Hello! My name is **Kandi Krothe**, and I am your child's Intermediate (3-5) teacher for 2026-2027. I am so excited to get to know all my students!

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME & OUR CLASSROOM

I cannot wait to see all my returning students and meet the newest community members. It is such a joy to see a new classroom community formed each school year, and I cannot wait for former 5th graders to come back to visit. I am entering my 27th year of teaching. I have been teaching at TPS since its beginning, and have spent those years teaching 2-3, 3-4, and now 3-5. I continue to create curriculum for the students in the room and value creating lessons that are scaffolded, and that gradually release the responsibility toward independent practice. I hold a BS in Elementary Education and MS in Language Education, both from IU.

Your child can call me Kandi. My pronouns are she/her.
You can reach me at kkrothe@theprojectschool.org.

I am asking every family to complete a survey to share information about your child. Please select the survey below that describes your child in relation to my class. Thanks for helping me get to know you and your child!
New to Kandi's Class Survey
Returning to Kandi's Class Survey

HIGHLIGHTS YOU CAN EXPECT IN OUR FIRST FEW WEEKS

In the first week of school, we will begin our first class read-aloud experience, engage in community building activities, and begin to learn how our days will be structured.

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.

Nicole Eller (Nicole, she/her) – Intermediate Inclusion Teacher
I am looking forward to another year as the Inclusion Teacher at The Project School, serving students in grades 3-5. I provide academic and additional supports and strive to challenge students, so they meet their full potential. Meaningful connections allow students to thrive, succeed and find joy in learning. Identifying needs is key to providing quality supports. I am the parent of twin TPS grads entering high school, and a recent high school grad dipping her toe into young adulthood. I vote for mysteries as the best genre. Reach me: neller@theprojectschool.org.

WHERE OUR CLASSROOM IS LOCATED

Our classroom is on the second floor on the east side of the Main Building. Your child will enter through the front door, up the ramp, each morning. Once they enter the front door, they'll turn right to head to the east hallway. They'll then take an immediate right in that hallway and head up the front stairs to the second floor. Once there, they'll walk straight down the hallway to find our room, which is the second room on the right!

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 welcome everyone to a great year!
Kandi

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