

## Way of Wisdom Homeschool Group

### Onsite Teachers

**Patty Busch-** I have been homeschooling my 3 children since the beginning of their school careers. I have a 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup> grader. Prior to homeschooling I worked as a certified teacher in Flint teaching kindergarten. My Bachelor of Science degree is from The University of Michigan –Flint in Elementary Education with minors in Early Childhood Education, Language Arts, and Mathematics. I also have a Master's Degree in the Art of Education with emphasis in Mathematics Education. I love having the opportunity to get back into the classroom through Way of Wisdom Homeschool Group and Oxford Virtual Academy.

**Chuck Redmond** is a Paramedic/Deputy with the Genesee County Office of the Sheriff, serving the community in both police and medical capacities. He is also an officer with the Mt. Morris City Police Department. His certifications include MCOLES, Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), and CPR/AED instructor. Personally, he has 6 home-schooled children, as well as an adult son, five of whom are students with Way of Wisdom. As a police volunteer and a baseball coach, Mr. Redmond has been active within the community for many years and now looks forward to sharing his knowledge with the students at Way of Wisdom Homeschool Group.

**Stephanie Rappuhn** - I have 2 children, and have been homeschooling for the past 13 years. I have been teaching and working with kids over the past 25 years in various positions; I was a Children's Church Director for 3 years, worked at two Day Cares caring for children from birth to Pre-K, taught the pre-K class for a MOPS group for 3 years, and have taught Sunday School to many different age groups. In the past 10 years, I have taught several Homeschool Co-op classes including Crockpot Cooking, Kids in the Kitchen, Ancient Rome, Hands on Science, Hands on Literature, Video Game Design, Elections Class, and Michigan History. I have also been a scout leader for both American Heritage Girls and Cub Scouts. I have also taken several Early Childhood learning classes at Mott Community College.

**Talia Wooten** is a dance instructor with the Flint Institute of Music and is the Director of both the Children's Performance Workshop & Adult Ballet Ensemble at the Flint School of Performing Arts. She was also the winner of scholarships to Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Joffrey Midwest Workshop, and Dance Theatre of Harlem. Additionally, Mrs. Wooten was former member of the Flint Youth Ballet, and a cast member of FIM's Nutcracker.

**Jessica Palmer-** I have enjoyed teaching English for eighteen years. I received my teaching degree from Olivet Nazarene University and then taught in Waterford School District. When my kids were born, I wanted to stay home as much as possible, so I started teaching home schoolers. I found that home schoolers are wonderful to teach! I have thoroughly enjoyed the smaller class sizes and an environment where I can build relationships with my students.

**Rachel Dingler** is wife to Mike for 14 years and mother to twins, Thomas and Jordyn, who are Way of Wisdom students. She and her husband are Kids Church Directors at their church and Rachel is a Bible Quiz coach there as well. She has held many employment titles in the past, but her favorite "job" will always be being a helpmate, keeper at home, and advocate for homeschooling. Some personal hobbies Rachel enjoys in her spare time are baking, gardening, bowling, camping, fishing, crochet, ancestry, crafting of all kinds, and learning piano. She also hopes to add caring for chickens to this list soon! She is a history enthusiast and especially interested in United States history. Rachel is excited to be a part of the Way of Wisdom group and is looking forward to sharing, with the students this year, lots of interesting information on the history of our wonderful state of Michigan, aka "America's High Five" state!

**Brandy Fraser** is a wife and Stay-at-Home mom to three exuberant boys ranging in age from 11 – 2 years old. Though she had the desire to homeschool her children from the beginning an unfortunate turn of events led the family down a different path. Fortunately, the opportunity to homeschool presented itself again when the family moved to Genesee County over two years ago. During the past two years, Mrs. Fraser's two oldest boys have had great opportunities to learn with two different area homeschool groups. These groups have provided her children with wonderful classes above and beyond their regular curricula. She is also delighted to be a part of the planning process in the development of the Way of Wisdom Homeschool Group and looking very forward to teaching and lending a hand within this new group. Over the years, she has helped plan and teach at a variety of VBS programs and has led children in the AWANA programs. Prior to homeschooling she was very involved in her children's education aiding various teachers in multiple classes, assisted in furiously planning PTO school events and regularly filled in within the school office. Mrs. Fraser enjoys crafting, jigsaw puzzles and spending time with her husband and children camping.

**Melissa Redmond**- I am mom to 6 children, ages 15 to 16 months, and have homeschooled all of older children from the beginning. I am also the director/owner of Way of Wisdom Homeschool Group, and am excited for the opportunities this group offers homeschool students! I have taken numerous education, psychology, and sociology classes both at University of Michigan, Mott and Baker College, but have chosen to focus on educating my children rather than completing my Bachelors at this time ☺ I have also worked in the University of Michigan Child Psychology department, taught for multiple co-ops for preschool and middle school ages, coached T-ball, and am a Hurley Medical Center volunteer with the Child Pediatric Unit. I am thrilled to be a part of something so beneficial to our homeschool community, and look forward to our upcoming school year!

**Jason Chapin** is a self-taught sign industry/graphic designer with 30+ years experience and owner of Purifeyed , a graphic design company. He was educated by fellow designers, who have shared their talents and inspired him to practice and study.

**Rebecca Kotz-** Rebecca has an M.B.A. and a B.A. in vocal performance and communication from Saginaw Valley State University. Rebecca has stage and acting experience with the Thumb Area and Midland Center for the Arts, and won Miss Saginaw County, Miss Bay Arenac and Miss Spirit of the State pageant titles for which she then competed in Miss Michigan. During this time, Rebecca volunteered with youth mentoring groups and traveled Michigan giving assembly school programs about school bullying. Upon completing her education, she worked as the Marketing Account Executive for a marketing firm serving Dow Corning in the Electronics Division. She then left her job to run her own business GEMS Solutions LLC as a web marketing consultant and seminar speaker for over 6 years helping small businesses and nonprofits be successful. She is now a mom, chef and homeschool teacher for two wonderful and energetic girls.

**Veronica King-Cunningham-** Veronica King-Cunningham is certified in Group Fitness, Turbulence Training, and PoundFit, and has a degree in Elementary Education. She is a wife, Homeschool Mom of 6, and loves coloring in her free time!

**Stuart Fraser-** My name is Stuart Fraser. I have studied art my whole life. I have an Associate Degree of Arts from Macomb Community College. Ever since I was a child I had a natural talent for drawing. As the years progressed my interest in art became a passion of the heart. Through my junior and high school years I made sure that I always took art as an elective to further my technical skills. When I went to college I studied commercial art, a very technical drawing application, then moved on to fine arts. I honed my skills under a number of great teachers. My mentor in college, artist David Barr, helped me understand how expression through art could be achieved through different types of medium. My background in drawing, painting and sculpture has given me the talents to be able to teach art to students who have a casual interest and students who want to learn the advanced skills needed to create complicated works of art. I have taken my life's passion and turned into a business that is fulfilling my dreams of teaching. I am a very passionate artist who loves to create works of art that help me to express myself. My hope is that I can inspire children and adults to take up this same passion to feel the fulfilling nature of creating art for themselves.

**Erin Welch-** I am a graduate of Lapeer Community Schools. I attended the science fairs all through school, and also volunteered as a judge for the Genesee County Science Fair for two years. I attended U of M-Flint, where my first A+ in college was in public speaking. I worked as an electrical engineer technician for three years after college. I am a mom of one, and enjoy all things science, and science fiction related.

**Tonya Richards -** I have a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from GMI (now Kettering University). I worked for several years in Automotive Engineering and did research work in Biomedical Engineering while pursuing a Master's degree from the

University of Michigan before changing careers and finding my true love of teaching. I taught Engineering, Architecture and CAD classes at Waterford Kettering High School and coached the high school robotics team. I then moved overseas with my family for four years and lived in Japan and Thailand for my husband's job. Since returning to the U.S. I have homeschooled my two boys, Dallas & Dustin, for the past 5 years. I have stayed active working with children by coaching a Destination Imagination Team and volunteering at my church.

**Jamie Tennant-** I am a homeschool mother to 1 of 3 children; 2 of the 3 have graduated from a public-school setting. Starting with OVA over 4 years ago is by far been one of the most rewarding ventures! Before homeschooling, my professional background was as a medical assistant for 12 years, 6 of those years specializing in children with allergies. Becoming a medical assistant not only made me aware of my passion for helping others, but also give me experience in anatomy for my dissection classes. My hobbies include camping, boating, target shooting at the Oakland County Sportsman Club, and helping with vacation bible school.