



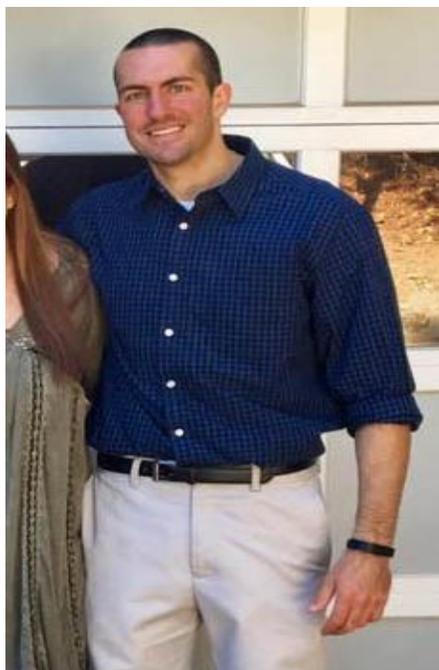
New Montgomery Staff Members for the 2017-2018 School Year

Mr. Ian Gornall, 4th Grade Teacher

Hello! My name is Ian Gornall. I am eager to join the team at Montgomery Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year. I will be teaching fourth grade here, after five years hopping around grades 3 through 5, starting up an elementary science lab and helping run afterschool and summer programs. I am constantly sharpening my teaching skills so I am looking forward to the challenges inherent in joining a new school with a different population of students, parents and co-workers. My strengths are in bringing hands-on experiences and applied technology to the classroom. Students in my classroom have full access to a wealth of tools online as they pursue learning. I believe they learn best by doing and expressing themselves creatively, so that is what you will see in my classroom. I am looking forward to the next year and seeing what kinds of experiences unfold.

Mr. Sam Bennett, Health & Physical Education Teacher

Hello Everyone! My name is Sam, a.k.a, "Coach Sam" as the students call me. I have a younger brother and sister and we are all extremely close, separated by a total of 7 years (brother 1 year apart) We actually all ended up going to the same college! I graduated from the University of South Carolina, Go Gamecocks, with a bachelors in Visual Communications (Photography) in 2010, for which I currently use that degree to run and operate my photography business, which specializes in weddings, parties & events, and family portraits. I absolutely love photography and I still plan on working tirelessly to help it grow on nights and weekends, especially over the summer. I am currently on track to receive my Master's Degree in Health and Physical Education from Georgia State University in the Fall of 2018. I know it sounds like a random venture coming from my photography background; however, I have been involved with coaching children pretty much as long as I can remember. My dad, brother and I currently coach a select 5th grade basketball team out in Dunwoody, and we absolutely love it. We also coach baseball together when time allows. My background in coaching combined with my passion for educating children in fitness and sports has led me down this amazing path to teaching P.E. I'm extremely excited to join the Montgomery Elementary family and I can't wait to make this program the best it can possibly be.





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Ms. Erin Warner, Art Teacher

Even after 23 years, my passion continues to be teaching. I love to watch children explore and learn new techniques. Children motivate me to be a better person. "Children make me a more knowledgeable person: Children are, by nature, very curious. With all the questions they ask, I constantly find myself looking for answers in books and on the Internet." I admire children's: endless energy, honesty, creativity, flexibility, and resilience.

Art and children consume my world. I enjoy going to art shows, teach weekend classes, and doing work in my studio when time allows. Besides teaching, I also enjoy performing arts. I spend my extra time taking photographs and making jewelry.

I grew up in Atlanta and attended Riverwood High School. I moved back to Atlanta over five years ago. I have two children: a teenage daughter who loves horses and drawing and a son who is in college at Appalachian State studying appropriate technologies to help future generations live in a green environment.

Dr. Tania Armer, Media Specialist



Hi Mustangs! I am Dr. Tania Armer, and I look forward to joining the Mustang Family! I will be your Media Specialist at Montgomery Elementary. I am originally from the Republic of Panama. I am bilingual, fluent in both Spanish and English. I love learning, and continue to always challenge myself. I am a graduate of Norcross High School in Gwinnett County Public Schools. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Broad Field Science from Georgia State University, my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Central Michigan University, my Ph.D. in Professional Studies in Education from Capella University, and my Post-Baccalaureate Add-On Certificate in School Library Media from the University of West Georgia. I am a veteran teacher of 18 years. I was a Social Studies and Science teacher at Chamblee Middle School for 3 years in the Resident Program. Afterwards, I taught science for 5 years in the Magnet for High Achievers' Program at Chamblee Middle School too! Subsequently, I taught Math and Science at Henderson Middle School for 7 years. Lastly, I taught Spanish, Special Education Math Resource and Special Education Language Arts Resource in Atlanta Public Schools, and I taught Gifted Science, later Spanish in Gwinnett County Public Schools. I am a wife and mom and during my free time I enjoy being with my family and our dogs. I look forward to being a part of the outstanding Montgomery Elementary staff!



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Ms. Saara Sayani, Pre-K Teacher

Hi! My name is Ms. Sayani. I'm a homegrown Georgia peach. I attended Georgia State University, and I graduated May 2017 with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education for Pre-K through 5th grade and an ESOL endorsement. My interest in becoming a teacher began when I was 7 years old, and I would teach my grandmother English. Through high school and college I have worked at various day cares, but the majority of the years I was an assistant teacher at a Montessori. This is my first year teaching, and I am beyond excited to begin my journey as a Mustang at Montgomery Elementary!