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Charlotte Public Schools Welcomes Dawn Hardin

Charlotte Public Schools is excited to welcome Mrs. Dawn Hardin, as the Parkview and Washington Math/Art specials teacher. All elementary students will have the opportunity to visit Mrs. Hardin's classroom throughout this school year for a unique experience using art techniques, but at the same time learning math concepts. Students use geometric shapes to create art and identify shapes within famous artists' piece of works. These are just two examples of how these two educational disciplines overlap. Students are not aware they are working with math, but using this innovative combination with art, the response from them has been positive and exciting.

Previously, Dawn has been a 7th grade math teacher and is currently a math professor at Lansing Community College.

Dawn loves to watch the excitement on students' faces when they create an artistic piece of work and then are able to demonstrate the mathematical concept that is woven through. Her goal for this school year is to help raise students' mathematical understanding as well as give them an appreciation for both art and its relationship to math. Dawn has already started to decorate the walls at Parkview for families to understand her goal for this special class.



"I am truly enjoying being an Oriole! Everyone is embracing both the class and myself, going out of their way to help in any way possible. I love the sense of community. My greatest challenge is to get the students to stop working at the end of the hour as most time they are so emerged in what they are doing they don't want to stop." Welcome Ms. Hardin!