

**Parent Bio:**

Lexi Berge:

Hello everyone! My name is Lexi Berge. I am a mom to four kids ages 15, 13, 6, and 2. I have my degree in educational studies and have been a daycare provider in Faribault for 5 years. Our youngest son is a kindergartener at Nerstrand and we have been so pleased with NES.

When opening my daycare, my goal was to give kids an environment that embraces their childhood, creativity, and need for outdoors while helping them grow into learners, friends, and community members. I feel like Nerstrand has all the same values and it has been a seamless transition for our son going from daycare to Nerstrand.

When not working, I am often at some sort of sporting event cheering loudly. Our children are involved with Faribault Youth Baseball, golf team, football, and Cub Scouts. I also love camping at our family cabin on Lake Mille Lacs, run a small in home bakery and can be found embroidering while listening to audio books!

My goal in running for school board is to continue to support Nerstrand's continued growth and success. I served as a parent liaison at my older sons' preschool when they were younger and loved the opportunity to provide insight as a parent and collaborate with the board to best meet the needs of all students and the school as a whole.

Thank you for considering me! I am looking forward to many wonderful years at NES.

**Teacher Bios:**

My name is Nicky Schaefer (soon to be Schwake). I grew up in North Dakota and moved to Minnesota during high school. After graduating, I attended St. Cloud State University, where I earned my bachelor's degree in Social Work. While I valued that experience, I realized it wasn't the path I wanted to pursue long-term.

I moved to the Burnsville area and began working as an ABA therapist, providing in-home therapy for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. I worked in this role for about six years and gained meaningful experience supporting both students and their families.

After becoming pregnant with my daughter, Karyssa, I decided I wanted to be closer to home. I began working in Faribault as a paraprofessional and transferred to Nerstrand Elementary in 2015, where I have been ever since. During my time here, I earned my master's degree in Special Education, along with licensure in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD), and Emotional/Behavioral Disorders (EBD).

I became a special education teacher in 2018, and I have loved it ever since. I am passionate about supporting my students and helping them grow both academically and personally.

Hi my name is Innana Temple, this is my 8th year teaching and my 2nd year at Nerstrand. I graduated in 2018 from WSU with a BS in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, then got my Masters in Educational Design and Technology from SMUMN. I've taught PK, and 1st-3rd grade. When I'm not teaching, I'm out enjoying the garden or on a hike with my husband Sam and my daughter Juniper. My husband went to school at Nerstrand and my mother in law taught here for several years so I'm excited to continue the Temple legacy while on the Board.