



Scott Tenchka – Anaheim Ducks

Scott's hometown team is the Anaheim Ducks. He teaches Physical Education for grades 6-8 and 7th grade Social Studies at Santiago School. He has been a teacher for 28 years. What Scott loves the most about teaching is seeing the personal growth of his students as they mature into responsible young adults. Outside of the classroom, Scott coaches flag football, boys' basketball and the street hockey teams at Santiago. Scott also leads his school's Career Day, organizes the Saturday School program and chairs a local fundraiser.

Shelli Delmoe – Arizona Coyotes

Shelli's hometown team is the Arizona Coyotes. She teaches 5th grade Math at Edison Elementary School and has been a teacher for 28 years. Shelli loves teaching along with the triumphs and challenges that are presented with a career in education! Shelli really enjoys the time she spends working with the students at Edison and is very involved in the school and her community.

Karri Berg – Calgary Flames

Karri's hometown team is the Calgary Flames. She is a grade 6 generalist at Riverside School and has been a teacher for nine years. Teaching has always been Karri's passion, however, she has not always been in a classroom setting. For many years, Karri taught at environmental education centers around the world and then moved onto guiding extended wilderness therapy expeditions for at-risk-youth. Over the years, Karri has learned so much from her students and is thankful for the opportunities she has been afforded. Karri's favorite part of teaching has always been getting to know her students and the "aha" moments when a concept "clicks".

Kayleen Temple – Colorado Avalanche

Kayleen's hometown team is the Colorado Avalanche. She teaches 6th grade Health and Physical Education at Rocky Heights Middle School and has been a teacher for 41 years. Kayleen decided to become a teacher in 8th grade because she loves to help children with athletics and sports skills. Athletics has taught Kayleen many life lessons and helped shape her into the person she is today. What Kayleen loves the most about teaching is the connections she makes with students and the life lessons she teaches them. Outside of the classroom, Kayleen loves to bike and has also backpacked the entire Colorado Trail.

Vanessa Tennison – Dallas Stars

Vanessa's hometown team is the Dallas Stars. She teaches Computer Science at L. Clifford Davis Elementary and has been a teacher for 29 years. Vanessa loves working with students and watching them grow into their greatness! She started teaching pre-K and from there moved to teaching phonics programs and now Computer Science. Vanessa has always wanted to teach since she was a child and became an educator because she loves watching her students' expressions as they learn. Outside of the classroom, Vanessa is a Sunday School teacher and runs a Ladies Bible study teaching group.

Dawn Garcia – Florida Panthers

Dawn's hometown team is the Florida Panthers. She teaches Science, Language Arts and Computers at Cypress K-8 Center and has been a teacher for 24 years. Dawn decided to become a teacher because she believes it was the best way to give back to her community. Dawn loves teaching because she wants to give unique experiences to her students like the opportunities she had growing up and traveling with the military. As a teacher, Dawn has been able to travel with her students across the US and allow them to also experience the country's history.

Stacy Lundquist – Minnesota Wild

Stacy's hometown team is the Minnesota Wild. She teaches upper elementary Math and Science at Battle Lake Elementary and has been a teacher for 25 years. Stacy has always wanted to be a teacher and was inspired by her own teachers to pursue a teaching career. Stacy's favorite part about teaching is awakening a student's confidence, motivation and perseverance. Outside of the classroom, Stacy enjoys volunteering in the arts and at her church.

Virginie Villani – Montreal Canadiens

Virginie's hometown team is the Montreal Canadiens. She teaches grade 4 Math and English at McCaig Elementary and has been a teacher for 21 years. Virginie was drawn to the profession of teaching because she finds working with young children exciting and enjoys their energy and enthusiasm. Virginie loves helping young people and teaching them while having fun. She finds being a teacher rewarding and especially likes seeing her former students after their scholastic career. She currently teaches with a former kindergarten student of hers!

Karen Bunch – Nashville Predators

Karen's hometown team is the Nashville Predators. She teaches 3rd grade across all subjects at Towne Acres Elementary School and has been a teacher for 30 years. Karen is a lead teacher for her grade, sponsor for the school's Student Ambassador team, a district-wide tech leader and has also led professional development sessions within the district. Karen has always wanted to be a teacher and was inspired by her 3rd grade teacher and her best friend's mom, who was also a teacher. Outside of the classroom, Karen is involved in her church and other community groups.

Michael S. Casella – New Jersey Devils

Michael's hometown team is the New Jersey Devils. Michael teaches Reading and Technology at East Amwell Township School and has been a teacher for 25 years. Michael became a teacher with the hopes of inspiring young people to reach their potential. Outside of the classroom, Michael is a big hockey fan and is also a coach. Michael believes in both academic and athletic achievement for his students!

Daniel Leccese – New York Islanders

Daniel's hometown team is the New York Islanders. Daniel teaches Science at Copiague Middle School and has been a teacher for 29 years. Daniel has always enjoyed working with children since he comes from a large family himself! Daniel loves teaching Science because it helps explain the natural world around us and makes sense of other natural phenomena. Outside of the classroom, Daniel coaches his daughter's JV ice hockey team.

Vincent Rizza – New York Rangers

Vincent's hometown team is the New York Rangers. He teaches STEM at MS 936 Arts Off 3rd and has been a teacher for 12 years. Vincent has worked with students for most of his adult life. He started at an afterschool program, next he became a paraprofessional for the Department of Education and then taught students with disabilities.

Margaret Wiskeman – Pittsburgh Penguins

Margaret's hometown team is the Pittsburgh Penguins. She teaches middle level Math at Pittsburgh Mifflin and has been a teacher for 22 years. Margaret was inspired by her 3rd grade teacher to become an educator and discovered she enjoyed teaching math through being a substitute teacher. Outside of the classroom, Margaret is a choreographer and a director of the dance color guard and twirling.

Jeff Friedman – San Jose Sharks

Jeff's hometown team is the San Jose Sharks. He teaches 6th grade STEM at Samuel E. Stipe Elementary School and has been a teacher for 28 years. After studying in Spain, Jeff learned and became fluent in the Spanish language and shortly after found his first teaching role at Cesar Chavez Academy in East Palo Alto. For the first time in Jeff's life, he had a purpose...to encourage, to teach, to counsel and to train students for their own bright futures! Outside of the classroom, Jeff is a licensed minister and pastor.

Corrie Freiwaldt – Seattle Kraken

Corrie's hometown team is the Seattle Kraken. She teaches at Maplewood Heights Elementary and has been a teacher for 23 years. Corrie was inspired to become a teacher after teaching swimming lessons at a local pool while attending college. Being a teacher and mentor comes natural to Corrie. Outside of the classroom, Corrie supports local community-based girls' leadership programs that empower young women to serve in their communities.

Nicole Seace – Tampa Bay Lightning

Nicole's hometown team is the Tampa Bay Lightning. She teaches Science at Winthrop Charter School and has been a teacher for 16 years. Educating children is Nicole's true passion and she loves watching students achieve things they never dreamed possible. She loves to watch them do amazing things with their lives and is happy to be a small part of their success.

Silvana Sgro – Toronto Maple Leafs

Silvana's hometown team is the Toronto Maple Leafs. She is the grade 6 teacher at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School and has been a teacher for 25 years. Silvana decided to become a teacher because she always had a passion for working with children. While a teenager, Silvana led a church children's choir and worked as a parks & rec sports and arts & crafts leader. Silvana loves teaching because of the ability to make a difference in maximizing any child's learning potential.

Harjeet Grewal – Vancouver Canucks

Harjeet's hometown team is the Vancouver Canucks. She teaches grade 5 general studies at Coyote Creek Elementary School and has been a teacher for one year. Harjeet became a teacher because she believes education is a way to change the world for the better. Outside of the classroom, Harjeet volunteers in her community addressing South Asian mental health needs.

Erin Lopes - Washington Capitals

Erin's hometown team is the Washington Capitals. She teaches 4th grade at Hampton Oaks Elementary and has been a teacher for 16 years. Erin became a teacher after watching the impact both of her parents, who are teachers, had on their students' lives. Erin believes there is no greater joy than watching a student grasp a concept with which they've been struggling. Outside of the classroom, Erin leads the SeaPerch club and helps students build and compete with underwater drones (ROVs).

Jessica Wasiuta - Winnipeg Jets

Jessica's hometown team is the Winnipeg Jets. She is a grade 5 and 6 French Immersion homeroom teacher at École St. Adolphe School and has been a teacher for seven years. Jessica realized she wanted to be a teacher after working at a summer camp while studying Engineering at the University of Manitoba. Jessica's favorite part of teaching is building relationships with her students and learning what matters to them. Jessica is passionate about making connections between what students learn and the world they know around them. Jessica believes all students are capable of being successful and she wants them to feel valued.