

“Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a *great teacher.*”
– Japanese Proverb

CHANGING LIVES THROUGH DEVOTED SERVICE

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CERTIFIED TEACHERS



Geoff Anderson
Mr. A

Final Assignment:
Director of Choirs/
Fremont High School

Other Assignments:
None--I am a
SilverWolf through and
through

Years of Service:
30 in Weber School District.

Memories: So many amazing students--and include all of my children.! They are the best part of my time teaching at Fremont and WSD. Performances at the Governor's Mansion for Christmas, National Anthem at the opening of the State Legislature, Performing with the Tabernacle Choir on their 2008 Christmas Concert, Performing at the re-dedication of the state capitol, 27 years of the Fremont Dickens Feast, opening Fremont High School and choosing the names for the choirs with the students, not having a piano in the choir room at Fremont until a month after school had started the first year, Christmas performances by Fremont Choirs at Temple Square in the Assembly Hall and Tabernacle, Singing for LDS Leadership in the Church Administration Building, starting the Handbell Choir at Fremont and the work/generosity of our community and district to fund our bells and chimes, music directing 31 musicals, singing Still, Still, Still with the FHS Choirs accompanied by the Bells, numerous region and state choir superiors for our choirs, amazing colleagues, administration and friends.

Future Plans: I have been named as the Director of the Bells at Temple Square. I will be spending much of my time in Salt Lake working with the Tabernacle Choir Organization. Look for the Bells on Music and the Spoken Word, the Tabernacle Choir Christmas Concert and in their own semi-annual concerts in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. If you watch, you might even see the back of my head.



Tammy Anderson

Final Assignment:
Speech-Language
Pathologist at Bates
Elementary

Other Assignments:
Cattaraugus/Allegany
County BOCES-NY
Alpine School District
Utah State University

Multiple schools in Weber School District

Years of Service:
23 in Weber School District; 35 total.

Memories: The best part about my career was helping students improve their communication skills. I also enjoyed meeting and working with so many amazing people.

Future plans: My plans are to travel, read, spend time outdoors and with my family.



Terri Ashment
Mrs. Ashment

Final Assignment: Third
grade teacher at Valley
Elementary

Other Assignments: Fourth
grade teacher at Gramercy
Elementary and North Park
Elementary

Years of Service: 11 in Weber School District; 15 total.

Memories: I will always remember the special connections I made with students, the love and support of so many wonderful friends, and how truly proud I am to have had the most meaningful job in the world.

Future plans: I will always remember the special connections I made with students, the love and

support of so many wonderful friends, and how truly proud I am to have had the most meaningful job in the world.



Doug Barker
Mr. Barker

Final Assignment:
South Ogden Junior High School

Other Assignments:
I have coached Baseball and NAL. I started my career out teaching math

then History with a year of PE

Years of Service:
25 in Weber School District.

Memories: Coaching Baseball seeing the excitement of the kids as they learned how to win together and ultimately winning the Championship the work that goes into winning. Also enjoyed getting to know my colleges that I work with over the years.

Future plans: Short term play with my cars maybe add a few more to the collection. Go on missions



Debbie DeBeer

Final Assignment:
4th Grade Roy Elementary

Other Assignments:
TH Bell taught Project Success, Canyon View taught Project Success, Two Rivers taught Project Success, Farr West Elementary 5th grade

Years of Service:
25 in Weber School District.

Memories: The friendships I made with teachers, staff and the parents at the many schools I have spent time in, is something I treasure. Seeing the excitement in my students when they have worked on mastering a difficult concept is what made my

job exciting.

Future plans: I will be spending more time with my family, in the pool, at the ballparks and traveling, more family dinners and excursions. I plan on volunteering at my grandchildren's schools and with my church. My husband, Roland, will be joining me in retirement next year and we plan on making many memories.



Craig Demorest
Mr. Demorest

Final Assignment:
Fremont High School Ag Biology/Science Teacher/ FFA Advisor

Years of Service:
26 in Weber School District.

Memories: Watching the students grow and become successful

Future plans: Enjoy time with my wife and family



Clay Dyer

Final Assignment:
6th Grade Teacher Washington Terrace

Other Assignments:
2nd Grade (Washington Terrace), Lomond View, Green Acres

Years of Service:
30 in Weber School

District.

Memories: Getting to direct the school musicals, teaching science and inspiring curiosity, many wonderful Teacher Besties, and so many students that have earned a forever place in my heart.

Future plans: Retirement cruise to Europe and as much theater as I can afford!



Lisa Folker

Final Assignment:
English Teacher/T.H. Bell Jr.
High

Other Assignments:
English Teacher, South
Middle School, Aurora, CO.
Mound Ft. Middle School,
Ogden, UT

Years of Service:

23 in Weber School District; 27 total.

Memories: Working with amazing teachers who are passionate about helping students learn. Building relationships with some great students who taught me as much (or more) than I taught them.

Future plans: Working in Corporate Sales with Minky Couture, travel a bit, spend time with my loved ones, relax, and make zero lesson plans.



Stan Fuller

Final Assignment:
Librarian/Wahlquist Jr. High

Other Assignments:
Assistant Librarian/
Freemont High School

Years of Service:
21 in Weber School District.

Memories: Helping students and staff connect with books they loved.

Future plans: Travel with my wife. Work part time at a jeep restoration shop. Drive my old jeep.



Linda Gubler

Mrs. Linda Gubler

Final Assignment:
Bates Elementary 2nd
grade

Other Assignments:
Green Acres 4th Grade,
Bates Elementary 4th
Grade, Ben Lomond High
preschool, Utah Schools

for the Deaf and the Blind parent advisor

Years of Service:

22 in Weber School District; 32 total.

Memories: I have so many favorite memories! *I LOVE seeing the “light go on” when a child GETS IT! (especially after a struggle) * I LOVE the friendships I have made with other teachers. What an honor to work with these incredibly good humans! *I LOVE when a grown adult tells me they love my guts...because they learned it in 2nd grade, or from their second grader, and they know it means I really really love you. (The opposite of “I hate your guts” from my own childhood.) *I LOVE being part of the awesome learning journey, both academically and as little people learning to navigate their world. I will miss the people and relationships I’ve had the privilege of making each year.

Future plans: My husband and I have an Alaskan cruise booked for this summer. (A bucket list item) After that, we plan to enjoy the simple things! We hope to take road trips, enjoy our amazing children and grandchildren, visit my sister in Hawaii, serve in our church, go for lots of walks and bike rides, and try to avoid waking up to an alarm as much as possible. Ü



Betsy Halverson

Final Assignment:
9th Grade Math Teacher at
Wahlquist Jr. High

Other Assignments:
South Cache Middle
School, Mt. Crest High
School, Mound Fort Middle
School

Years of Service:

29 in Weber School District; 35 total.

Memories: I have really loved getting to know my students over the years. Some of my favorite moments have been watching students and seeing their whole face light up when they finally understood a concept that was previously difficult for them. I have enjoyed watching them grow in both skill and confidence. It's been particular rewarding to have students who previously thought they hated math decide that it's actually their favorite subject and they excel at it.

Some of my favorite memories are from spending time and connecting with students as the MESA club advisor. I particularly enjoyed the yearly overnight trip to the Environmental Center with 40 plus students for snowshoeing, skiing, star gazing, and science fun. I also loved working with the kids in preparation for the yearly State MESA Day. It was so rewarding to see their enthusiasm, dedication, determination, and teamwork. I loved seeing their confidence develop and their friendships blossom.

Future plans: I will be sleeping in, staying up late, reading, hiking, traveling, and spending time with family. I have plans for a home based business that will be up and running in a few months.



Lisa Hancock

Final Assignment:
Bonneville High School
Spanish Teacher

Other Assignments:
Roy High School—Spanish
and English Teacher, Track
Coach, Cross Country
Coach, Volleyball Coach;
Riverdale Elementary—ELL

Teacher, PE Teacher; TH Bell Junior High—Softball Coach, Volleyball Coach; Bonneville High—English Teacher, PE Teacher, Volleyball Coach, Track Coach”

Years of Service:

22 in Weber School District; 35 total.

Memories: I am a third-generation Weber School District teacher, and one of my daughters is also a teacher, so my memories span inside and outside my own classrooms. Coaching is my passion and Spanish is my obsession. I have loved teaching and coaching, and I cherish the students and parents that I have been able to get to know and spend time with. One of my favorite memories happened during my second year coaching the cross country team at Roy High. Our team of five girls had qualified for state. On the bus ride down to Salt Lake City, everyone was so excited and pumped up that we sang and danced the entire time. I loved seeing that same energy and togetherness in each team that I was able to be a part of. Each athlete and student has become an important part of my life and we have enjoyed special experiences such as discovering culture and language, laughing, playing, traveling, practicing, winning, and losing together. I have precious memories of teaching and coaching my daughters and their friends from elementary school to high school. I have been able to work with some of the greatest people. I love my coworkers and thank them and my family for all their help and support.

Future plans: I plan on spending more time with my family, in particular my grandkids. I would love to travel the world and go to every College World Series softball tournament.



Kristie Herzog

Final Assignment:
4th grade Kanessville
Elementary

Other Assignments:
5th grade Kanessville
Elementary

Years of Service:
25 in Weber School

District.

Memories: Some of my favorite teaching memories are: getting sweet notes of appreciation from students, seeing the joy in the eyes of students when they finally learn a concept, field trip fun, dressing up for Halloween, reading aloud to my students and they didn't want me to stop, walking to the park for a Mountain Man Rendezvous, history trips with amazing people and to amazing places, sharing my love of Utah and U.S. History, dropping napkin parachutes with chocolate attached from the school roof to excited 1st graders, overnights at the Environmental Center, having both a son and two grandchildren in my class, and fabulous teammates and colleagues who made coming to work a delight!

Future plans: My future plans include spending time with my best friend (and husband), Nate, traveling, doing yard work and gardening, community and church service, loving and spoiling the grandkids, planning get-togethers with family and friends and just enjoying life with a little less stress.



Janice Hill

Teacher Janice

Final Assignment:
Life Skills Teacher, Green
Acres Elementary

Other Assignments:
Resource Teacher,
Sandridge Jr. High

Years of Service:
30 in Weber School District; 33 total.

Memories: There are so many, but I loved watching my students succeed! Whether it was walking with a walker, communicating with a communication device, feeding themselves, sitting for a classroom group activity, learning to read, write, and do math! The looks on their face with every success they had were priceless! When I think of those times I have thirty years worth of students looking back at me. It really was because of and for them that I chose this career!

My other memories really revolve around all the adults who have worked in my classroom and taught side by side with me. To all of those paraprofessionals I am deeply grateful for the time we spent together and for the laughs and tears we shared! Finally to all the other professionals: administrators, teachers and therapists, who I crossed paths with within the walls of my classroom and district wide you all have taught me so many things! I will miss my Life Skills Classroom!

Future plans: I want most of all to spend time with my family, which will require some trips to Oregon! I also hope to work on things like sleeping in, crocheting, technology stuff and any other things I might find on this winding path! When I figure out what else I am going to do I will let you know! Thank you Weber School District! I have spent half of my life with you and I wouldn't change any of that!



Betsy Holden

Final Assignment:
First Grade Teacher at
Majestic Elementary

Other Assignments:
Reading Specialist at
Washington Terrace
Elementary and West
Haven Elementary. Prior
to that, I was a Teacher

and Reading Specialist at Pontiac Academy for Excellence (MI).

Years of Service:
13 in Weber School District; 23 total.

Memories: My favorite memories during my career are not only the celebrations of students achieving milestones but having other students genuinely sharing in those celebrations.

Future plans: My plans include spending more time with my own children and traveling to new places.



Becky Hurst

Final Assignment:
Third grader teacher at
Pioneer Elementary School

Other Assignments:
First grade at Timpanogos
Elementary School in
Provo, UT

Years of Service:

21 in Weber School District; 22 total.

Memories: Often times one of my students will say, “Mrs. Hurst, you’re the best teacher.” And I always reply with, “What makes the best teacher?... the best students of course!” I have truly been blessed to have so many wonderful students to work with. These lovely little people have given me so much joy. I also feel blessed to have such fantastic teachers and associates to work with. The teachers and students at Pioneer are like family. It has often been said that Pioneer Elementary is a hidden gem. It’s the people who pass through those doors that make Pioneer such a great school. Pioneer will always have a special place in my heart. Goooooo Roadrunners!!

Future plans: I look forward to spending more time with my family and especially my grandchildren. I hope to travel, ski, swim, bike ride, read, and discover a new recipe in the kitchen. I’m also looking forward to climbing a mountain. I may even dust off that old sewing machine.



Laurie Kite

Final Assignment:
First Grade Teacher/
Country View Elementary

Years of Service:
39 in Weber School
District.

Memories: I have been
a proud Country View
Colt since 1983! I have

wonderful memories of so many teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, instructional coaches, administrators, and especially my fabulous first grade team.

I have cherished memories of teaching children to read and then seeing them begin to love reading. I love their sweet smiles and hugs, seeing them stay in the struggle of learning, and believing in the power of yet. Each student, parent and teacher I have worked with has blessed my life immensely.

Future plans: I look forward to spending more time with my husband, children and grandchildren! I am excited to make cherished memories with my family! I am looking forward to working on projects around my home that I have put off for a long time!

Karla Larson

Final Assignment:
Second Grade, Hooper Elementary 19 years

Other Assignments: Club Heights, Third Grade 1year, PE teacher for 2 years in the Murray School District

Years of Service:
20 in Weber School District; 22 total.

Memories: My favorite memories are the ones of the children who came to me with many problems, whether it was ADHD, social skills, behaviors, family difficulties, learning or a mixture of problems. The joy came as these children finally realized that I truly did love them and I wanted to help. I grew to understand that learning doesn’t

happen with these students until they learn to trust you. One other thing that meant a lot to me was the kids that would come back years after I taught them and would tell me how much I meant to them as a teacher. The other day I saw a young man who is now a police officer. He approached me and while I was with my family at dinner. He told my family that I am the one who influenced his life for good. Those are the kinds of experiences you never forget.

Future plans: I have worked for the fire department for 14 years and I am still there as an EMT. I want to spend a lot of time with my grankids, and when my husband retires in June he and I are planning to serve a mission.



Wendy Long

Final Assignment:
Principal South Ogden
Junior High

Other Assignments:
North Ogden Junior High
Principal, Administrator
at Bonneville High and
TH Bell. Teacher and
Coach at Rocky Mountain

Junior High and Box Elder Junior High. Teaching; Theater Arts, Speech Communications, Health, PE, and English. Student Government Advisor, Director of School Musicals, Head Track Coach.

Years of Service:
30 in Weber School District; 32 total.

Memories: I am so grateful for the wonderful opportunities I have had to serve in Weber School District. The experiences in education over the past 32 years have enriched my life immensely. I value the many professional relationships with co-workers, students and parents over these fabulous years. I value the enduring friendships and comradery that I have had with so many individuals. Thank you all!

Future plans: I look forward to spending time with my husband of 35 years. I am so proud to be a mother of four beautiful children that are incredibly talented and gifted to make a big difference in this

world. I want to continue to be on the side lines to cheer them on in any capacity. I expect many fabulous adventures to come!



Gena Lott

Mrs. Lott

Final Assignment:
Teacher/Librarian Fremont
High School

Other Assignments:
West Weber Elementary as
Library Media Aide

Years of Service: 18 in Weber School District; 23 total.

Memories: The wonderful friends and great colleagues I worked with became my work family! They made the many hours at work a joy!

The West Weber mascot, the Cowboys, inspired my call out to the faculty and student body of "Yee Haw!" I have teachers who still greet me this way. I did two book fairs each year and we made alot of money for the library with those fairs. They were always a highlight each year. Moving to the old Wahlquist during construction of the new school was an adventure and while there, I directed "The Best Christmas Pagent Ever." It was a real hit!

At Fremont High, our annual Christmas assembly skit always featured the "Sugar Plump Fairies." Kim Chadwick and I dressed appropriately and did everything from ballet to a banana-bell routine to the "Carol of the Bells" performed by the Minions.

We had many wonderful activities in the library at Fremont: crafts, game days, a Clue Whodunit, and 2 Escape Room activities, just to name a few. We did research, science fair projects and book clubs. Our most ambitious project was undertaking remodeling the space and slimming the collection down from 62,000 books to 25,000.

But without a doubt, my favorite times were when a student would come into the library and say: "I loved this book. What can I read next?" Or,

“What’s your favorite book, Mrs. Lott.” And then we would be off discussing books and authors. I will miss those discussions.

Future plans: My first plan is to retrain myself to SLEEP IN!

Then I hope to travel (who doesn’t upon retirement). In fact, I would love to work in the travel industry for a few years. Hungary is at the top of my destination list, as is London, Scotland, and New Zealand.

I hope to become a master gardener--or at least learn how to grow something without killing it within the first six weeks.

I want to spend more time with my three grandchildren, do some volunteer work, take painting lessons, join a Weber County Library book club, and publish the children’s book I wrote a couple of years ago.

Mostly, I hope to see more of friends, family and the World!



Jeffrey Lowe

Final Assignment:
Roy High School, Visual Arts teacher

Other Assignments:
JPJ West Jordan

Years of Service: 30 in Weber School District; 31 total.

Memories: The light in my students eyes when they finally realize the potential of what I am sharing with them.

Future plans: Continue with my Professional Art career, Travel the world and to past times, Enjoy life to the fullest.



Sarah Lynch

Final Assignment:
Instructional Coach at North Park Elementary

Other Assignments:
Municipal Elementary Sped 3 years/First grade 7 years/Second grade 1 year, Burley Junior High Idaho Sped 3 years, Roy

Elementary Second grade 8 years, North Park Elementary Second grade 5 years/Reading Specialist 4 years/Instructional Coach 1 year

Years of Service: 29 in Weber School District, 32 total.

Memories: Favorite memories...? Too many to name. But here are a few. My very first year at Municipal Elem in special ed, I had 60 students assigned to me and one very special Kindergartner who had Downs Syndrome. He and I learned the Edmark reading/sign language program together and had a blast doing it. During the first few months as a grade level teacher my principal, Sharon Christensen, took one of my kids out of line during a fire drill to see how I would handle a missing a student during roll call. Ugh! Seeing the world through a first graders eyes and hearing the many funny things they say. Packing up all the teeth that first and second graders lost. The oodles of stories I was able to read to excited learners. The wonderful people I have had the opportunity to work, cry and laugh with, and of course, the students. They are the reason I have come to work. They are the reason I have loved my job because it wasn’t a job. It was a wonderful opportunity to be a small piece of the puzzle in children’s lives. They made my 32 years full of unforgettable experiences, fun and laughter.

Future plans: My sweet husband and I have many plans to travel and spend time with each other. I will join him at the Ogden LDS temple to serve as an ordinance worker. I also plan to catch up on all the projects I haven’t had time to do including scrapbooks, family history and improving my yard and garden since they bring me so much joy. Basically, I get to do anything I want!



Terri Mason
Mrs. Terri Mason

Final Assignment:
Chemistry Teacher/Roy
High School

Years of Service:
29 in Weber School
District; 30 total.

Memories: My most embarrassing memory was my first year when I accidentally blew up my classroom. Students didn't sleep in my class after that day. The custodians made fun of me.

Other favorite memories revolved around my AP and Concurrent Enrollment classes. I really enjoyed how fun it was to teach those students because they always challenged me and understood the subject more. It helped me feel like I was actually making a difference. I also enjoyed being the MESA club advisor. I enjoyed watching students grow from their sophomore year to their senior year. It was fun to teach them and work with them in an area that they were interested in. They were often a bit awkward and nerdy but they improved in both confidence and social abilities.

I also really enjoyed the friendships I made with colleagues and staff throughout my career. It was a bit like having a second family around to help me.

Future plans: The future offers many options for me. Currently, I am planning on getting a new career started in the banking industry. I hope to work as a teller and possibly move up in that industry. I might leave the area also. There are numerous opportunities for me and I am excited to see where they take me next. The world is an open door.



Cindy Montgomery

Final Assignment:
First and Second Grade
teacher at Pioneer
Elementary

Other Assignments: FACT
Program at Pioneer and an
Aide at Majestic
Elementary

Years of Service:
22 in Weber School District.

Memories: The great people I have worked with and all the wonderful children. I will remember their smiles and crazy greets at the door-my least favorite being the hip bump as they were very enthusiastic hip bumpers! I will remember Skittle rewards and field trips to Dinosoar Park with hurricane winds and the Nature Center always on a snowy day in winter. I will remember our class promise recited daily that ended with an energetic fist bump in the air and the words, "I'll be the best that I can be, 'cause I believe in me!"

I will also remember the song at the end of each day with appropriate words for this setting, "Goodbye everybody, Goodbye, we worked and played and we had a great day, Goodbye everybody, Goodbye!"

Future plans: I am looking forward to spending time with my family and especially with my wonderful grandchildren. I am excited to go on vacations and travel when it is not a school break! I will volunteer in the classroom and look for other service opportunities such as a mission with my husband. I will sleep in with no guilt!



Kristi Ostler
Mrs. Ostler

Final Assignment:
2nd Grade Country View
Elementary

Other Assignments:
Kindergarten Municipal
Elementary

Years of Service:
25 in Weber School District.

Memories: I enjoy reading a story to my class and have everyone sitting on the edge of their seat waiting to see what will happen. I love it when you see a child's eyes light up when they have finally understood a concept.

Future plans: Traveling, and enjoying my family!



Brenda Perry

Final Assignment:
1st Grade Teacher at North Park Elementary

Years of Service:
10 in Weber School District;
20 total.

Memories: The kids! I have enjoyed spending my time

teaching the kids.

Future plans: Do some traveling with my husband, and serve an LDS mission with him. AND spend time with my grandkids when I'm home!



Deby Pippin

Mrs. Pippin

Final Assignment:
4th Grade DLI Teacher

Other Assignments:
Taught in Ogden District

Years of Service:
24 in Weber School District;
28 total.

Memories: Many wonderful memories with students and colleagues.

Future plans: Vacation, spend time with grandkids, vacation. . .



Reese Riko

Riko

Final Assignment:
Title I Coordinator at Washington Terrace Elementary

Other Assignments:
5th grade teacher Valley Elem., 5th grade teacher Freedom Elem., Admin

Inter Majestic, Pioneer, and Bates Elem., Principal North Park, Title I Coordinator WTE.

Years of Service:
31 in Weber School District.

Memories: Being with kids and making a difference in their lives, and the amazing people I have had the chance to work alongside in this journey have made it all worth it.

Future plans: Whatever I want and can afford.



Ryan Richins

Final Assignment:
Counselor

Other Assignments:
Coached Girls Volleyball and Peer Leader Advisor

Years of Service:
33 in Weber School District.

Memories: Earlier in my career I enjoyed working with Peer Leaders and being able to travel to schools in Brigham City and to even take a trip to Montana to train other schools on Conflict Management. It was also fun to go to Lagoon Day with students.

But most of all I like to see students who struggled in school become successful as adults, parents and future leaders.

Future plans: Spend more time with my family and

grandchildren. Travel more and go on a cruise. Get better at and do more fly fishing. Have only one job.



Carolyn Robertson

Mrs. Robertson

Final Assignment: Math Teacher, Orion Jr. High

Other Assignments: Snowcrest Science/Math Teacher, South Jr. High Science/Math Teacher, Valley Elementary 6th grade teacher

Years of Service: 25 in Weber School District; 28 total.

Memories: Mr. Jenkins and I, skiing behind Snowcrest to learn about “velocity” and see the Bonneville shoreline on the skis designed by Dave. DI skis with fish scales made by a router and bindings that held snow boots! Ingenious. Field trips to the North Fork River with Snowcrest students and amazing parent Volunteers. Cross Curricular projects with English and Art to create Illustrative journals. Helping with the organization of science fair. Planning science curriculum with my fellow science teachers (Mike Olsen). Attending the International Science Fair with my 9th grade students. Sharing the presidential award with Maggie Huddleston and Jeff Stephens driving all the way to Thanksgiving point (on a Friday night) to congratulate us. Running with the track. Coaching NAL with Mrs. Bulloch and Miss Robinson. Being introduced to a new math curriculum at South and Angie Holtry guiding me through all year (that meant 6AM Friday morning meetings). Working as an elementary teacher, wow.. I revere elementary teachers, you are amazing! 7 subjects, some all in the same day, events like Serve to Save, Swing Dancing, Science fair. Surviving the pandemic year with the best partner teacher I could have ever had- Becca Warnes. Finishing at Orion Jr. High with an incredible staff and math team! Realizing the parents of my current students are my old students- wow that is fun but a bit crazy too. This

list is long, there are so many.

Future plans: Lots of travel with my husband, family & friends. Learn how to speak Spanish to help with my travel. Chile is on my bucket list. Keep playing music, sleep past 5:30 AM. Lots more outdoor time and actually using my ski pass. Not sure what the future holds but I think for the moment I want to have the luxury of enjoying my calendar filled with open space.



Janene Salt

Final Assignment: Principal-H. Guy Child Elementary

Other Assignments: In Arizona, Higley Elementary 3rd grade, Southwest Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary and T. G. Barr Elementary

Kindergarten. Weber District, Municipal Elementary Kindergarten, 1st grade. Roy Elementary 1st grade and instructional coach. H. Guy Child-principal

Years of Service: 30 in Weber School District; 40.5 total.

Memories: There are many after so many years but I would say watching the excitement in a student when they finally understand something. Another would be the number of times I have said about different situations with students, “We can’t make this stuff up. We should write a book.”

Future plans: Spend more time with my dad. my children, my grandchildren and my best friend.



Carolyn Sandstrom

Frau Sandstrom

Final Assignment: Bonneville High School/ Washington Terrace

Other Assignments: South Ogden Jr. High, Fremont High, Wahlquist

Jr. High, Weber High, Davis High, Northridge High, and the Electronic High School

Years of Service:

16 in Weber School District; 31 total.

Memories: Watching my students achieve, adapt, change, and learn German. Seeing the borders of their world enlarge. Hearing about their accomplishments. Getting pictures of them in Germany and other parts of the world (as students, soldiers, employees, and missionaries).

Future plans: Build the family business with my husband, help others as a life coach, garden, travel, and build solid connections with my family, grandchildren, and friends. Live every day to the fullest, enjoying what it brings with it.



Trudy Sportsman
Mrs. Sportsman

Final Assignment:
Rocky Mountain Junior
High Teacher Librarian

Other Assignments:
Rocky Mountain Junior
High Language Arts and
French teacher and Media

Specialist, South Ogden Junior High Language Arts and French teacher, Weber Online Language Arts and French Teacher

Years of Service:

36 in Weber School District.

Memories: I have many great memories from my career, but those that mean the most are all connected to fundraising for a cause and kindness initiatives: Random Acts of Kindness, Operation Validation, Socktober, Sub for Santa, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society fundraiser, World Kindness Day, Hello Week, etc.

Future plans: meet more people, try new foods, learn to garden, breathe in sunshine, drive for hours without plans, assemble jigsaw puzzles, build with Legos, be grateful.



Kristin Teller

Final Assignment:
Green Acres Elementary,
3rd Grade Teacher

Other Assignments:
It's been 27 amazing years
with WSD with 26 years at
Green Acres Elementary
teaching 3rd, 4th, and
5th grade, and also the

Program for Accelerated Learning (PAL); and one year at Bates Elementary, 6th Grade. Prior to WSD I taught 6th grade at Eastman Avenue Elementary in Los Angeles Unified School District in my home state, California.

Years of Service:

27 in Weber School District; 30 total.

Memories: It has been a great honor to be entrusted with the important work of imparting knowledge and providing an education to children. It was a joy every day to greet their eager faces and to anticipate with them all the good things that school and learning provide. I am most grateful for the caring community of children, families, and my colleagues at Green Acres. Some favorite things have been watching children gain confidence and learn to love math, watching them learn to love reading as deeper books became more accessible with their improved skills, hearing sweet stories, watching friendships blossom, kids playing glockenspiels for Christmas, annual Pioneer Trek, watching students enjoy art projects, field trips to the Bear River Bird Refuge, teaching Future Problem Solving, teaching the PAL Program, advances in technology, traveling to historic places with the Utah History Alliance, and friendships with colleagues.

Future plans: Bask in nature, stroll along on bird walks, hike many trails, explore destinations at home and abroad with my husband and with friends, nurture friendships, rekindle old ones, tend and enhance my garden, advance my age 14 piano skills, cruise around on my new e-bike, knit beautiful sweaters, progress on my book list, exercise any time of day, honor our parents with my time and presence, visit and care for my young grandchildren and their families near and far

(no sub plans required), visit young families with Welcome Baby, work to protect the planet, serve in new ways, seek more of God, and never stop learning.



Kathy Ulrich

Mrs. Ulrich

Final Assignment:
2nd grade H. Guy Child

Other Assignments:
4th, 5th and 6th grade at
H. Huy, 5th grade at Green
Acres and special ed in
Ogden City

Years of Service:
11 in Weber School District; 15 total.

Memories: I have loved working in a school! Some of the highlights have been getting to know many people in the community, teaching 5th and 6th grade math (my favorite thing), falling in love 28 times each fall, reading *The Giver* with 6th graders, and most importantly all of the students I will love forever. It has been a joy of my life to be a teacher and I am a better person because of all of the people, young and old, that I have met along the way.

Future plans: Competitive pickleball, humanitarian travel, hiking, mountain biking and tons of family time!



Laura Wright

Final Assignment:
Principal at West Weber
Elementary

Other Assignments:
4th grade at Washington
Terrace Elementary/6th,
5th and 1st grades at Bates
Elementary/Principal Intern

at Freedom Elementary and Roy Elementary/
Principal at Farr West Elementary/Principal at
Bates Elementary

Years of Service:
28 in Weber School District.

Memories: Being able to see a child get excited as they learn something new. The joy of being on my second generation of students. Working in all four cones of the district and helping people. Watching technology change learning with the start of Internet in 1996 to Meet the Geeks Technology Nights and now 1:1 devices.

Future plans: Travel, write, volunteer and have time to see what it feels like to be bored!



Harold Zentz

Herr Zents

Final Assignment: German
at NOJH and Orion

Other Assignments: T.H.
Bell

Years of Service:
32 in Weber School
District.

Memories: Oktoberfests, Schwarzwälderkiestorten (Black Forest Cherry Cake) and Spagehetties (Ice cream squished through a noodle maker covered with Strawberry sauce and white chocolate sprinkles) all created unique memories. Folk dancing, making Pysanki (Ukrainian Easter eggs), and Weiberfastnacht (tie day!) are cultural activities that were also super fun.

One of my favorite things about being a teacher is running into students years later. They call, "Herr Zentz!" and then we talk and laugh, remembering the good times in class. They tell me the places they've used German: on their missions, during a vacation at a national park, in their job, or even in line waiting for a burger! It always brings a smile to my face. I hope I'll continue bumping into former students for many years. It makes it all feel worthwhile.

Future plans: I love fishing! I love planting beets! I love hearing the birds singing in the sunrise! Hopefully I will have time to do that and much more in the near future. Ten years ago my wife opened a private school to support homeschool students, Family Lyceum. She has been waiting for me to join her staff, so I'll be teaching German

and Math and anything else I feel excited about at Family Lyceum in Clearfield. I will still share my love of learning with students while also having the opportunity to play more with my grandchildren. What more can an Opa want? Aufwiedersehen!

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES



Diane Allred

Miss Diane

Final Assignment:
Midland Elementary
Special Ed Preschool

Other Assignments:
West Weber Elementary,
Playground/Lunchroom
Country View Elementary,
Special Ed Preschool

Years of Service:
28 in Weber School District.

Memories: I have enjoyed working with the precious little children.

Future plans: Enjoy time with my family.



Kim Chadwick

Story Teller Kim Chadwick

Final Assignment:
Fremont Library

Other Assignments:
Farr West Elementary
Librarian

Years of Service:
25 in Weber School
District.

Memories: I love reading stories to the kids and watching them grow and learn

Future plans: The next chapter of my life will be filled with fun family adventures. Thanks for being part of my school chapters.



Wendy Cochran

Final Assignment:
Food Technician in the
kitchen at South Ogden Jr

Other Assignments:
I started at Municipal
Elementary. I worked there
for 19 years as a cook and
then transferred to South
Ogden Jr for the past 8

years.

Years of Service:
27 in Weber School District.

Memories: When I worked with Kim Ewing there was always so much fun and joking around. I remember once while making whipped cream, we got into a whipped cream fight right there in the kitchen. My first day working here at South was in April, I was making bread and when I went to measure the flour, I spilled it...all over everywhere, including myself. My coworker Billie Stokes got a picture of it and we all decided when I make messes, I REALLY make messes!

Future plans: Spending more time with my family. I love fishing and would love to do more fishing right around here. Maybe some traveling is in my future. I have a daughter in North Dakota and would love to make it out there to visit her. I also have a daughter here in town so spending more time with her will be great. I love to crochet and I make blankets. I'll be doing a lot of that, too.

Valerie Gines

Final Assignment:
Bus Aid Weber county transportation

Years of Service:
12 in Weber School District.

Memories: Working with wonderful special needs kids and awesome bus drivers like Paul Snow, Nicole Young, Suzanne Anderson, and many more.

Future plans: I'm working at home full time now in my quilting studio.



Colleen Johnson

Final Assignment:
Valley view elementary unit manager

Other Assignments:
Bonneville high,
Washington terrace

Years of Service:
14 in Weber School District.

Memories: Serving the kids breakfast and lunch. Sending them off on field trips. I enjoyed working with the teachers and principal and other staff members.

Future plans: Travel , cruises, and walking a lot and spending time with my family and grandkids.



Sandy Kriger

Final Assignment:
Child Nutrition, Bonneville High School

Years of Service:
30 in Weber School District.

Memories: Feeding the kids at Bonneville High for 30

years and seeing the second generation of children come through. Also having my own children graduate from Bonneville.

Future plans: Retire with my husband and hope we will be able to do some traveling. Spend time with family.



Susan Mindrum

Final Assignment:
Administrative Assistant for the Director of Career and Technical Education (CTE) District Office

Other Assignments:
3 years as an almost full time substitute, 1 year as an Administrative Assistant at

Wahlquist Jr. High, 38 years as the Administrative Assistant for the CTE Director at the District Office.

Years of Service: 39 in Weber School District.

Memories: You know you have the perfect job when everyday going to work is fun, engaging, and the opportunity to learn new things, work with great educators, meet new people, see friends, see students who excel at their studies and those who are just finding their place in the world. I have loved the opportunity to have worked in the CTE department for so many years. I was very fortunate to work with 7 talented and extremely dedicated CTE Directors over the years beginning with Darwin Taylor, Steve Bishop, Dave Brooks, Reid Newey, Dale Pfister, Ray Long, and Dr. Rod Belnap. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with these exceptional leaders, and now friends. They always included me and valued my opinion as part of the CTE team. I've made many good friends, some becoming lifetime friends, in CTE and departments throughout the district. I feel fortunate for their help and making this job fun and interesting. With the perfect job you wonder why I decided to make my time at WSD a memory. Truth: I am extremely lucky to have a wonderful husband who ask me one day last Sept. if I could retire? (the first time he ever suggested it) I said I could if I needed to and he said: "I've been retired for a while and it's lonely here at home without you". It was an easy decision, I officially retired January 1, 2024. I've have loved retirement! Fun fact: Only my grandkids were in cahoots with their grandma for a full three months before I broke the retirement news to my kids and family. LOL

Future plans: I love having time at home. Sharing time with Ordell, my family, my kids, grandkids and some wonderful friends. I have loved to sew all my life so it is fun finding and working on new sewing projects. Finishing some stained glass projects. We love spending beach time at our beach condo on Pacific Beach, in beautiful sunny San Diego. My husband and I love to travel so we are always looking for a new adventure both small and large. Hopefully the years ahead will be filled with new adventures, meeting with new and old friends, time with family and good health as we make new memories.



Sidney Mortensen

Final Assignment:
Head Administrative
Assistant/Transportation

Other Assignments:
District Office Receptionist,
Accounts Payable Clerk

Years of Service: 30
in Weber School District.

Memories: I have had the pleasure of working with so many amazing people during my years here in Weber School District. I have learned from each one of you, we have had some great laughs and shared some tears together, all of us receiving so much in return. My most favorite memory is being an aide on the Special Education bus taking the Life Skills students to school. They are so brave, humble, smart and determined to succeed in life. Taking the little kids to kindergarten to Country View Elementary and the stories they would tell us on the way to school was always fun to hear. One morning I commented on a little kindergarteners outfit saying aren't you just so cute today...which she replied I am CUTE!

I have so many memories to list, I am so grateful for the opportunity I have had to work for Weber School District for the past 30 years, I will always treasure the friends and the memories I have made.

Future plans: I am getting my craft room ready ... I'm going to be crafting. A few years ago I

had the opportunity to go to Holland where my grandparents immigrated from so I really want to do genealogy and learn more about my heritage. I'm going to read the books that I have bought over the years and haven't read. And then do lots more CRAFTS!!



Joan Pilkington

Bus Driver Joan Pilkington

Final Assignment:
Canyon View, Weber High,
North Ogden Jr., Orchard
Springs

Other Assignments:
Orion, Valley, Green Acres

Years of Service:
22 in Weber School

District.

Memories: In 2013 the movie Frozen had come out and I had a sound track of it. Every day after I had pick-up the last student on my SPED Bus, I would put in the cd and all the kids on my bus would sing the songs. They loved it. We had one particular young lady that would make the boys all stop sing during the girl solo parts but usually they would just keep sing. It was the highlight of my day.

Future plans: Moving to Soda Springs, Id in 2025



Billie Stokes

Final Assignment:
Child Nutrition at South
Ogden Jr High

Other Assignments:
Worked at Midland
Elementary with special
needs students and
playground duty.

Years of Service:
16 in Weber School District.

Memories: I really loved the kids and interacting with them every single day. Same with my

coworkers. I miss them. I remember working through Covid, and even though it was hard and crazy at times, it felt good that we were still able to feed the kids! I remember having to-go boxes all lined up all over the kitchen, then loading them into cars and taking them over to the school where they were handed out. Looking back it's amazing we could do all that.

Future plans: I retired in September and since then I have been hanging out with my husband and spending more time with my kids and grandkids. We want to travel more, and in the meantime we have gone camping and razor riding. Basically anywhere my family is where I am happy.



Jeri Whitehead

Final Assignment:
Title I Aide at Burch Creek Elementary

Other Assignments:
Playground Lady at Club Heights and Burch Creek. I helped with special needs and worked with some of the older kids with times

tables and reading. Over the years I worked with at least seven different principals.

Years of Service:
29 in Weber School District; 34 total.

Memories: I made lasting friendships over the years with so many great people that I worked with, and I loved playing with the kids on the playground. Those kids! I still see them out in the community and they remember me. I can more easily recognize their children sometimes because although the kids I knew grew up and became adults, their children look just like them when they were little. I can't believe how fast the time went. I started working at the school because after I dropped my kids off it was almost easier to stay there and work rather than go home and then come back again to pick them up later. Well flash forward in a quick blink, today my youngest is 37 and I'm retired! An interesting tidbit about why I am so fond of that school is Club Heights was MY elementary school when I was a kid. I remember

back then there was no school library so Mrs. Burrows, our librarian, had a cart full of books and she would push it down the hallways so each class could come out in the hall and checkout a book right there from her cart. She would stamp the card and we could take our book back to our classroom until the next week. I watched all the changes and growth, including the addition of a real library. It's where I went to school, where my children went to school, and where I worked my whole career. I helped with the transition from Club Heights to the new Burch Creek and then watched as they tore down Club Heights. My whole experience with schools has been so positive that even after retirement I still volunteer in Davis County at my grandson's school. It's hard to pick just a few favorite memories because they have all been great memories.

Future plans: My husband and I have a trip planned to Texas this year. We are going to a baby blessing for my great, great nephew in Midland and Lubbock. We intend to tour some temples on our way back home. He retires in a couple of years, and then the real traveling begins. We'll never be home!



Marilyn Woolf

Final Assignment:
Librarian at Burch Creek Elementary

Other Assignments:
Librarian at Club Heights Elementary

Years of Service:
22 in Weber School District.

Memories: Thank you for 22 years at the best job in the school!

OTHER CERTIFIED TEACHER RETIREES



Janet Biard
Certified Teacher



Jennifer Bauschard
Certified Teacher



Sherlene Brenchley
Certified Teacher



Shelly Burke
Certified Teacher



Amy Ellis
Certified Teacher



Nancy Hale
Certified Teacher



Peggy Harding
Certified Teacher



Jill Lunceford
Certified Teacher



Laura Moriarty Hillis
Certified Teacher



Robert Stoffers
Certified Teacher

OTHER CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE RETIREES



Todd Bennett
Classified Employee



Lisa Grint
Classified Employee



Gay Grose
Classified Employee



Teresa Nielson
Classified Employee



Jamie Russell
Classified Employee



Jerry Russell
Classified Employee



Elise Summers
Classified Employee



Lisa Smith
Classified Employee



Myron Turner III
Classified Employee



Ann Windsor
Classified Employee

Diane Hall
Classified Employee

David Tuveson
Classified Employee

YEARS OF SERVICE

45 Max William Barker

35 Mary K Beus
Gordon Bennett Burton
Joelee Taylor
Teena D Wallace
Arron Petersen Wheeler

30 Hugo Alarcon Jr
N Geoffrey Anderson
Janet Baird
Amy E Boden
Angela Bulloch
Herbert Clayton Dyer
Charlene Olney Fischer
Susan M Gossling
Robert Steven Griffey
Boyd Norman Hansen
Janice G Hill
Julie Hodson
Susan Jorgensen
Michelle Kirby
Sandra Kay Kriger
Wendy Nelson Long
Jeffrey A Lowe
Merlin Kirk Ottley
Lori A Parker
Teri Lyn Parslow
Lisa Ann Perry
Jennie Kleyn Pollock
Russell L Porter
Riko Randy Reese
Janene Salt
Shellie Anne Scroggins
Cherrie Annette Smith
Shaundell Y Smith
Mary Jo Williams
Joseph Martin Windsor

25 Christopher Lee Adams
Todd Jared Anderson
Douglas Brian Barker
Cody Glenn Barnes
Sharon Kay Brown
Kallee Marie Carrigan
Kim J Chadwick
Deborah K Debeer
Hillary Kathryn Finder
Eric Lee Greenhalgh
Amy Hall
Julie Ann Hawks
Kristie Ann Herzog
Heather Helquist Hofmann
Jolynne G Kotter
Kevan Tory Larsen
Ferron Dell Lister
Hollie Loveless
M Crystal Louise anning
Keri Lyn Meyerhoffer
Nikkole Morse
Claudette Nielsen
Michelle Fronk Parslow
Amy M Peters
Deborah Ann Pippin
Alan Byron Rawlins
Laura B Rhees
Carolyn Ann Robertson
Steven E Short
Lori Valoy Spell
Rita Lynn Stevens
Joanne Florence Thompson
Melanie B Tingey
Patricia Ann Warner
Widdison Deann
Windsor Ann Davis

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