Hello! My name is **Luis Silva**, and I am your child's Middle School (6-8) teacher for 2026-2027. I am so excited to get to know all my students!

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME & OUR CLASSROOM

I'm excited to kick off my 6th year at TPS! I'm originally from Texas, went to college out in California, and then moved to Bloomington for grad school. I earned my PhD in History in 2020 (Go Hoosiers!) and decided to stick around because it is a great place to raise a family. My own child was a student here for five years. I'm proud that he was a student at TPS. We have amazing resources, awesome staff, and a learning environment that truly puts kids first. In my class, I make sure every student feels welcome and included. I care a lot about making sure different perspectives and backgrounds are seen, heard, and respected. I try to get to know each student as an individual and celebrate what makes them unique. My personal interests include watching movies, collecting sneakers, and reading horror novels.

Your child can call me Luis.
You can reach me at lsilva@theprojectschool.org.

HIGHLIGHTS YOU CAN EXPECT IN OUR FIRST FEW WEEKS

We will review procedures and do fun community building activities.

INTRODUCING OUR ARTS & INCLUSION TEACHERS

Here are some additional educators who support the learning of our students:

Sara Irvine (Ms. Sara, she/her) – Visual Arts Specialist
Howdy from (K-8) Visual Arts at TPS with Ms. Sara. I've been with TPS since its 2008 inception and am one of the founders of this wild and wonderful place. When I'm not at TPS2 wrangling the Visual Arts Rodeo, I am at home with my 5 horses, 5 dogs, and one cat. One of my favorite times of year is when all the TPS babes come to Yard Dogs Farm for Field Days. Giddy-up! Reach me: sirvine@theprojectschool.org.

Chris Bultman (Mr. Chris, he/him) – Performing Arts Specialist
Mr. Chris has been the Performing Arts specialist for TPS since 2010, and this year marks his 32nd year of teaching. He began in 1994 at The Curtis School in Los Angeles, where he also spent many of those sixteen "California years" as a performer in music, theatre, and TV – including brief co-starring roles as rather random French doctors on the soap opera "Days of Our Lives." Aside from his passion for all things performing arts, Chris loves outdoors, his dog Moshi, and his big, loving family! Reach me: cbultman@theprojectschool.org.

Ishika Sinha (Ms. Ishika, she/her) – Middle School Inclusion Teacher
I am the Middle School Inclusion Teacher and excited to start my 5th year at TPS. This is my fifth year as an inclusion teacher, and middle school is my favorite place to work. As much as I enjoy being a teacher, I love learning from young minds. When not at school, I like spending time with my two children. In addition, I am an 8th grade math teacher and love all things math and science. Reach me: isinha@theprojectschool.org.

WHERE OUR CLASSROOM IS LOCATED

Our classroom is in the Main Building on the second floor on the west side. Your child will enter through the Main Building front door, up the ramp, each morning. Once they enter the front door, they'll turn left to head to the west hallway. They will turn right in that hallway and follow it as it wraps around to the main stairwell in the center of the building (by the café). They will take those stairs to the second floor. Once there, they will find our classroom at the top of the stairs, the first door on the right. It sounds a bit confusing but will make a ton of sense quickly!

WHO ELSE AT TPS CAN HELP!

We want to make sure that you know that everyone on our staff is excited to welcome you and your child, and eager to help all of you feel comfortable at the start of the new year! Specifically, we want to mention some key people and the roles they play, along with their contact information. You can always find their names and contact information on the website, too:

Lori Ihle – School Principal
Contact Ms. Lori with overarching instructional questions (beyond classroom curricular topics)
lihle@theprojectschool.org

Nicole Eller – Special Education Coordinator
Contact Nicole with questions about Individual Education Plans and support services
neller@theprojectschool.org

Alex Wulf – Office & Facilities Manager
Contact Alex with administrative and payment questions
awulf@theprojectschool.org

Angie Fish – Food Services Director
Contact Angie with meals-related questions
afish@theprojectschool.org

Bri Jacobson – Health Aide
Contact Bri with health and medication questions
health@theprojectschool.org

Rene Riley – Life Skills Coach | Mike Emmert – Social-Emotional Learning
Contact Ms. Rene & Mr. Mike with social-emotional or socio-economic support needs
rriley@theprojectschool.org | memmert@theprojectschool.org

Amy Jackson – Communications & Outreach Director
Contact Ms. Amy with communications, website, and events questions
connect@theprojectschool.org

I cannot wait to greet all my students!
Luis

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