

# Staff Directory and Bios

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# Kindergarten



Lead Teacher  
Mr. Adam Left

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

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**Bio:** Mr. Adam has close to two decades of experience in education, primarily with K-6th graders. He is currently apprenticing under Mentor Teacher Ms. Moore and is set to complete his apprenticeship in 2024. Mrs. Klecan is a veteran kindergarten co-teacher and has been working with kindergarteners for over three decades.

## First Grade



Lead Teacher  
Ms. Hayde

Teacher Aide  
Ms. Jordyn  
(Not pictured)

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**Bio:** Ms. Hayde has over two decades of experience in education, from PreK-4th grade. She is currently apprenticing under Mentor Teacher Ms. Moore and is set to complete her apprenticeship in 2026.

## Second Grade



Lead Teacher  
Mrs. Stubbs  
Left

Teacher Assistant  
Mrs. Jade  
Right

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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.



## Third Grade



Lead Teacher  
Mrs. Lee  
Left

Co-Teacher  
Ms. Sanders  
(Not pictured)

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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.

## Fourth Grade



Lead Teacher  
Mr. Wolaver  
Left

Teacher Aide  
Ms. Olivas  
Right

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**Bio:** This is Mr. Wolaver's first year as a lead teacher in fourth grade. Prior to this, he was Mrs. Lee's co-teacher for two years. Mr. Wolaver is currently apprenticing under STEM Coordinator Mr. Russas and Mentor Teacher Ms. Moore. He is set to complete his mentorship in 2026.

## Fifth Grade



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

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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 Knotts, Right

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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. This is Ms. Hanson's second year teaching sixth grade. Prior to being a lead teacher, she spent a year and a half being a co-teacher of Mr. Meehan and another teacher.

## Middle School Seventh Grade Homeroom



Lead  
Teacher  
Mrs.  
Kemme, Left

Teacher  
Aide Mr.  
Leon  
(Not  
pictured)

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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.

## 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

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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 (ESS) Teachers



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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. Diane Crenshaw is a former ESS Director for Da Vinci Tree and has many years of experience.





## Administration - Book Keeper Mr. Barbero



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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



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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.