

## **School Service Volunteer**

**Lisa Büttner** has invested thousands of volunteer hours in building an edible garden from the ground up at Rolling Terrace Elementary School. Her vision, passion and dedication helped transform the school's interior overgrown courtyard into an edible garden. She is a multitasking enthusiast, developing lesson plans tied to common core standards and organizing mulch deliveries and volunteer garden cleanups. Ms. Büttner meets with teachers and staff to develop a vision for the outdoor spaces, writes grants to share innovations, and leads lessons during and after school. When the children harvest their food, they are excited to pull up and try out the produce they have grown: purple carrots, multicolored beets, sweet potatoes, peas, herbs, radishes, and different varieties of lettuce. Her work has impacted neighboring schools, inviting others to informational meetings at Rolling Terrace to share best practices and show them what works. She collaborates with local master gardeners, the GreenKids program, The University of Maryland Extension, D.C. Greens and others.