

# 2023 Partner in Excellence

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## Katie Motusesky



East Brunswick Public Schools have been ‘home’ to Katie Motusesky her whole life. Starting at Memorial Elementary School to graduating in 1994 from EBHS, she experienced the incredible education the schools have to offer. Even now, she lives and works in East Brunswick with her incredible husband Mark, a PE teacher and her daughter Ashley, a 5th grader at Hammarskjold Upper Elementary School.

Katie has always known she would become a teacher, constantly playing ‘school’ with her cousins and even spending part of her summer helping to set up a neighbor’s classroom. It wasn’t a surprise to anyone when she majored in Education at Wagner College in Staten Island, NY.

As part of her student-teaching, Katie entered Memorial as a student again learning alongside her beloved 5th grade teachers for student teaching. She later became a colleague to those teachers as part of the 5th grade team, and spent 10 wonderful years at Memorial. Central Elementary School later welcomed her as a Reading Specialist and Instructional Coach, but most recently, she became the Language Arts Instructional Coach at Hammarskjold Upper Elementary School. Wherever the district needs her, Katie responds with an undeniable energy.

She has helped to run science fairs, peer mediation clubs, literacy nights, and March madness competitions, in addition to coaching the junior varsity and varsity girls' basketball teams. She has always been a team player and rallies staff and students to perform at their very best.

One of her greatest teammates has been the East Brunswick Education Foundation. Katie has enjoyed participating in activities funded by the EBEF that inspire students and staff, such as the Barnes and Noble bookfairs, modeling in the fashion show, playing against the Harlem Wizards, and even dancing in The Celebrity Dance-Off. There is nothing more satisfying than giving back to an organization that has done so much for East Brunswick classrooms. These grants have improved students in more ways than can be measured, all due to the funding that the EBEF provides.

