

**Ava Dawson** will work Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays as the school nurse. Ava graduated from NYU and worked as a paralegal for three years before deciding to pursue nursing. She received her RN certificate from Columbia University and is currently enrolled in their masters program to become a nurse practitioner. Before joining us, Ava was one of the nurses at a summer camp for children living with cancer.

**Susan Harriot** will join us as our Director of Admissions, Financial Aid and After School. Most recently she was the Associate Director of Admissions for Grades 5 – 12 at Trinity, where she came to know many of our families and students through their application to that school. Prior to Trinity, she was the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid for Grades K – 6 at Dwight. In addition, she has been a first grade teacher and the director of an art department for a summer camp. Susan, her husband, and her two sons live in Chelsea.

**Emily Lees** will join David Recht in Grade 2 as the Associate Teacher. Emily graduated from Brooklyn College and received her masters from Hunter. She brings experience with a Reggio-Emilia-based early childhood program and student taught in first, third, and fifth grade classrooms. In addition, Emily has been an assistant to a lead teacher for the 4 – 6 year old group at the Brooklyn Free School.

**Jon Pelegano** will join us as our Grades 7 and 8 English teacher. Many of you will remember Jon from his time substituting last fall. Jon has taught middle school students at Woodstock Day School in upstate New York as well as at Buckley and Hewitt in New York City. He is a renaissance man with a passion for language arts as well as a love of math.

**Eliza Siegler** will teach JK – Grade 4 French. Raised in Greenwich Village, Eliza spent many years living and working in France. She has taught French to native English speaker and English to native French speakers at all grade levels. Specifically, she has taught at Friends Seminary, the International School of Brooklyn, Saint Ann's School, the Bilingual Montessori School of Paris, and as an adjunct at New School and Rutgers. She, her husband, and young son, have just returned to New York from Canada.

**Jessica Welt** will work with Sage Leonard as the Grade 3 Associate Teacher. Jessica just received her masters from NYU. She has a bachelors from the University of Michigan. She students taught in first and fourth grade. Before deciding to become a teacher, Jessica worked at Deutsche bank and was an English teacher at the Nova Language Institute in Japan.