

# MEET THE TEACHERS

**ECE-4**



**Ms. Emily Bovard**

I am a Colorado native and I went to University of Montana in Missoula. I have been with DPS for 12 years and this will be my 8th year with Palmer. I have 1 husband, 3 children, 1 sweet golden retriever named Bumper and 1 silly kitty cat named Grizzly Bear. I enjoy being outside, cooking, walking, yoga, gardening, skiing, reading, and spending time with my family. We enjoy doing many things as a family and can usually be found cheering on my kids at a ski race, tennis match, golf or lacrosse tournament, field hockey or soccer game.

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**Mr. Eric Hammond**

2022-2023 was my 8th school year at Palmer and in Denver and my 11th year teaching overall, all in Pre-K/ECE. I have lived in Alaska, Washington, and Arizona, but I consider myself to be from Ohio. I attended Ohio State for undergrad, and I received a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Grand Canyon University in 2020. I currently live with Stephanie, my fiance, and our two cats. I am a HUGE sports fan, and I also enjoy cooking, going to movies, and playing golf and video games.

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## Kindergarten



### Ms. Melissa Soto

My name is Melissa Soto and this is my 3rd year teaching kindergarten. Kindergarten is so much fun to teach and rewarding to see the growth my students make throughout the year.

I am a Puerto Rican native, but I've been in Colorado most of my life. However, I love getting back there as much as possible. I also enjoy spending time with my pup Benny, cat Moon, and my family and friends.

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**Ms. Reagan Haines**

I am originally from Ohio, and grew up loving everything about football- the Buckeyes and Broncos are my favorite teams. I actually grew up a Bronco fan in Ohio. I am the middle of three girls and my family and I are very close even though we live all over the country. I spent all my time with my dog Hank, we love to hike, camp, ski, and just be out in the mountains in general. I went to undergrad at Ohio Dominican University to get my bachelors in Early Childhood Education. After graduating, I moved out here to Colorado to do a volunteer program called Colorado Vincentian Volunteers. After one year working at an inclusive preschool I moved back to Ohio for two years. Once I realized I missed the mountain life I moved back and started my masters at CU Denver for Special Education. I am a dual licensed teacher in General and Special Education. I joined Palmer Elementary in the middle of the 2020-2021 school year and have loved every minute of being a part of this community.