## **BLUE RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION**



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# **Melissa Creviston**

#### Welcome and About Me!

Hello- I am Melissa Creviston, sixth grade teacher and 1987 graduate of Blue River Valley Jr/Sr High School. I began teaching at Blue River Valley Elementary School (BRVES) in 1996. One of my fondest memories of my time at BRVES is from my first year. My mentor was third grade teacher, Mrs. Bonnie Hutson. It was extremely special that she was my mentor because when I was in third grade, she was my teacher. Her positive influence on me during my third-grade year had much to do with me pursuing a career in education.

#### My Education and Professional Background

In 1996 I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and Special Education: Mild Disabilities from Ball State University. In 2010 I earned a Master of Art in Education degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Ball State University. During my time at BRVES I have taught in special education, third grade, fourth grade, sixth grade, and even PE! Teaching in a variety of areas and grade levels has been an extremely enjoyable part of my career.

## My Educational Philosophy and Thoughts on Our School

My inspiration for working in education came in third grade, although I did not fully realize and appreciate that until I was a young adult. My third-grade teacher instilled in me an enthusiasm for learning that would stick with me throughout life. She made me feel welcomed, safe, and capable, and that is exactly what I strive to do for my own students. My educational philosophy is grounded in what I experienced in her class. In our classroom my students should quickly realize that they are welcomed into a space that is safe for them to be themselves, to learn at their own pace, and to grow as fully as they can with my guidance and support.

## My Family

I am married to Eric Creviston who has been in the field of education for 25+ years and is an Army veteran. We have two adult children.