

Western Ave School Kids Zone: Staff Bios!

Kari Kraus, Site Coordinator

Hello all! I am glad to be back for my fourth year with Kids Zone and back at Western for a third year. I have a lot of really fun things planned to make this a truly memorable and exciting school year. I received my Bachelors Degree in Art from Northern IL University and I am also the Director of Education and a Founding Artist of Water Street Studios, a not-for-profit community based arts organization and partner to the Park District. You can find more about WSS art classes in the Geneva Park District seasonal catalogs! In my spare time I make art, bake sweet treats, talk about Star Wars, and am a proud mother to an adorable schnoodle named Bert.



Elizabeth Madeira, Group Leader

Hello everyone! I am excited to be back for my second year at Kids Zone. Last year I was at Fabyan and now being at Western, I can't wait to meet all the kids and have a fun school year! This past May I graduated from Geneva High School and as of now I am going to Waubensee. In my spare time I like to write and spend time with my friends and family. I'm excited to be at Western and can't wait for all the fun times to come!



Elizabeth McKinsey, Group Leader (both AM and PM)

Hello! My name is Elizabeth McKinsey, and this is my third year working as group leader at Western Avenue School Kids' Zone! I currently attend Elgin Community College. Next spring I will be transferring to Northern Illinois University to major in Elementary Education. During my free time, I love to hang out with my family and friends, I enjoy camping, hiking, watching the Chicago Bulls play, and painting. I am very excited to be spending another year with some familiar faces, and I am equally excited to get to know all the new faces that will be joining us this year! We will have a marvelous school year together. I am sure of it!





Mackenzie Wood, Group Leader

Hi everyone! My Name is Mackenzie, and this is my second year at Kids Zone! I'm so excited to be back. We have a great year ahead of us! I am a freshman at Waubensee Community College, and I'm going to major in athletic training. In my spare time, I love listening to music, having barbeques, and playing street football with my friends. I'm looking forward to spending time with your kids and I'm super excited to be back!

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Hello, I am Michael Mannion a Robert Morris student studying accounting and finance and also an athlete. I play hockey for my school and for the past 18 years. This is my first year at Kids Zone and so far it's a blast. Go Packers and Penguins (our Mascot for my schools team).

Hello my name is Cody Anderson. This is my first year at Kids Zone. I graduated from Geneva high school last May, and now I am attending Waubensee community college. I'm working towards getting a degree in physical education. I love to play any and every sport in my free time. I play baseball for a Rockford national team. I can't wait to get to know all the children and have an awesome year.

