My name is Cherie Anderson-Mucha and I go by Mrs. Anderson, or Mrs. or Coach A to parents and students. I am beginning my 21st year of teaching, 20th at HKMS as Physical Education/Health teacher. Currently, I teach 5th, 6th, and 8th grade P.E. classes. I share teaching of the 5th and 6th with Mrs. Ouellette and 8th grade with Mr. Fagan. While we have our own classes assigned to us, we teach in the gym at the same time, and sometimes combine to provide opportunities to participate and grow with other peers in their grade.

I am married 6 years and live in Old Saybrook. I graduated OS schools and attended UCONN on a softball scholarship as a pitcher and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Science- Athletic trainer. My first job was Assistant & Pitching coach at Yale University. I had a 10 year career as a United Parcel Service driver and supervisor (the last 3) prior to attending and graduating Suma Cum Lade from Eastern Connecticut University with a 2nd Bachelors in Physical Education and Health. I taught 1 year in Colchester before joining the HK Family.

I love animals (I have a cat that I rescued in my yard- Stubby (he has only half a tail ☺), had a black lab/retriever mix (Shadow) for 17 years. I thrive in nature, national parks, enjoy most outdoor sports, and the lifetime activities of hiking, kayaking, cycling, and competing in tennis. I have never had a child but treat each of my student as if he/she was my child, and most of all, cherish my family and the wonderful memories we create together. I lost my dad suddenly 2 years ago July which was the most challenging time of my adult life. I live each day making him proud, living by the values he taught me.

 I love teaching the social, emotional, physical and cognitive values of physical education as well as helping guide young athletes towards their athletic goals. I have coached the HKMS Boys and Girls Cross Country team for the past 10 years. I coached HKHS and won a State Championship with Jeff Talbot (2003) season and currently coach the Middle School Girls Softball team. I run the girl’s volleyball intramural program in March with HS Coach Calander in the MS gym. I look forward to building positive and rewarding relationships with your children this year, and watching them grow and succeed during their Middle School Years.