



### **Brenda Lamarque – Boston Bruins**

Brenda's hometown team is the Boston Bruins. She teaches Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, SEL at Edward Fenn Elementary and has been a teacher for 26 years. Brenda started as a Special Education Teacher and since transitioned to teaching K, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Brenda loves to share literature with students and appreciates watching them enjoy learning! Outside of the classroom, Brenda supports her children's sports, participates in the local Booster Club, teaches at her church, serves on the local Earl Education Board and virtually tutors students from China.

### **Kelly Larkin - Buffalo Sabres**

Kelly's hometown team is the Buffalo Sabres. She teaches Science and Math in the Career Development Program at OCM BOCES Career & Technical Education and has been a teacher for 11 years. Kelly is passionate about relating curriculum to careers and real-world applications, strives to be a positive influence in her students' lives and to help them gain a passion for learning.

### **Carole Ware – Calgary Flames**

Carole's home team is the Calgary Flames. She teaches grade 6 Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Art and Health at the Riverside School and has been a teacher for 29 years. Carole always enjoyed working with younger people and thought becoming a teacher would allow her to make a true difference in children's lives! Carole's favorite subjects to teach are Science, Language Arts and Art. Outside of the classroom, Carole loves to hike, camp and play field hockey.

### **Jen Cook – Chicago Blackhawks**

Jen's hometown team is the Chicago Blackhawks. She teaches Science at Momence Jr. High School and has been a teacher for 31 years. Growing up, Jen had several teachers who she really admired and influenced her decision to become a teacher. Outside of the classroom, Jen enjoys watching Chicago sports, attending concerts and volunteering with her son. She has a dog, Stanley, named after the Stanley Cup!

### **Audrey Mead - Colorado Avalanche**

Audrey's hometown team is the Colorado Avalanche. She teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science at Windsor Middle School and has been a teacher for eight years. Audrey has always wanted to be a teacher for as long as she could remember and loves being able to bring new ideas to her students! Outside of the classroom, Audrey enjoys being involved in her community, spending time with her family and exploring the Colorado outdoors.

**Gay Lynch – Dallas Stars**

Gay's hometown team is the Dallas Stars. She teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade at San Jacinto Jr. High School and has been a teacher for 26 years. Gay studied accounting and information systems and pursued a teaching and technology certification. Gay hopes to help middle schoolers who may be having a difficult time to achieve their best. Outside of the classroom, Gay assists with the school's pet rescues.

**Mike Griskie – Detroit Red Wings**

Mike's hometown team is the Detroit Red Wings. He teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Oakbrook Elementary School and has been a teacher for 27 years. Mike became a teacher because he loves to make a positive difference in the world and feels it is a rewarding career! Outside of the classroom, Mike has been involved in coaching and refereeing soccer for more than 15 years.

**Sandi Hoppins – Edmonton Oilers**

Sandi's hometown team is the Edmonton Oilers. She teaches grade 8 at Deer Meadow School and has been a teacher for 23 years. Sandi became a teacher because she loves children and their brilliance. She loves that students keep her learning and that they have so much knowledge inside them that is waiting to be discovered. Sandi encourages her students to participate in numerous charitable initiatives including food and clothing drives for the homeless and local shelters in the community.

**Matthew Laubhan – Florida Panthers**

Matthew's hometown team is the Florida Panthers. He teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Oasis Elementary North and has been a teacher for 16 years. Matthew decided to become a teacher because he wanted to do something that not only made him happy but made a difference in the world. What he loves most about teaching is watching the growth of his students as the school year progresses. Outside of the classroom, Matthew is involved in leading student groups in several activities including educational trips to the Kennedy Space Center, drama productions and teddy bear drives for the local Children's Hospital.

**Pablo Flores – Los Angeles Kings**

Pablo's hometown team is the Los Angeles Kings. He teaches 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Education at KIPP Comienza Community Prep Upper School and has been a teacher for 10 years. Growing up as a timid child, the experiences Pablo had in Middle School PE helped him change to a healthy lifestyle while boosting his confidence and self-esteem! He was also able to build relationships which helped him realize he wanted to teach Physical Education. He enjoys making sure that students are getting the proper education, skills and tools in Physical Education.

**Victoria Tambornino – Minnesota Wild**

Victoria's hometown team is the Minnesota Wild. She teaches media technology-enrichment at New Ulm Middle School and has been a teacher for 33 years. Victoria helps everyone in her school become more acquainted with the new technologies in this field. Outside of the classroom, she has trained a therapy dog, Arabella, that she brings to schools, assisted living facilities and day care centers. She also volunteers on the arts council at The Grand Center for Arts & Culture and the Cable Advisory Board.

**Tara DeFilippo – New Jersey Devils**

Tara's hometown team is the New Jersey Devils. She teaches Computer Science and Technology at Woodrow Wilson School and has been a teacher for 11 years. Tara enjoys working at an elementary school where she has the opportunity to teach students with varying disabilities. Teaching has always been a passion of Tara's. She has found that there is nothing more fulfilling than teaching her students to be successful both inside and outside of the classroom!

**Patricia Mellas – New York Islanders**

Patricia's hometown team is the New York Islanders. She teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Southold Elementary School and has been a teacher for 31 years. Patricia started her career in a Kindergarten classroom and has spent the past 14 years of her career teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Patricia loves working with her students and especially loves teaching upper elementary students because they are inquisitive, eager to learn and begin to take on more responsibilities with support and encouragement. Outside of the classroom, Patricia enjoys cheering on the New York Islanders and has been following the team since the 1980s.

**Colleen Pine – New York Rangers**

Colleen's hometown team is the New York Rangers. She teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math and Science at Haverstraw Elementary and has been a teacher for five years. Colleen became a teacher after watching the love her dad had for his 4<sup>th</sup> grade students as a teacher. Colleen's goal is for her students to develop a love for learning! Outside of the classroom, Colleen runs after-school programs to help keep her students involved, volunteers with her PTA and runs school-wide events.

**Lisa Isenberg – Philadelphia Flyers**

Lisa's hometown team is the Philadelphia Flyers. She teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math and Science at Penn Wynne Elementary School and has been a teacher for 13 years. Lisa loves helping her students connect what they are learning in the classroom to the real world as it helps to make sense and bring meaning to their education. She has been instrumental in implementing Future Goals Hockey Scholar into her district.

**Albert L. Spencer – San Jose Sharks**

Albert's hometown team is the San Jose Sharks. He teaches middle school Computer Science at North Salinas High School and has been a teacher for 42 years. He enjoys the interaction with students and the excitement in their eyes when learning something new! Outside of the classroom, Albert has been a Big Brother, part of the Make-A-Wish organization and has participated in various athletic and church-related events and fundraisers.

**Sara Sanchez – Seattle Kraken**

Sara's hometown team is the Seattle Kraken. She is currently the Librarian at Ponderosa Elementary School and has been a teacher for eight years. Sara's role as a Librarian allows her to teach students from each grade level and is what she loves the most about her job! Sara's students love the STEM activities in the Future Goals program.

**Kelly Jones – Tampa Bay Lightning**

Kelly's hometown team is the Tampa Bay Lightning. She teaches Elementary Physical Education at Combee Academy of Design and Engineering and has been a teacher for 27 years. Kelly became a teacher because of a passion for sports and the mentorship of her own high school PE teacher. She loves it when students have that "lightbulb" moment of understanding a skill. Outside of the classroom, Kelly has encouraged her students' involvement in the Special Olympics and the Kids Heart Challenge.

**Marshon Winters - Vegas Golden Knights**

Marshon's hometown team is the Vegas Golden Knights. He is the Sports and Fitness teacher at Nevada Preparatory School and has been a teacher for six years. Marshon currently serves as Chairman for the Nevada Public Charter School Network Intervention for Black & Latino males. Outside of the classroom, Marshon enjoys fitness, bird watching and culinary arts.

**Derrick Blackwell, Sr. - Washington Capitals**

Derrick's hometown team is the Washington Capitals. He teaches middle school Computer Science at Matthew Henson Middle School and has been a teacher for four years. Derrick became a teacher because he wanted a career change that would allow him to give back to his community. He loves teaching and showing students they can learn, code and have fun at the same time! Outside of the classroom, Derrick and his family feed and provide clothing to the homeless within the Delaware Maryland and Virginia area, and he holds free tutorial classes twice a week.