supplies. For our 1st year, Steele will receive a small number of free kits from 1st Day School Supplies. The number of free kits we receive is determined by how many families order through this service. If you, as a parent, find that purchasing a school kit for your child is a hardship, please reach out to your teacher or Mr. Napier to request a free kit. Thank you for participating in this program!

Order school supplies from 1st Day School Supplies. (Choose Steele Elementary and your child's grade level when prompted).

Please contact Adrienne Morrison (amorrison@denver.k12.co.us) if you have any questions.

- Kindergarten supply list
- 1st grade supply list
- 2nd grade supply list
- 3rd grade supply list
- 4th grade supply list
- 5th grade supply list

Contact Information

601 South Waver Parkway
Denver, CO 80209
950-556-1100 (ext. 5700)
950-556-1100 (ext. 5700)
Business Line: 950-556-3777
Office Hours: 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
School Hours: 8:15 am to 3:15 pm
Denver Link Hours: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Only Number Provided

Steele Blog

Prepaid Financial Statement - May 16th
Steele Art Show - May 2nd
St. John's Church School - May 1-2nd
Kinsinger's Round up - Apr 20th
Picture Day - Apr 20th & May 1st
No School - Apr 20th
Steele Station Photo Exhibition 2018-2019
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Meet Your Home Tour

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The PTA Enhances the Experience Your Child Will Have at Steele

Community

- First day of school coffee
- Popsicle Social
- Kindergarten playdates
- Steele Garden
- Fall Carnival
- Kids of Steele: Teaching kids to get involved in their community

Communications

- Steele + PTA websites
- Steele Stallion Newsletter
- Room Parent emails
- Orientation
- PTA Packet

Cash (Fundraising)

- General fund for direct giving
- Fall Fundraiser
- Wash Park Home Tour
- Sponsorships
- Steele Dines Out

As a direct result of our involvement, we are able to not only foster a better sense of community and provide valuable resources to parents but we raise \$200,000 which allows us to provide second educators in all classrooms, finance supplemental technology and resources for teachers (laptops, ipads, A/V equipment, headsets, art supplies)

To learn more or Be Part of it...go to our PTA website:
<http://www.steelepta.org/>





Steele PTA



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The [New Family Welcome Packet](#) can be found on our website!

Kindergarten Play Dates

June 25 from 3:00-4:00 pm

July 27 from 10:00-11:00 am

August 8 from 10:00-11:00 am

Room Parent Contact Information
steele.roomparent.coordinator@gmail.com

**Don't forget the Popsicle Social
August 16 from 3:00-4:00pm.**

**You will learn where your child
should line up in the morning
and where to pick your child up
in the afternoon.**

