

Hello Spring Valley! My name is Diane Hardy and I am starting my 23rd year of teaching. This year, I am teaching Spanish I and II. This is my second year in Clark County but my first year at Spring Valley.



I earned my B.A. from Bradley University (IL) in Spanish and International Studies. I spent a semester abroad at the University of Costa Rica during undergrad. There I developed an enduring love for Costa Rica. After a short stint in the business world, I got my teaching license from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. I did my M.A. in Teaching Languages through the University of Southern Mississippi. I never set foot on the campus though since all my course work was done in Morelia, Mexico.



Milwaukee, Wisconsin is my hometown. I taught in the city's public schools for almost two decades. The last nine years were at Rufus King International School, a top IB school. I am a big believer in the IB program and love its global perspective. I've also spent time teaching overseas. I served in the Peace Corps in Moldova shortly after the break-up of the Soviet Union (where I learned to speak Romanian). I later taught English for two years at the American School of Tampico on Mexico's Gulf Coast. In 2014, I returned to the Peace Corps and worked a stint for the Ministry of Public Education in Nicoya, Costa Rica.



Outside of teaching, travel is my passion. I am always planning my next trip. On breaks I will be off exploring the west coast and visiting my seven godchildren back in Wisconsin. In the summer, I usually head to my second home, Costa Rica. I am devoted to my home-state teams: Bucks, Packers, and Brewers. I also love world soccer and am already excited for the 2018 World Cup, where the CONCACAF teams always have my support. In league play, I am a Real Madrid loyalist.



So glad to be part of the Spring Valley family. I'll be working at many athletic events, so I hope to see you there. Please e-mail me with any student concerns and have your child connect with me on Google classroom. ¡Pura Vida!



Grand Canyon 2017



Sta Maria de Dota Costa Rica 2015



San Luis Potosí, México 2002