



## In the Elephant Room, you will see...

Bich Dinh

Miss Bich began her career at ImagiNation Learning Center in June of 2007. She moved from Vietnam to Virginia in 2005 and since has attended many early childhood education trainings. At the beginning of Bich's employment with ImagiNation Learning Center, she worked in our preschool classroom and has since spent all of her time teaching and taking care of our youngest babies! Miss Bich is single and enjoys spending time with her family! "Working with little babies and watching them grow each day has made me very happy! The children love me very much and I love them all too! I really enjoy working with children!"

Eloisa Wilson

Miss Eloisa has been part of the ImagiNation Learning Center team since 2000. She began her career in the infant room and has remained with this age group over the years. Miss Eloisa was born in Panama and came to the United States in 1984 after marrying her husband. She enjoys family time with her four wonderful sons and adorable grandchildren as well as watching Redskins football. "I enjoy seeing the beautiful faces and the wonderful smiles on the children's faces each day. I love helping them learn and watching the children develop into mature youngsters."

Sary Pheng

Miss Sary began working with ImagiNation Learning in 2005. Sary moved to the United States in 2004 from Cambodia. While in Cambodia, she worked for 35 years in elementary schools with a focus in kindergarten education. Sary lives in Manassas and enjoys sharing stories about her family of two sons and one grandchild. "I love ImagiNation Learning Center because I share a love of education. When I teach, I teach myself and I am so happy sharing this and to be with children!"

Silvia Flores

Miss Silvia began working with ImagiNation Learning Center in 2001. Silvia graduated from Belen Institute in 1989 and has studied graphic design at the University of San Carlos in Guatemala. She worked with elementary school children while living in Guatemala. Silvia has held many positions within ImagiNation Learning Center including substitute, part time teacher and is currently a full time infant teacher. Miss Silvia lives in Sterling with her husband, two sons and a daughter. "I enjoy reading and singing as well as helping the children to become confident individuals. I love to share my organization skills with my coworkers and as well as creating bulletin boards to show off the children's work."



## Other teachers in our Center...

Adelaide Mwaghazi

Miss Adelaide began working with ImagiNation Learning Center in May of 2007. She has a Political Science Degree from Nairobi University in Kenya. In 1985, Miss Adelaide moved from Kenya to the United States. She since has taken classes on Early Childhood Education at NVCC and prior to working at ImagiNation Learning Center, she worked as a teacher of two year old children in a Falls Church childcare center. Before working as a teacher, Miss Adelaide worked for a receivable recovery and management corporation in Great Falls. Miss Adelaide appreciates the teamwork at ImagiNation Learning Center! "I love reading to the children, watching their faces and hearing them all say 'read it again' when the book is finished."

Ana Paz

Miss Ana began working with ImagiNation Learning Center in 2003. Prior to working at ImagiNation Learning Center, she worked in several area restaurants. In 1984, Miss Ana moved from El Salvador to the United States with her husband. Miss Ana currently lives in Manassas and enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren. Miss Ana has worked as a part time afternoon floater, and is currently working in all of our classrooms as a full time floater. "Miss Ana loves playing with the children and hearing them learn new words! Playing with the children here makes me very happy!"

Kumari Karuppaswami

Kumari began her career with ImagiNation Learning Center in 2004. Kumari has held many different positions within ImagiNation Learning Center. She has enjoyed working as a full time two year old teacher, a part time assistant teacher, dedicated substitute and is currently a full time co-teacher. Kumari holds a Masters Degree from India which she received in 1994. She is married and has two beautiful children and enjoys biking and watching football. "I enjoy working at ImagiNation Learning Center because being with children keeps me busy and happy!"

Maureen Randolph

Miss Maureen began her career with ImagiNation Learning Center in 1996. She has an Associate Degree in Recreation and Parks from NVCC. Before coming to ImagiNation Learning Center, Maureen worked as a seasonal park ranger, a lifeguard and has also held positions at Bull Run Park, Meadowlark Park and Herndon Community Center. Maureen has held a variety of positions within our center throughout the including part-time floater, part-time teacher and Two Year Old Lead Teacher. After marrying her husband and having her first child, Maureen became a dedicated substitute to allow her to spend more time with her family. In 2008, Maureen returned as a full time co-teacher and is currently working with our Toddlers. "I enjoy working with the Toddlers, they are eager to learn and try new things! While working as a Toddler teacher I have learned to appreciate everyday as it is a new experience for all of us!"

## Erin Polski

Erin Polski was originally born outside Philadelphia, PA where she lived for four years. She spent most of her childhood in Charleston, SC before she and her family moved to Chantilly, VA where she currently resides. Erin graduated from Westfield High School and then received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education (PreK-6 grade) at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). She has worked at ImagiNation Learning Center since June of 2004, as a young and impressionable high schooler. She fell in love with the family atmosphere of the center and grew to become the kindergarten teacher. "I smile inside and out when I see a child's face light up when they learn something new from the littlest things to the most difficult things."

## Haika Owenya

Miss Haika began working at ImagiNation Learning Center in July 2009. Before working at ILC, Haika taught for three years at Mawenzi Primary School in Tanzania. She has also worked as a volunteer elementary school religion teacher at Vinnytsia Primary School in Ukraine. Before working as a teacher, Miss Haika worked as a retail bank manager with Barclay's Bank in Tanzania. She has a Masters Degree in Management from Sumy State University, Ukraine and a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Tumaino Univeristy, Tanzania. She has also taken many Early Childhood Education classes. In 2008, Miss Haika moved to the United States where she lives with her husband and three beautiful children. "I love watching children grow and become independent. Encouraging them to try new things and reminding them to be themselves is very important to me!"

## Jeet Rahi

Miss Jeet has been with ImagiNation Learning Center since 2008. When Jeet began working for us, she was teaching in the Toddler classroom. Soon after, she became a co-lead teacher in the Preschool classroom. Jeet currently resides in Stone Ridge, Virginia and is happily married and has two wonderful boys! Jeet loves to do art with the children in an educational way and she also loves watching them learn new things each day! "I love being a part of the ILC family. ILC has helped me grow professionally. I enjoy being a part of the Preschool Team and I believe that my role as a Preschool teacher is to create a strong learning and fun environment for children!"

## Jennifer Trynock

Jennifer Trynock started working at ImagiNation Learning Center in May of 1997. She began as an afternoon floater and within a year, she accepted the job as the lead teacher in the three year old class. Miss Jennifer also holds the Manager in Training Position at our Center and works on many different tasks with the Center Management. She's a graduate from Chantilly High School and acquired her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education while attending Northern Virginia Community College in Manassas, VA. She is married, has two sons and has lived in Virginia all of her life. "I enjoy creative thinking activities with the children and watching how language as well as art skills can be demonstrated."

### Janice Grimm

Miss Janice joined the team at ImagiNation Learning Center in 2009. With a Bachelors Degree from St. John's University in New York and several years of business experience, she decided it was time to "make a change" and begin a new career in Education. Focusing on her communication skills, artistic abilities and experience as a mother, she adapted quickly to a position as a co-teacher with the three year olds. This was a very rewarding start and soon she changed her focus as she became a teacher with the four year old classes. Miss Janice continues to create a rich educational experience for our children as they truly "play to learn" on a daily basis. At home, Miss Janice enjoys her family life with her husband Jeff and her 10 year old daughter, Lauren. During her spare time, she usually likes to read, participates in community events and enjoys the care and companionship of her two poodles. "My experience at ILC has been a challenging and inspiring opportunity to achieve professional growth. The more I give to the children the more I receive in return. It's a win-win for all of us!"

### Lucy Alibaruho

Miss Lucy has been with ImagiNation Learning Center since February 2006. Prior to working here, Lucy taught Pre-K at Mulberry Preschool & Childcare in Ashburn. She has also worked as a teacher at Dulles South/Loudoun County Childcare and Preschool for nine years. Before working as a teacher, Miss Lucy worked as a nurse aide with a medical team in Reston. Lucy has her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from George Mason University and she has taken classes in Childhood Education at NVCC. Lucy loves working with children. She loves and appreciates their innocence and curiosity. "I especially love to watch their little faces light up when they figure out a problem on their own." Lucy appreciates the teamwork at ImagiNation Learning Center!

### Monica Kimaro

Monica joined ImagiNation Learning Center in March 2011. Prior to working at ImagiNation Learning Center, Monica helped in Christian Child Cares on Sundays for many years. Along with that experience, she worked in home child care settings for two years. Monica immigrated to America from Tanzania where she worked as a Researcher. She holds a Bachelors Degree and is currently in the final year of her Master/Graduate Degree. Monica lives in Gainesville with her husband and son. "Working at ImagiNation Learning Center is a great opportunity for me. I love kids and am happy to see my own son growing in this community of love and care!"

### Sandra Banchini

Miss Sandra began working at ImagiNation Learning Center in July 2008. Prior to working here, Sandra took care of children in her home. In 2001, Miss Sandra came to the United States from Peru. She has worked with children since 1990 and has had many positions. While in Peru, she was a teacher, had her own child care center and worked with children ages two to five in an early intervention program in poorer areas of the country. She also taught adult literacy while in Peru. Miss Sandra is currently a full time co-teacher and enjoys working with our two year old children. "I love working with children because of their curiosity and sense of humor. I learn so much from them each day and working with them to me is a dream. I am so happy at ImagiNation Learning Center."

### **Ursula Caceras**

Miss Ursula began working at ImagiNation Learning Center in March of 2011. In 2004 Ursula moved from Peru to the United States. While in Peru, Miss Ursula worked as a preschool teacher working with two and three year old children. She has also worked as an Assistant Manager for an international beauty products company. Since her move to the United States, she worked for a company that printed and produced Spanish newspapers before deciding to return to teaching. Miss Ursula began her career with ImagiNation Learning Center as a substitute and then quickly became a part time teacher. She is currently a full time teacher who loves to share her knowledge of the Spanish language with children. Miss Ursula is married, has one wonderful son and an amazing daughter. "I'm really happy to be a part of the ImagiNation family. I enjoy learning new things everyday and am happy that while I show respect and understanding, I get the same in return."

### **Tyna Wilson**

Miss Tyna began working at Imagination Learning Center in May of 2009. Before working at ILC, Miss Tyna worked as a volunteer teacher in a Russian School. Before Miss Tyna began working as a teacher, she worked as an engineer and accountant with a Ship Building Plant in Ukraine. Miss Tyna has a Masters Degree in Marine Mechanical Engineering from Marine University in Ukraine and a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. She has also worked as a volunteer in a child's camp and as a cook. In 2007, Miss Tyna moved from Ukraine to the United States where she lives with her husband and step son. Miss Tyna has taken many early childhood education classes and currently is a full time toddler teacher. "I love creating art with the children...I love seeing their faces light up when it is time to create! Watching them demonstrate individuality is amazing"