

WELCOME TO BBIS! OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS



My name: Mirja Kaisa Hirvonen
 My position at BBIS: Inclusion Specialist,
 Student Support
 Services
 My origin: Finland

My professional background:	classroom teacher, special education teacher
My passions:	Music, skiing and floorball
Why have I joined BBIS?	After moving to Berlin with my family and enrolling our children at BBIS, I was looking for a job and I was excited for the opportunity to work at the school.

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My name: Bonnie Tanz

My position at BBIS: Primary School Counselor

My origin: Houston, Texas, USA

My professional background:	I began my career in 2006 as a social worker, with my focus on crisis care with families involved in the foster care system. I did that work for over a decade before moving to Berlin in 2017 and working as an English educator at a bilingual Kita. In 2020, I had my first experience as a School Counselor at Dresden International School, followed by two more school years as an International School Counselor in Erlangen and Bonn. In 2023, I moved back to my hometown of Houston to reconnect with family and community after six years in Germany. I've been working for the last two years as a therapist for school-age children. Now I'm excited to be coming back to Germany (along with my partner this time!) and joining the team at BBIS.
My passions:	I'm passionate about advocating for vulnerable communities, and I've surrounded myself with an amazing community of friends that share in that passion to care for others. I also love reading fantasy novels and memoirs, experiencing live music and art, dancing, writing, drinking really good coffee, and traveling with people I love.

Why have I joined BBIS?

I've joined BBIS because it's a school that I've admired for years and often dreamed about joining. I've had the privilege of collaborating with some of the BBIS Counseling Team and Leadership Team during my tenure as a School Counselor. It makes me so happy to finally have the chance to join BBIS as part of the staff.