

# Amanda Blocklinger: Sharing Positivity and Resilience

Amanda Blocklinger, first grade teacher at Knapp, believes that being a light for North Penn means “forging forward with positivity rather than complaining during tough times.” She continues, “I believe that our children and our students need to see our resiliency so they can foster their own. We will encounter many things that are difficult but must continue to believe we can succeed and instill this in our learners.”

Amanda graduated from North Penn in 1999. She began working for North Penn during her summers off from college in the Extended School Year (ESY) program where she supported students with autism. Amanda started her career as a special education assistant at Bridle Path while obtaining her teaching certificate and master’s degree. She was then hired to teach first grade at Knapp where she has worked for the last eleven years. For Amanda, education is *all in the family!* She is the daughter of two retired principals.



Amanda’s co-teacher, Susie Oldham, shares that “Amanda’s dedication to the teaching profession, her knowledge of the curriculum, and her ability to differentiate instruction and meet the needs of all of her first graders throughout the day was inspiring to me. Amanda has incredible compassion and empathy for her students. She does all of this with kindness, grace, a sense of humor, and a smile on her face. During this time co-teaching, I was fortunate to witness her resiliency and positive attitude every day!”

Amanda has twin daughters who will be turning three in November. She loves spending time with family and traveling the world with her husband. Amanda and her husband hope to take their girls all over the world as they grow up.