

# Volunteer Spotlight on Meghan Durkee

We would like to thank Meghan for all of her time that she gives to help our school and community. Meghan is very involved with our Cub Scout Pack 125. She serves as the Den Leader for the Wolves (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and as the Popcorn Kernel. She is also involved with the Robotics team and has served as a JrFLL Robotics coach for the past 2 years. In addition, she has coached OLMC Soccer, helped out at book fairs as needed, and volunteers in the classrooms.

We asked Meghan some questions to get to know her better:

**Why do you volunteer at our school?** I believe that a community and school become what those who are part of it put into it. I want to raise my boys in a community that cares for others, serves others, and the people who make it up feel a sense of responsibility for how well it does. If I want a community like that for my family, I have to be a part of making that happen. Volunteering allows for that.

**What's your favorite part of being a volunteer?** Getting to meet new people, see my kids, know their friends and their friends' parents and getting to see kids grow and learn who God is calling them to be.

**Do you have a favorite or funny memory from volunteering?** My favorite memories are the ones when I see kids I've coached perform to the best of their ability. Whether it was on the soccer field and seeing the team come together as one unit, the Robotics kids presenting their invention and talking about the engineering they learned, or the Scouts running up to me and exclaiming how they hit their popcorn goal or finished a certain requirement. When the kids I've helped feel and show genuine pride in themselves, those are my favorite moments.

**One thing that would surprise someone to learn about me is....**I was a violinist my entire childhood through college and traveled to various states to perform on stage, including New York and Disney World.

**What is your favorite thing about OLMC school?** The pride in faith that people have and share. People aren't afraid or nervous to talk about their love of Christ and all He has done for them, which is such a gift to have that be such a normal part of life. I've never experienced anything like that in any other place I've lived.

**Meghan's Spouse:** Kevin

**Meghan's Kids:** Benjamin, 9 at OLMC Nathan, 7, at OLMC Elliot, 4, at St. Peter's Preschool William, 1, at my hip all the time.

**Meghan's hobbies/interests:** I love reading, teaching, and working out. I used to teach Social Studies in high school and love reading about government, history, societal changes, and how the human mind works and behaves. Then, I love sharing what I learn with others!

**Meghan's Favorite Food:** Thai and Chinese - love so many dishes!

**Meghan's Favorite Band:** Mercy Me

**Meghan's Favorite Movie and TV show:** I love all of the Marvel movies! One of my fave TV shows is Newsroom and I love crime shows and documentaries!

**Any Pets:** Just my Kids! ☐

**If Meghan could travel anywhere where would she go:** Rome, Italy. I went there almost 10 years ago when my faith wasn't as strong as it is today and I'd love to re-live all of the places I went with such a better perspective.

**Life Advice Meghan would give:** Something I always told my students and tell my own children is to always be kind. Even when you're having a bad day or you are frustrated with something, that never gives you the right to make someone else feel that way with you.

**Meghan's Favorite Inspirational Quote:** Do or do not. There is no try. - Yoda. I like this one because if you approach something with the mentality, "I'll just try," when it gets hard, you're more likely to quit. If you say, "I'm going to do," then even when it gets hard, you are more likely to really push through to the finish.

**Meghan's Favorite Bible Verse:** "Love is patient, love is kind." This is one I say over and over to myself. By showing patience and kindness, I am showing a tiny sampling of God's love for us. He is always patient and kind to me, so the least I can do is try to show that same love to others in my human way.

**"Many hands make light work" – THANK YOU Meghan for being part of the many hands at OLMC!  
We appreciate you!**