

# Hello Wildcat Family!!!

**Mrs. Kristen Leonard ==> 8th grade Counselor**

I am a graduate of Florida State University where I earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. Upon graduation, I began working as an insurance adjuster. I learned a lot about insurance, but mostly I learned that in order to be happy in life, you have to do something that brings enjoyment. For me, that is working with children. I went back to school and earned my master's degree in guidance and counseling from University of South Florida. I guess that makes me a Bull and a Seminole! I have worked for Pasco County Schools for the past 16 years as an elementary school counselor, most recently at Veterans Elementary. I am super excited to open this next chapter in my life as a middle school counselor at Weightman! I look forward to learning new things, meeting new people, and helping students navigate the challenging phase of adolescence. I look forward to helping students with personal and academic goals, reaching their full potential, and helping them to prepare for high school.

On a personal note, I have four children who bring much joy into my life. I spend most of my free time with my family attending fun activities such as dance class and soccer games. We enjoy swimming, riding bikes, and just being together.

I am thrilled to join the Wildcat team this year and look forward to working with the parents, teachers, and students at Weightman Middle! Please feel free to contact me at [kleonard@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:kleonard@pasco.k12.fl.us) if I can be of any assistance throughout the year.

**Ms. Mary Beth Foti ==> 7th grade Counselor**

Hello Wildcats! Ms. Foti, your 6th grade School Counselor here. I'd love to tell you a little bit about myself. I moved to Florida from Snowtown USA aka Watertown, NY. I have been working as a School Counselor in Pasco County since my arrival in the beautiful Sunshine state.

I attended college in NY where I obtained an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, my Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling, a CAS (Certificate of Advanced Study) in Play Therapy, and finally my

CAS in School Counseling. I began my career in counseling as a Mental Health Counselor and Play Therapist. I moved into school counseling and have experience working in middle and high school as well as alternative education schools.

Fun facts about me... I'm a single mom with two amazing kids! I'm very passionate about counseling and absolutely love what I do! It is my desire to connect with your children and help them and your family in any way that I can.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at 813-794-0200 or [mbova@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mbova@pasco.k12.fl.us)

### **Mrs. Alana Irving ==> 6th grade Counselor**

I am currently in my 16th year as a School Counselor. Prior to coming to TEWMS, I was at Connerton Elementary for one year, and I was at Wesley Chapel High School (where I had the awesome opportunity to graduate my son) for 10 years. I earned my Educational Specialist degree in School Counseling from Argosy University while I taught 2nd grade migrant children at Ruskin Elementary for 8 years. I have my MA degree in Elementary Education, and my BA degree in Sociology with minors in Criminology and Equestrian Science.

I am happily married with 2 children. I have moved 11 times, originally from Chicago, Illinois. I have had the opportunity to travel abroad on several occasions— spent 2 months backpacking through South America and 1 month in Europe. I also enjoy discovering all the beautiful places here in the states through annual road trips.

I love what I do——- and can't wait to inspire academic, personal/social, and career development with all Weightman Wildcats!

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