



Meet the PLAY with Big PLANS Teachers

PLAY with Big PLANS in the NORTH



Meghan Sparks- BGS, BEd, CDS

With a passion for being part of a child's learning journey, it only seemed natural for Meghan to follow her mother's footsteps and become a teacher. Soon after graduating from the U of C with her BGS and Concordia University with her BEd., Meghan began helping children reach new learning goals and understanding through education. Her intuitive ability to stay calm and think positively through any stress or struggle has proven to be a valuable asset when helping children come up with strategies to cope through tough moments and times of stress. Meghan also enjoys nature and believes that both adults and children alike can be calm and learn more effectively when surrounded by nature. When she isn't teaching, Meghan enjoys playing sports, reading books, going to the mountains with her family (husband Joe and three girls Emma 13, Ava 11 and Callie 8). She loves chocolate and would also like to have a dog if only her husband weren't allergic! Email – msparks@bigplans.org



Tanya Komori – BEd

Coming from a family of teachers, Tanya has always loved working with children so becoming a teacher was a natural career choice. In this role, Tanya is excited to be part of the critical early years which provide children with strong foundational beginnings. Not only is she passionate about early intervention, knowing firsthand as a parent, what an incredible impact it has on developing minds and bodies, she is also passionate about making positive relational connections with the children and feels it is a privilege to have their trust. Born and raised in Calgary, Tanya taught elementary and junior high for six years after graduating with her B.Ed. After taking time to raise her family (Avarie-12, Everett-10, and Emerson- 7) with her husband Daniel, Tanya began teaching preschool several years ago. With the ability to handle conflict well in situations, Tanya has also developed valuable skills as her family navigated life with their youngest being on the Spectrum. Very easy going, Tanya loves to have fun, laugh, and has always had a heart for people and children needing extra support. When she isn't teaching, Tanya loves reading, drinking coffee, spending time outside, doing puzzles, arts & crafts, and spending time with her family and friends. If you ask Tanya what her favourite things are, she would say anything pickled, anything you can eat in a wrap, and she admits that she can't sleep without the pillow her husband gave her 18 years ago from Turkey! Email – tkomori@bigplans.org

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Carmen Wallin, BA Psych., BEd

Holding her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Saskatchewan and her Bachelor of Education from the U of C, Carmen comes from a family of teachers. Not only is her dad a retired teacher, but so are two of her uncles and an aunt. Now, her sister and niece are also teachers. They maintain close relationships, and are eager to learn from one another. After teaching in private schools and for Palliser Regional Schools, Carmen chose to make raising her family her first priority. Carmen, and her husband Brent, have three lovely children (two daughters: Bayley age 14, and Blake age 7; and a son, Carter age 10) and a pet dog named Chipper. With a passion for engaging children in creative learning, Carmen brings her skills of being inventive and artistic to her teaching profession, and she loves to watch children smile while they learn something new in fun and challenging ways. The concept of acceptance is also very important to Carmen, and she strives to ensure all children feel like they belong and are appreciated as individuals. Quietly competitive, Carmen has a kind heart, strong spirit and a brave soul. When she isn't teaching, Carmen enjoys painting ceramics and taking bike rides with her family. She appreciates a movie that can make her laugh or cry, has fun cooking dinner with friends, and would find it impossible to give up books, as evidenced by their presence in every room of her home. Email – cwallin@bigplans.org



Olga Knight - BA, BEd, MBA, BCC

Olga Knight has 30 years of experience in working with diverse students as an educator, mentor, special needs coach, classroom teacher and teacher of preschool students with learning differences. She holds several degrees, a coaching certificate and has attended dozen of workshops focusing on diversity and differently abled learning. Her current role with Big Plans focuses on providing enrichment for preschool students in Academic Readiness, Physical and Motor Development, Social and Emotional Development, Early Language and Speech Development, and Parents and Play. As a mother of a former PUF-funded child who is now a practicing lawyer, Olga brings a unique perspective to the role of parenting a child with learning difficulties. Bring your child and join her at the South Campus at CCS. Email – oknight@bigplans.org