Deborah DeLisle







Introducing ... Big Debbie, creator & educator

Founder of Madison County Community Learning Centers Executive Director at Woodson Branch Nature School Mother to three boys, sister to three brothers, friend to ALL children

I am known for being a grass-roots innovator with a deep love for small-town community living, having designed several businesses, town festivals, and celebration projects over the years to help meet the needs of its people. My greatest joy has been in working with children in and all around nature for the past 30 years, and I whole-heartedly believe that we create our own past, present and future.

My education spans the degreed realms of Art to Engineering to Organizational

Management to Early Childhood to K-6 Education to Education Administration to

Experiential Learning

Favorite thing about kids: I love the way they dress. They always get it right!

My expertise lies primarily in creating optimal learning environments for children in which to experience real life in and through nature. These spaces, in and out of doors, reflect the sacred beauty and value of nature itself as a means to learn anything your heart desires.

My Influences Human development, particularly of the brain, heart, and spirit >

Sacred Geometry

Sacred geometry is essentially the study of the spiritual meaning of various shapes. Everything is connected ...

STEAM Science, Technology, Engineering, ART, Math

incorporates the arts into the more-familiar STEM model

Heart Brain Institute

adding heart to our daily activities and connections produces measurable benefits to our own and others' well-being

<u>Eckhardt Tolle</u> visionary spiritual teacher

the significance and power of Presence transcends ego and discursive thinking

Last Child in the Woods, by Richard Louv

Nature-deficit—is attributed to rises in obesity, attention disorders, and depression.

Sir Ken Robinson, Imagine If (2023)

"If you're not prepared to be wrong, you'll never come up with anything original." Creativity in learning

The Power of the Socratic Classroom, by Charles Fischer

This is a work that will make you think about thinking, and help you empower that in your students.

The Power of our Words, by Paula Denton

Simple changes in a teacher's language can bring about profound changes in students and classrooms.

The Power of When, by Mike Brues

There is a right time for all of us to do everything, from drinking a cocktail to getting a flu shot.

The Four Agreements, by Miguel Ruiz

The most important agreements are the ones we make with ourselves.

The Mission of Woodson Branch Nature School:

To empower communities with skills in whole person preparedness through experiential nature-based education to fortify global balance

Favorite thing about working at Woodson Branch Nature School:

I am truly in love with this community. In all its "realness", with our differences, our creativity, our bold bravery, and our commitment to children, I am continually amazed, inspired, and energized by this project and the people who fuel it.