

# FBCS NEWSLETTER

## Back to School Edition

### A Message From Staff

Thank you to all new and returning families who joined us on Back to School night. We appreciate you showing up for your student and your school community.

If you weren't able to make it, don't panic! There are plenty more opportunities for involvement in September.

First off, we have the Back to School Bash on September 5th. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to become familiar with FBCS campus, staff and other families in a casual, backyard BBQ style setting. Join us on the field from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

On September 17th we have our FBCS Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. followed by the highly requested, Canvas Training Night at 5:30 p.m.

At this time we will offer in-person tools, tips and trainings to help you navigate Canvas and stay connected to your student.

As always, please contact your student's advo teacher for more ways to get involved. If you are interested in volunteering at FBCS this year, please contact our executive director, Mary Jensen for more information on the fingerprinting process. [maryjensen@forrestbirdcharterschool.org](mailto:maryjensen@forrestbirdcharterschool.org)



### WHAT'S NEW?

**Theater Arts are back!**

**Advos are focusing on Community Service**

**6th-12th Grade Student-Led Clubs**

**Former substitute teacher, Alice Griffith has joined our Social Studies Department**

**Former Assistant Principal, Misty Rains, is now the FBCS Principal**

**Former paraprofessional, Debbie Eagley, is now an Intern Special Education Teacher**

**Ryan Allen joins as a Special Education paraprofessional**

FBCS invites you to join us and the family of Eric Fulgenzi on Thursday, September 5th at 2:00 p.m. for a Celebration of Life.

This celebration is open to the public. Please bring your own seating and join is in front of the Memorial Garden.

Many of us will be wearing bright, festive colors to honor Eric's style and spirit.





**Branden Lange** will be teaching high school physical science and STEM classes at FBCS. Branden grew up in southwest Idaho and graduated from Boise State University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. After having worked for the Department of Defense in Bremerton, Washington and a U.S. Navy submarine contractor in Groton, Connecticut, he pursued a career change to education and started teaching in 2020. He is happy to be back in his home state of Idaho where he enjoys spending time with his wife and son riding dirt bikes, snowmobiling, and camping in remote parts of the state.

Chef **Molly Bond** brings many years of culinary experience and restaurant ownership to Forrest Bird charter school, and is excited to light a fire with students in regards to creatively thinking about food!

When she is not at school, you will find her and her husband out on the lake serving up fantastic views and six course gourmet meals aboard their private yacht charter company, Great Northern Nautical, based out of Bayview.



**Danika Moore** is a Sandpoint native and 2016 Sandpoint High School alumni. She spent the first three years of her career being the sole math teacher at Mountain View Alternative High School in Rathdrum, Idaho and is ready for the shift back to hometown to teach middle school math.

Danika just bought her first home in Priest River, Idaho with her wonderful husband of over three years. Together they share a personal zoo with their three cats (Sophie, Simon, and Zuko), two dogs (Bella and Penelope), bearded dragon (Archer), and ball python (Nala).

Danika is thrilled to be working with her cousin, the amazing Orion Syth, our fearless maintenance director. She already feels like she is part of the FBCS family!

**Blake Wilkins** is beginning his teaching career here at Forrest Bird!

He grew up in Santa Monica, California, and received his BA in English from the University of Notre Dame. After attending law school and working for several years in real estate and business, he decided to pursue teaching to share his love of social studies and history. He moved with his wife and two young kids from the Seattle area this summer and likes to spend his time reading old books and going for hikes.

Blake is excited to join the FBCS community as the high school social studies teacher.



**Rachel Askew** is so excited to join the Forrest Bird staff for the 2024-2025 school year! She has taught middle school for 6 years including 1 year of 6th grade and 5 years running a choir and theater department at the junior high level. She is thrilled to be able to bring the theater arts back to this campus. Aside from her love of the arts, she has an almost equal appreciation and love for coffee and her dog. She is looking forward to a great year teaching 6th grade ELA, high school theater, middle school choir and middle school theater.

