



Let's WELCOME Our Newest Panthers to "The River"  
Every Journey Has A Story!

Andrea Williams has been a School Counselor for 11 years, having experience in all grade levels. She is a catalyst and advocate of academic achievement and skilled on creating opportunities for all students to pursue their dreams by helping them in their academic, career, social, and personal development. Andrea's Comprehensive School Counselor Program is grounded in Maslow's hierarchy of needs, helping to build better students and families. Mrs. Williams holds a Master's degree in Counselor Education from the University of South Florida, an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from National Louis University and is a current doctoral student seeking a PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies in Education. Mrs. Williams is a Hillsborough County Schools product, graduating class of 2002 from Plant City High School.



Jacqueline M. Porter- Mother of 3 children  
20th year in education  
B.S. Elementary Education  
M.S. Special Education  
M.Ed Educational Leadership

ESOL Endorsed and Reading Endorsed



Ms. Dotson is starting her 16th year teaching here in Hillsborough County. She has taught everything from Kindergarten through 6th grade reading. Ms. Dotson believes that more than anything, building relationships are key in producing a successful classroom environment.



Hello! My name is Allison and I am new to Palm River Elementary. I am the RtI Resource Teacher for Academics. I spent 6 years as the ESE Contact and VE teacher at Dunbar Magnet Elementary with experience in all classrooms, kindergarten through 5th grade. I am a two-time recipient of the Ida S. Baker Diversity Educator of the Year award for my previous school. I live in Saint Petersburg and moved all the way from Massachusetts in 2014. I love the outdoors and finding new places to explore on my paddle board and bicycle.



My name is Kaitlin Powers and I am so excited to begin my teaching career in Hillsborough county as a 2nd grade teacher! After many years of substitute teaching at Palm River elementary, I am elated to officially become a Panther! My hope is to use my passion for inspiring young minds to encourage all children to believe in themselves and achieve great things. In my time outside of the classroom, I enjoy going to the beach, reading, and spending time with my chocolate lab, Palmer.



My name is Barbara de los Santos. I am very excited to teach Kindergarten at Palm River Elementary. I have spent my last year in a ESE Pre-K. I look forward to a great year!



My name is Keana Thompson and I graduated from Florida International University in 2016 with a Bachelors in Communication Arts. This will be my third year teaching first grade.

My mother instilled in me the heart for children. She has had a Home Daycare business for 19 years and all of those years I have been a part of watching her grow her business and learning the nurturing side of providing; as well as building relationships with the parents and seeing them look up to her for support. Growing up in the environment molded me to want the opportunity to be able to one day provide learning and encouragement to children. My goal is to make sure I am incorporating the material to each students understanding and engaging it in a positive classroom environment. I am looking forward to what this year has in store!



Hello Palm River Family! My name is Nichole Lackmann, I hold the certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) and am a certified practicing Speech-Language Pathologist with the Florida Department of Health. I have over seven years of experience working in pediatrics and in schools. I completed my undergraduate and graduate degree at the University of South Florida. Pulath said, "The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled." I believe it is our role as educators to foster the curiosity and desire to learn each of our children were born. My mission is to provide Speech and Language therapy of the highest quality through collaboration with families, educators and the amazing team at Palm River.





My name is Sherri Williams and I'm in my 20th year teaching. I am the Reading Resource Teacher at Palm River Elementary School. I am glad to be a part of the Palm River Family!