

Staff Directory and Bios

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Kindergarten



Lead Teacher
Mrs. Kaufman
Left

Co-Teacher
Mrs. Klecan
a.k.a. "Mrs. K"
Right

Name: Katie Kaufman and Sharon Klecan

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Bio: Mrs. Kaufman and Mrs. Klecan have been working together teaching kindergarten students for over 16 years. Mrs. Kaufman is the strongest kindergarten teacher Mr. Roll has ever seen. Not only has she pioneered her teaching techniques in addition to taking best practices from others, but she proves her effectiveness by the fact that her students can consistently read, add, subtract, and even multiply by the time they leave her class!

First Grade



Lead Teacher
Mrs. Ramirez
a.k.a. Mrs. R
Left

Teacher Aide
Ms. Guzman
a.k.a.
"Ms. Megan"
Right

Name: Margaret Ramirez and Megan Guzman

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Bio: Mrs. Ramirez has been an educator for many years. Before coming to Da Vinci Tree, she was the director of a Head Start program for 8 years, served as a teacher for preschoolers for another 5 years, and has proudly raised two successful children of her own! Ms. Megan has worked in the classroom for four years now as a Teacher's Aide for both First and Second grades.

Second Grade



Lead Teacher
Mrs. Stubbs
Left

Co-Teacher
Mr. Paul
a.k.a. Mr. Adam
Right

Name: Whitney Stubbs and Adam Paul

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Bio: Mrs. Whitney Stubbs was a librarian and volunteer school coordinator before entering the teaching profession. After a stint as a long-term substitute for a third-grade class, Mentor Teacher Vicki Moore and Principal Roll were so impressed that they wanted her to teach full-time. Since convincing her, she has taken over Second Grade where she continues to this day. Her Co-Teacher is Mr. Adam Paul who has experience in after-school programs, school administration, teaching, and special education.

Third Grade



Lead Teacher
Mrs. Lee
Left

Co-Teacher
Mr. Wolaver
Right

Name: Christine Lee and Michael Wolaver

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Bio: Christine Lee began her career as a behavioral specialist (or ABA) working in district and charter schools. After almost a decade of working with kids one on one and in small groups, Mrs. Lee wanted to have the opportunity to make an even bigger difference in the lives of children. Fortunately for Da Vinci Tree, a friend referred her and she has become an indispensable part of the school assuming the role of Lead Teacher for 3rd grade. Her Co-Teacher Mr. Michael Wolaver is still in school working towards his degree. Although young, he has already worked in multiple schools and is a skilled educator and behavior manager.

Fourth Grade



Lead Teacher
Ms. Trujillo
a.k.a. Ms. T.
Left

Teacher Aide
Ms. Meehan
a.k.a. Ms. Kerri
Right

Name: Micaela Trujillo and Kerri Meehan

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Bio: Micaela Trujillo graduated from the University of Arizona in 2018. Wanting to make an impact in the community, she left a management position at her previous job and joined Da Vinci Tree as a SPED Paraprofessional and Testing Coordinator. After performing several stints as a long-term sub for different classes when their teachers got COVID, it became obvious to everyone that Ms. Trujillo was ready to be a Lead Teacher. Her TA, Kerri Meehan, has grown up with education all around her. As a principal's daughter, her desire is that all the kids under her care get the best possible educational experience.

Fifth Grade



Lead Teacher Mr. Meehan , Left
Co-Teacher Ms. Smith, Right

Name: Peter Meehan and Ariel Smith

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Bio: Peter Meehan spent his first 20 years after college working for a local newspaper in Tucson. After being continually dismayed by the academic levels of recent high school graduates he would interview when they applied for jobs, Mr. Meehan left a management role at the newspaper to pursue a second career in education. Since then, Mr. Meehan has spent nearly two decades as a principal and teacher before joining Da Vinci Tree as our fifth-grade teacher. His Co-Teacher, Ms. Ariel Smith, is just completing her degree. She has worked at Da Vinci Tree for three years as a teacher assistant and paraprofessional and is being mentored by Mr. Meehan.

Sixth Grade



Lead Teacher Ms. Hanson , Left
Teacher Aide Coach Smith, Right

Name: Jennifer Hanson and Anthony Smith

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Bio: Jennifer Hanson graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona in 2018. Wanting to give back to the community before continuing her education to become a medical doctor, Ms. Hanson decided to join the team at Da Vinci Tree. Her aide is Mr. Anthony Smith. Mr. Smith is not only her TA but is also the Lead Basketball Coach for Palo Verde High school. When not coaching or helping out in sixth grade, Mr. Smith stays busy with his behavioral improvement program, Positive Pro, which he founded and continues to operate.

Middle School Seventh Grade Homeroom



Lead
Teacher
Mrs.
Kemme, Left

Teacher
Aide Mrs.
Ledford,
a.k.a. Mrs.
Alice, Right

Name: Gayle Kemme and Alice Ledford

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Bio: Mrs. Gayle Kemme spent over 20 years as a business and marketing professional. She created the initial sales deck for Verizon Business when it was targeting B2B sales in the 1990s and for many years she managed the revenue-generating side of different radio stations. In the late 2000s, she decided to give back to her community as an educator. She has taught grades 4-8 and especially enjoys teaching English. Her aide Mrs. Alice Ledford is a veteran and is the director of Da Vinci Tree's Hunger Prevention Program.

Middle School Eighth Grade Homeroom



Apprentice Lead
Teacher Mr.
Freyer, a.k.a.
Coach Freyer, Left
(apprentice to
Principal Roll)

Teacher Aide Mr.
Martinez, a.k.a.
Coach Tony, Right

Name: Thomas Freyer and Antonio Martinez

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Bio: Thomas Freyer is a managing director for Positive Pro LLC, a company that helps students improve their behavioral outcomes, a professional sports coach, and an apprenticing teacher. After being a classroom assistant for four years, Mr. Freyer was given the opportunity to do a stint as a long-term science substitute. Despite being an athlete, Mr. Freyer always had a great affinity for science and math. Now he is going back to school to study to be a science teacher while he works as an apprentice in that capacity under Principal Roll. Mr. Martinez, a recent high school graduate, is very inclined to both Math and Science. He is a tremendous help to Mr. Freyer.

Special Education Teachers



Name: Kathy Ram, Karen Esquer Martell, and Michael Payton

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Bio: All teachers on the Special Education team have years of experience in their field. Mrs. Kathy Ram was a SPED Teacher for over a decade, had a stint as SPED Director, and is now a SPED Teacher for Da Vinci Tree. Mrs. Martell was a lower-grade teacher for many years at Da Vinci Tree and elsewhere where she excelled at teaching English Language Arts before being promoted to the role of Reading Specialist. Mr. Michael Payton was not only a SPED Teacher, but was also a school administrator, Charter Holder, Principal, and played several other roles before the pandemic. We are lucky that he decided to join Da Vinci Tree where he serves as a SPED Teacher.

Special Education Paraprofessionals



Featured -
Mrs. Jade Marshall
4th-6th Grades
Top Left

Ms. Ari Barbero
Kindergarten - 3rd
Top Right



Ms. Veronica Romero
Kindergarten - 3rd
(Also SPED Director
Crenshaw's Assistant)
Bottom Left

Ms. Jennifer Martinez
Middle School
(Also Principal Roll's
Assistant)
Bottom Right

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Front Office Staff



Featured -
Mrs. Erica Brown

Not Featured -
Ms. Nicole Reimer

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Construction, Custodial, and Groundskeeping



Contracted Construction
and Facilities Lead George
Clevidence



Contracted In-House
Architect Matt Conley



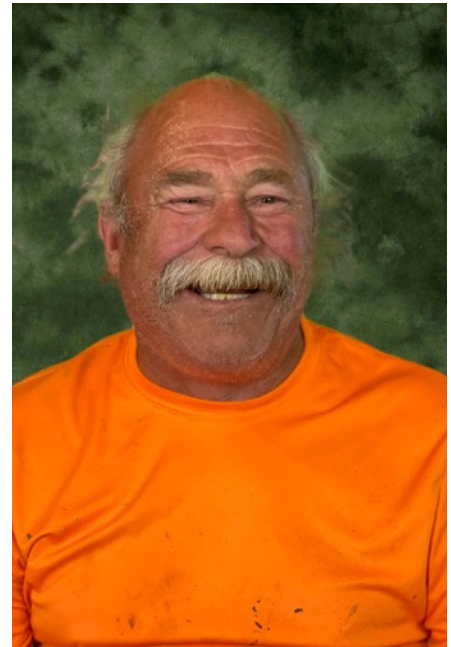
Contracted Lead Grounds
Keeper Diana Schultz



Contracted Construction
Specialist Daniel Shaft



Grounds Keeping Assistant
Ray Robinson



Contracted Construction
Specialist Victor Clevidence

Physical Education and Support Staff



Featured -

- Lead PE Coach Mark Abatecola, Bottom Right
- Assistant PE Coach Amari Knotts, Left
- Testing Coordinator Tara Jillard, Right

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Administration - Office Admin Ms. Barbero



Name: Kerri Barbero

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Bio: Ms. Kerri Barbero spent decades working in call center management and international business. She originally met Mr. Roll at another school where he was her son and daughter's teacher. Since she was an active parent volunteer, the two of them soon became fast friends. When Da Vinci Tree Academy opened Mr. Roll reached out to her to join the team. Before being promoted to an administrative level role, Ms. Barbero served as the school's Attendance Clerk and Office Attendant. Starting in 2018, she helped Principal Roll shape Da Vinci Tree into the school it is today. It is reasonable to say that without her tireless efforts in the first years of the school's history, Da Vinci Tree would not be the amazing place it is today.

Administration - SPED Director Crenshaw



Name: Diane Crenshaw

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Bio: Before joining Da Vinci Tree, Ms. Crenshaw had a long and successful career as both a first-grade teacher and a special education teacher. In her free time, she also taught art classes specializing in working with clay. When she joined Da Vinci Tree during the pandemic, she was welcomed to the team as a SPED Teacher. It quickly became obvious that Ms. Crenshaw was capable of shouldering both the responsibilities of being a SPED Teacher and of an administrator, so when the previous SPED Director resigned Ms. Crenshaw was ready and waiting to fill the role. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated SPED Administrator!

Administration - Book Keeper Mr. Barbero



Name: Joshua Barbero

Contact Phone Number: TBD

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Bio: A former student of Mr. Meehan and Mr. Roll, Mr. Joshua Barbero initially joined Da Vinci Tree Academy as Principal Roll's TA and Assistant. Over four years of working closely with Principal Roll, Mr. Roll mentored and prepared him for the role of a Junior Administrator. Today he occupies that role in both the function of the school's Technology Coordinator and Book Keeper. He is currently working towards a credential in business and technology.

Administration - Principal Roll



Name: Matt Roll

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Bio: Principal Matt Roll is the founder of Da Vinci Tree Academy. He also functions as the school's Charter Holder, Middle School History Teacher, and Grant Writer. Mr. Roll couldn't find a school where he felt comfortable devoting his life, so he spent eight years working to start Da Vinci Tree. Mr. Roll holds business economics, Human Geography, and educational leadership degrees. Before Da Vinci Tree he managed a hotel, served on the board of an orphanage, worked in mortgage finance, did a stint as a business technology consultant for Apple, and other such work. Today he continues to volunteer his time at varying non-profits like the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.