

Meet Our Principal - Tricia Simonsen



Mrs. Simonsen has over 34 years of experience as an educator! She began her teaching career at Ruskin Elementary in 1990, and taught grades 2,3,4,5! She then moved on to Mintz Elementary, where she served as the Administrative Resource Teacher for two years. In 2000, Mrs. Simonsen opened Bevis Elementary as the Assistant Principal, and then became the Principal at Bevis Elementary in 2004. She served as the Principal of Bevis Elementary for 9 years! On July 16, 2013, she was appointed Principal of Valrico Elementary! She loves being a Valrico Hawk and is so proud of the hard work and dedication of students, faculty, and families in the Valrico School Community!

We are proud to share some of the accolades Mrs. Simonsen has received!

- *National Recognition as a Blue Ribbon School recipient in 2008
- *State Recognition as a Five Star School recipient – 1999-2013 (Final Year of Program)
- *2012 Florida PTA Elementary Principal of the Year
- *2005, 2006, 2009, 2011 Hillsborough PTA Elementary Principal of the Year
- *2011 Hillsborough County Elementary Math Leader of the Year
- *2012 & 2013 Hillsborough Counseling Assoc.– Elem. School Admin. of the Year
- *2013 Hillsborough County & State of Florida Elem. Reading Leader of the Year
- *2014 Hillsborough County Elem. Reading Leader of the Year Nominee
- *2017 Hillsborough Elementary School PTA Principal of the Year
- *2019 HASA Dr. Earl Lennard School Leader of the Year Finalist
- *2022 Florida PTA Outstanding Administrator of the Year

Mrs. Simonsen received a BS Degree in Elementary Education from St. Bonaventure University in upstate New York, and earned her Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Columbia University in NYC. She recently earned a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida.

Originally from New Canaan, CT, Mrs. Simonsen resides in the area and enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons! She is a big supporter of the Florida State Seminoles, FGCU Lacrosse, Tampa Bay Lightning, Tampa Bay Rays, & Tampa Bay Buccaneers. She loves to attend sporting events with her family.

Meet Our Assistant Principal – Michelle Vick



Mrs. Vick has been an educator in Hillsborough County Public Schools for 10 years! She started out teaching third grade at Brooker Elementary, and then began working at Valrico Elementary where she taught fifth grade Math and Science! She has proudly worked as a Valrico Hawk for most of her teaching career, and the school holds a special place in her heart. She was appointed Assistant Principal on December 12, 2023.

In addition to a BS Degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Florida, Mrs. Vick earned a Master's Degree for Educational Leadership from the University of West Florida.

Mrs. Vick was born and raised in the Tampa area, and lives locally with her husband and two daughters. In her spare time she loves to spend time with her family and friends, go to Lightning Hockey games, and read!