

Staff Bios ... focus on School Age classrooms



Mary McAllister is the Mentor Teacher for our School-Age program: the Jays and Mallards. She also coordinates the after-school transportation and works closely with Co-Lead, Jackie Brown, as well as their student staff to assure safe and diverse activities for this large and energetic group.

Mary comes from Seattle where she had a great childhood in a close knit neighborhood of friends and family...but her heart now belongs to Oregon and all its beauty and tranquility!

Mary’s educational background was pretty diverse until she found Early Childhood as her path; since then there has been no other focus. Mary has been working professionally with children since 1977 and still loves going to work because each day is a chance to help, educate, and offer support to children, families and staff. Mary has been at Moss St for over 20 years.

Mary is the oldest of two and spends lots of time with her younger brother Michael’s family...especially her 3 nieces. This means frequent long drives up I-5, but to her it’s worth it to have an active role in her nieces lives! Mary has a lifelong love of horses and is currently lucky enough to live along the bank of Little Fall Creek with her horse Truthie and her dog Pigsaw. Mary enjoys hiking with Pigsaw and the children at Moss St. She recommends the William Sullivan Hiking guides as a great way to safely explore the beauty of Oregon, both with/without kids!

Jackie Brown is Mary’s Co-Lead Teacher in the School-Age program. Jackie is from Keizer, Oregon, a small suburb of Salem. There, she grew up golfing, riding her bike, and enjoying the company of her family and friends. She continues her love for golf and exploring Oregon’s beautiful golf courses. She also enjoys a good hike alongside Mary.



Jackie is a graduate of the University of Oregon and began working at Moss Street 15 years ago as a freshman work-study student. From that first moment of experiencing this special and energetic program, Jackie grew a strong bond of love and joy with the children, families, and her co-workers.

After graduating, Jackie spent a year subbing in all of the classrooms at Moss Street, experiencing that special energy across the age groups. After that year, she had the opportunity to jump back into the School Age program and now continues to look forward to each day with the children exploring life’s excitement and the great outdoors.
