

After growing up in Auburn as a child, it was a privilege to come back to my hometown community and raise my own family here. As a child, we moved to Auburn when I was 3-years-old. I had no clue, at that time, that I would be raising my own family here in the future. After attending Auburn Elementary, I remained here attending Auburn Junior High and High school. My next step involved a 5-year education at Greenville College where I majored in Music Education and Elementary Education, with an emphasis in Language Arts.

Bruce, my college sweetheart, and I moved to Fairbury, IL, where I taught elementary music for two years. We then moved back to Auburn, where I became a stay-home-mom for 10 years, raising our three children (Cooper, Benji, and Sami). I returned to teaching in 2007 after receiving a kindergarten teaching job at Divernon Elementary. After teaching kindergarten for four years, I accepted a position as an 8th grade Language Arts teacher in the same district.

It is a pleasure to tell people that I love my job! I love teaching and I especially love being surrounded by students each day...hoping to be a positive influence in their lives, and in return being influenced by my students! I think some of the reasoning behind the love of my job is because it is...well...in my blood. My sister is a teacher, my mom was a teacher (spending many years in the Auburn School District), my dad was a teacher and principal, and even my grandpa was a teacher and principal and superintendant (also spending many years in the Auburn School District). I guess you could say it is a...family affair!!

I am grateful for the privilege of being a teacher, and I hope to continue teaching for many years to come!