

Linda Baron - Middle Gate
Kate Magness - Hawley and Sandy Hook
Cheryl McCaffrey - Reed Intermediate
Eric Myhill - Head O'Meadow and Newtown Middle School

Kate Magness teaches Project Challenge at Sandy Hook School and Hawley School. She grew up in Newtown, CT and received her Bachelor's from Western Connecticut State University in Anthropology/Sociology and Masters in Elementary Education from Sacred Heart University. She began her teaching career in Redding, CT at Redding Elementary School, and then taught in Woodbury, CT before returning to Newtown to teach 4th grade at Sandy Hook Elementary. She joined the Project Challenge team in 2015. Mrs. Magness lives in Trumbull, CT with her husband and two children.

Cheryl McCaffrey is the Project Challenge Teacher at Reed Intermediate School. She received her BS from SUNY Oswego and her Master's Degree from University of Maryland. Prior to joining the Project Challenge Team in Newtown, she taught gifted education in Darien for ten years. Additionally, she taught middle school math, fifth grade and college algebra in Maryland. Ms. McCaffrey is the 2019-2020 winner of the Weller Award for Outstanding Teaching. She lives in Redding with her husband and four children.

Eric Myhill teaches Project Challenge at Head O'Meadow School and Newtown Middle School. He received his bachelor's degree from Western Connecticut State University and his master's degree from Wesleyan University. He began his teaching career in 1988 at Sandy Hook School; he then taught mathematics at Newtown Middle School; next, he taught sixth grade mathematics and science at Reed Intermediate School; after that, he taught 5th grade reading, language arts, and social studies at Reed Intermediate School. In 1999, Mr. Myhill received the Weller Outstanding Teaching Award for designing and implementing a reading and writing program. Mr. Myhill lives in New Milford, CT, with his wife and their wheaten terrier Ella. The Myhills have two dear daughters, both of whom are away at college and enjoy face-timing their Dog.

Linda Baron teaches Project Challenge at Middle Gate School. She received her Bachelor's Degree from the Montclair State University in New Jersey and taught art to grades k-8 for several years before becoming a professional tour director. She traveled extensively around the world before settling down in Connecticut and starting a family. When her children were old enough, she returned to school and earned her Masters Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Bridgeport. Mrs. Baron received several awards over the years. She was recognized for the district's Profiles in Professionalism in 2015. In 2016-17, she was recognized by the VFW (Veterans of Foreign War Post 308) and received the Teacher of the Year Award which earned her town, district and state recognition. She also was the recipient of The Community Americanism Award in 2018. She taught 4th grade for 20 years at Middle Gate School. Mrs. Baron retired from her full-time teaching position in June 2022 and accepted a

position teaching Project Challenge at Middle Gate School. She lives with her husband in Bethel. One son lives in Stamford, Connecticut, the other in Newport, Vermont.