Mary McAllister is the mentor teacher for our school-age programs: the Jays, Mallards and Ellies. She also coordinates the after-school transportation and works closely with co-lead, Jackie Silbernagel, Dave Winget, and their student staff to assure safe and diverse activities for this large and energetic group.

Mary comes from Seattle where she had a great childhood in a close knit neighborhood of friends and family...but her heart now belongs to Oregon and all its beauty and tranquility!

Mary’s educational background was pretty diverse until she found Early Childhood as her path there has been no other focus. Mary has been working professionally with children since 1977 and still loves going to work because each day is a chance to help, educate, and offer support to children, families and staff. Mary has been here at Moss St for over 15 years.

Mary is the oldest of two and spends lots of time with her younger brother Michael’s family...especially her 3 nieces. This means frequent long drives up I-5 but to her it’s worth it to have an active role in her nieces lives!

Mary has a lifelong love of horses and is currently lucky enough to live along the bank of little fall creek with her horse Truthie and her dog Pisgah. Mary enjoys hiking with her dog Pisgah and the children at Moss St. She recommends the William Sullivan Hiking guides as a great way to safely explore the beauty of Oregon both with/without kids!

Jackie Brown is one of Mary’s co-lead teachers in the school-age program. Jackie grew up in Kaiser, Oregon, a small suburb of Salem. There, she grew up golfing, riding her bike, and enjoying the company of her family and friends. She continues her love for golf and exploring Oregon’s beautiful golf courses. She also enjoys a good hike alongside Mary.

Jackie is a graduate of the University of Oregon and began working at Moss Street 10 years ago as a freshman work-study student. From that first moment of experiencing this special and energetic program, Jackie grew a strong bond of love and joy with the children, families, and her coworkers.

After graduating, Jackie spent a year subbing in all of the classrooms at Moss Street, experiencing that special energy across the age groups. After that year, she had the opportunity to jump back into the school age program and now continues to look forward to each day spent with the children exploring life’s excitement and the great outdoors.

Dave Winget is one of the co-lead teachers in the school age program. Dave started working at Moss Street in 1997 as a staff. Since then he has worked multiple positions at Moss Street. He has been a substitute toddler and preschool teacher. He has enjoyed learning and interacting with all these different age groups.

In college Dave studied Early Childhood Education, Special Education and Art. He really enjoys making art with the children and getting them out in nature.

In Dave’s spare time he enjoys working on ceramics and being outdoors.