

Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School Staff
2011-12

School Director:	Janice Parker, M.Ed.
Head Teacher:	Kathy Edwards
2 ½-Year Old Program:	Teacher: Dorothy Klotzbeacher (M/W AM, T/Th AM) Assistant Teacher: Wendy delaRosa Assistant Teacher: Linda Protinick
3-Year Old Program:	Teacher: Kathy Edwards (M-W-F AM & PM) Assistant Teacher: Kathy Iorio (AM) Assistant Teacher: Patty Skapyak (PM) Teacher: Pam Dressel Assistant Teacher: Debbie Petro (T-Th AM, T-Th PM)
4/5-Year Old Program:	Teacher: Kelly O'Keefe Assistant Teacher: Laurie Davis (T-Th-F AM & PM) Teacher: Rosellyn Cassidy (M-W-F AM, M-T-W-F PM) Assistant Teacher: Kathy Wiseman (M-W-F AM) Assistant Teacher: Sheila Morrissey (M-T-W-F PM)
Music Program:	Dorothy Klotzbeacher
Lunch Hour Program:	Teacher: Dorothy Klotzbeacher Assistant Teachers: Eileen Sahli, Denise Reilly, Linda Protinick, MaryEllen Glynn, Annette Briffa Lunch Program Coordinator: Kathy Wiseman
Music & Movement Enrichment Program:	Teacher: Laurie Davis Assistant Teacher: Annette Briffa
Art & Literacy Enrichment Program:	Teachers: Kelly O'Keefe Assistant Teachers: Annette Briffa
Science & Math Enrichment Program:	Teacher: Rosellyn Cassidy Assistant Teacher: Kathy Wiseman
Power of Play Enrichment Program:	Teacher: Debbie Petro Assistant Teacher: Kathy Iorio
Mommy's Morning Out:	Teacher: Sheila Morrissey Assistant Teacher: Jen Colonna
Developmental Consultant:	Lori Kleppe
<u>Janice Parker: Director</u>	

Mrs. Parker is a graduate from Montclair University with a BS Degree in Business Administration. She has a NJ Elementary Education Teaching Certificate and has a Masters in Early Childhood from The College of New Jersey. Her previous work experience includes substitute teacher in Cranford, NJ and gradual positions from Branch Manager to Assistant Vice President at various banking institutions. She came to CPNS in 1994 as an Assistant Teacher in our four-year-old program and then a Teacher in our three-year-old program for four years. She has been Director since 1999. She is an Adjunct Professor at The College of New Jersey teaching graduate level courses in Advanced Child Growth and Development and Teaching Young Children. Mrs. Parker has been a volunteer room parent in the West Windsor/Plainsboro School district and involved as a Girl Scout Leader. She has participated in the Education Committee and as a Sunday School teacher at the Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church. She participates in various committees as well as participated in VBS here at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury where she is a member.

Kathy Edwards: Head Teacher

Mrs. Edwards graduated from the College of New Jersey with a BS degree in Elementary Education and English. Her previous experience includes working as a substitute and long-term substitute teacher in the West Windsor/Plainsboro School District. Mrs. Edwards has been a volunteer in the PTA and president of the Dutch Neck Presbyterian Nursery School. She is a member of the Queenship of Mary Church in Plainsboro where she has taught CCD in grades 1 through 3.

Annette Briffa

Mrs. Briffa graduated from Brooklyn College. Before becoming a stay at home mom she worked as an Advertising Sales Representative for Conde Nast Publishing Company. She and her husband relocated from NY to West Windsor 13 years ago. Mrs. Briffa has three children in the WW-P school system. All three children attended CPNS. She has been active in the PTA for Maurice Hawk Elementary School, Millstone River Upper Elementary School and Community Middle School. She has also been a room parent in her children's class as well as Wildcat Cheerleading coach and Parent Representative for Hamilton Y Aquatic Swim Club. Mrs. Briffa has worked as a substitute at CPNS and this year will be joining our staff as Assistant Teacher in our Music & Movement and Art & Literacy programs as well as our lunch program.

Rosellyn Cassidy

Rosellyn received her undergraduate degree at Monmouth University and her graduate level teaching certificate in Elementary Education from Rider University. She received valuable early education experience student teaching in kindergarten and she has substitute taught for several years in the local public school districts, CPNS, and Montessori School. Rosellyn recently finished her 4-year service as Sunday School Superintendant at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, and continues to be a curriculum writer for the Christian Education committee. She has been a Girl Scout Leader for 11 years. Her 16-year-old daughter is a CPNS alumni. Rosellyn teaches the 4-year-olds program and also teaches Math & Science Enrichment. Rosellyn enjoys nature study and gardening and maintains the CPNS vegetable garden. She enjoys reading, children's literature, and photography.

Jen Colonna

Mrs. Colonna graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. She worked in the Sales and Marketing department for Comcast-Spectacor in Philadelphia, PA for 4 years before she was blessed with her first son, Luke. She then became a stay at home mom. During her time at home she also worked as a substitute teacher in the West Windsor/Plainsboro School District. She resides in Mt. Laurel with her husband Casey and their two children, Luke and Tyler.

Laurie Davis

Mrs. Davis has worked in CPNS as assistant teacher since September 1998. Since then she has taken on other titles in both CPNS and the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. In addition to being an assistant teacher in the 4/5-year-old program Mrs. Davis is also the Child Care Coordinator for the church, Children's Choir Director and also an accomplished musician. Laurie shares her songs, voice and guitar playing with CPNS daily. She also is our teacher in our Music & Movement Enrichment program.

Wendy delaRosa

Mrs. de la Rosa is a 1985 graduate of Brandywine College of Widener University in Wilmington, Delaware. She has a degree in Fashion Merchandising. Previous work experience includes twelve years in many management level positions for a department store. In Arkansas she worked for Arkansas Support Network with clients and their independent living skills and as a Hospice volunteer. Their son was born in Arkansas and she was a stay at home mom. Her family relocated to New Jersey five years ago, since moving here she has been a class mother, library volunteer and PTA member at Maurice Hawk Elementary School and a substitute and lunch teacher at CPNS for the past two years. Her son attended CPNS for two years, and is now a third grader in West Windsor/Plainsboro school district. Mrs. de la Rosa is a member of the First Presbyterian Church

of Bentonville, Arkansas. She loves to spend time with her family, read, travel and has recently started to learn to knit.

Pam Dressel

Mrs. Dressel is a graduate of Kean University of New Jersey. She has her degree in Early Childhood Education, and a minor in Child Psychology. She worked at CPNS as a teacher in the 3 year old program from 1993-1996. Mrs. Dressel also worked as a substitute teacher at CPNS for several years. She returned to teach in the Tues/Thurs 3-year-old program at CPNS in 2010. Mrs. Dressel is an active member of the PTA in her children's schools. She is a member of Saint Cecelia Church in South Brunswick, where she volunteers in the religious education programs. Mrs. Dressel lives in Monroe Township with her husband Dennis, and her children Patrick and Kyle, who also attended CPNS.

MaryEllen Glynn

Mrs. MaryEllen Glynn graduated from Adelphi University in New York with a Bachelors in Nursing. She worked as a nurse in NewYork, Florida, and Atlanta until she moved to New Jersey. MaryEllen has been home raising her two children since she moved her in 2005. Both her son and daughter attended CPNS and now they are in Maurice Hawk and Millstone River in West Windsor. Mrs. Glynn is a parent volunteer at her children's schools and substituted here at CPNS in 2010-2011.

Kathy Iorio

Mrs. Iorio is a 1976 graduate from St. Anthony High School. Her previous work experience includes working as an Assistant Teacher at Holy Angels Preschool and the Ewing Presbyterian Nursery School. She has been a room parent and member of the PTA in the Hamilton School District. She came to CPNS in 1995 as an Assistant Teacher in our three-year-old and four-year-old programs. In 2008 Mrs. Iorio attended Middlesex County College and received her Child Development Associate Degree (CDA) in 2009. Mrs. Iorio has taught the 4-year-old class in the first CPNS summer program with Mrs. Petro. She also teaches our very successful Power of Play enrichment class with Mrs. Petro. She is a member of St. Raphael church in Yardville.

Dorothy Klotzbeacher

Mrs. Klotzbeacher (Mrs. K) is a graduate of Cornell University with a BS Degree in Child Development. She was an Assistant Teacher in the Cranbury Public School Kindergarten program for six years and taught Kindergarten in both Cranbury and Monmouth Junction. She led the Task Force that founded CPNS in 1984 and worked as an Assistant Teacher in both our three and four year classes for 8 years. She became the teacher of our 2 ½-year old program in 1992, teaches music to all CPNS classes and is

the “Lunch & Fun” teacher. Dorothy is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury where she serves on the Christian Education Committee, sings in the Chorale, and works with Vacation Bible School. She is the church Librarian and works with our CPNS library. Mrs. “K” has three children, five grandchildren and a brand-new great grand-daughter! This is her 27th year of teaching at CPNS.

Sheila Morrissey

Mrs. Morrissey attended Brookdale Community college in Monmouth County. She worked for 12 years at American Re-Insurance Company; first in New York, and then re-located with the company to Princeton NJ in 1987. While at American Re, Mrs. Morrissey worked towards the Charter Property Casualty Underwriting designation (CPCU) but before completion, she was blessed with a daughter, Kayla. She then became a stay at home mom. Mrs. Morrissey has been a room parent in the West Windsor-Plainsboro school district, a soccer coach for the WWPSA as well as a PREP teacher at St. David the King Church. She has been a Assistant teacher at CPNS for the last three years and last year she was the Teacher for our new Mommy’s Morning Out Program. She has also worked as a Teacher and Assistant Teacher for the lunch program. She resides in West Windsor with her husband Jim and their two children, Kayla and James who both attended CPNS.

Kelly O’Keefe

Mrs. O’Keefe is a graduate of St. John’s University, New York with a BS major in Elementary Education and Speech and a minor in Special Education. She also has a MS in Reading from St. John’s University. Prior to having her three sons she taught preschool, 3rd and 8th grade in Staten Island, NY. She is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Hightstown where she teaches CCD and Vacation Bible School. Her sons have attended CPNS. She has been a CPNS Board Member, Room Parent Coordinator as well as a room parent. She has been a Cub Scout leader for 5 years. Kelly teaches in our 4/5-year-old program as well as our Art & Literacy enrichment class.

Debbie Petro

Mrs. Petro attended Morris County Community College. She worked for five years at Sentry Insurance and two years at Fireman’s Fund as an underwriter. She has been a class mother and volunteer teacher’s helper for several years in the West Windsor/Plainsboro School District. Both her children are CPNS graduates. Mrs. Petro was a

substitute teacher at CPNS prior to joining our staff in 1996. Since then she has been an Assistant Teacher in our three and four year old programs. In 2009 Mrs. Petro attended Middlesex County College and received her Child Development Associates Degree (CDA) in 2009. She taught the 4-year-old class in the first CPNS summer program with Mrs. Iorio. Mrs. Petro also teaches our very successful Power of Play enrichment class. She is a member of St. David the King in West Windsor.

Linda Protinick

Mrs. Protinick graduated from East Brunswick High School and has taken classes at Salem College in Salem, West Virginia and classes at Rutgers in Elementary Education. Her previous work experience includes working as an aide in the Wicoff School in Plainsboro and conducting her own childcare service. Three of her four children are CPNS graduates. She has been an Assistant Teacher in our four-year-old program and is one of our child care staff members on Sunday mornings here at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury where she is a member.

Denise Reilley

Mrs. Reilley grew up in Cranbury and attended West Virginia University, majoring in Animal Science. She worked for 14 years in the Pharmaceutical Industry doing Pre-Clinical and Clinical work. She was a member of the Cranbury First Aid Squad and was an EMT for several years. She has been working part time since the birth of her son Sean in 2000, and you will often see her on the corner of Main St. and Station Rd as a crossing guard in the afternoon. She has been a room parent for CPNS for her children Sean and Devon, as well as a room parent for Cranbury School. She is very active in the PTO and the Cranbury Education Foundation. She is a nursery school teacher for the Cranbury United Methodist Church. She has been a substitute teacher for CPNS for 3 years and also works the lunch program as an assistant teacher. Mrs. Reilley currently resides in Cranbury with her husband Bill and her two children Sean and Devon, both CPNS alumni.

Eileen Sahli

Mrs. Sahli is a 1970 graduate of Hillside High School, NJ and attended Union County College. She held secretarial positions at Engelhard Industries and Ciba-Geigy Pharmaceuticals as well as chaired fund-raisers for the Nation Burn Victim Foundation. She has been a class mother and parent volunteer in the East Windsor and Cranbury Public School Districts. She has taught Vacation Bible School at the First Presbyterian

Church of Cranbury, where she worships. She has been a room parent and substitute teacher at CPNS prior to joining our staff in 1997.

Patty Skapyak

Mrs. Skapyak graduated from Arch Bishop Brady High School in 1978 and attended the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota. She moved to NJ in 1988 and has since been active in the West Windsor-Plainsboro school district as a class mom and a volunteer teachers' helper. Prior to joining the CPNS staff she provided childcare in her home. As a member of Queenship of Mary Church in Plainsboro she has also taught CCD for grades 7 and 8. Mrs. Skapyak has five children, three of which are CPNS graduates.

Kathryn Wiseman

Mrs. Wiseman attended Middlesex County College in Edison for accounting. Her previous work experience includes general accounting supervision in banking and customer service work. She has taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School here at the Cranbury Presbyterian Church where she is a member. She was a parent volunteer at the Drew School in East Windsor and not only had her children attend CPNS, but also worked as a substitute teacher prior to joining our staff in 1999 as an Assistant Teacher in our four-year-old program.

Lori Kleppe

Lori Kleppe is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a BS in speech pathology. She has an MS in Speech/Language therapy from Montclair State University. She holds a certificate in both Teacher of the Handicapped and Administration from the College of New Jersey. Lori has been a speech/language specialist in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and New Jersey. She has also worked in a private practice setting for many years. She worked in the Verona Public school system for 10 years prior to moving to the Cranbury area. She has been a Speech /Language Specialist in the West Windsor/Plainsboro School District since 1995. She has worked in all grade levels while in the WW-P school district. She is currently a member of the preschool assessment team in West Windsor/Plainsboro School District. Lori and her family have been members of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury since 1998. Her two children attended CPNS. She has been a member of the CPNS board for many years and is currently a church deacon.