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WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
– Nelson Mandela



2026 Retirement Newsletter

EDUCATOR PROFESSIONALS



Maureen Allen

Final Assignment:
Roy Elementary 6th grade

Other Assignments:
I've taught 1st, 3rd, and 6th grades. Three years at Municipal Elementary and the rest at Roy Elementary. Before teaching, I started as an aid in the English Department at Sand Ridge Jr. High.

Years of Service:
30 in Weber School District | 30 Total

Memories: There are so many favorite memories, but some of my favorite things about teaching are when they shyest student in class starts to gain confidence and gets excited to raise their hand an answer questions and the relationships we teachers make as teammates, supporting one another through the best and worst days.

Future Plans: I'm still trying to figure out what I want to do when I grow up. I plan to spend a lot of time with my grandchildren, having fun doing or not doing whatever comes up, a little travelling with my sweetheart, and a lot of mid week lunch dates with good friends.



Kristie Andersen

Final Assignment:
Speech/Language Technician at Country View Elementary, West Haven, Utah

Other Assignments:
Club Heights, Morgan School District

Years of Service:
23 in Weber School District | 24 Total

Memories: My youngest of five had just marched off to kindergarten... and suddenly I was wondering "what in the world am I supposed to do now?" So, like any highly sophisticated job seeker of the time, I grabbed the newspaper—yes, an actual paper with ink—and flipped to the "employment" section (basically LinkedIn, but with more smudges).

And then—there it was. An ad from Ann Miller saying Weber School District needed Speech Pathologists... and would accept those with just a Bachelor's Degree. I remember thinking, Wait... what?! I don't need a Master's Degree for my dream job?

I applied, got the job (still not convinced they knew what they were getting), and started at Club Heights. That first year, I worked alongside Lora Shinney, a wonderful special education teacher who saved me from many "what am I doing?" moments, where we did IEPs without computers. Then came Country View, where I would spend the last 21 years of my 24-year career. I LOVE the people at Country View. So dedicated! So fun!

What started as "I need something to do" became something so much more. It became a blessing—especially when life took an unexpected turn and I went through a divorce. My job wasn't just meaningful; it was necessary. It supported me and gave me purpose when I needed it most.

And oh, the people. The kids—my favorite. There is nothing like celebrating their progress, laughing at their honesty, and being part of those small victories that feel like miracles. The administrators, teachers and staff—some of the very best. I've learned so much from watching them and made friendships that will last forever.

As I step away, I know what I'll miss: the kids, the laughter, the progress, and the people... and maybe even those old newspaper ads that helped shape my life.

Future Plans: Spending more time with grandkids, kids, siblings, parents, friends... more time in the mountains skiing and hiking... and volunteering for my church and community.



Malauna Anderson

Final Assignment:
West Weber Elementary School Counselor

Other Assignments:
Teaching jobs at West Weber then Kanesville Elementary. School Counselor at Silver Ridge and West Weber.

Years of Service:
25 in Weber School District | 25 Total

Memories: I have loved teaching and connecting with so many students and I have worked with the most amazing people. I will miss them all tremendously.

Future Plans: I have thought long and hard about how to answer the question "what are my plans for the future" honestly I don't know but I'm excited about the possibilities. I might try my hand at golfing, pickle ball, hiking, baking, or crafting. Who knows maybe I'll be busy becoming TikTok famous for my "Retired Educator Life Hacks". But most of all I am excited to spend my time with my favorite people, my family, they are my happy place.



Sharon Brown

Final Assignment:
North Ogden Elementary 5th grade North Ogden

Other Assignments:
Valley View

Years of Service:
27 in Weber School District | 27 Total

Memories: Looking back on my teaching career, my favorite memories are the moments when students truly connected with what they were learning and began to believe in themselves. Whether it was seeing a struggling student finally grasp a difficult concept or watching a class come together in excitement during a lesson, those experiences were incredibly rewarding. I especially cherish the relationships I built with my students—the laughter, the shared stories, and the growth we experienced together. I am also deeply grateful for the wonderful people I had the opportunity to work with, whose support and collaboration made my journey even more meaningful. Those everyday moments of encouragement, curiosity, and progress are what made my time in the classroom so meaningful.

Future Plans: My future plans are defiantly to spend more time traveling with my husband and spending more time with our family. Becoming a Guber (Grandma Uber) is also in the plans. I haven't really figured out the rest, but I am excited for this new chapter in my life and look forward to the wonderful opportunities that life has to offer.



Mrs. Butler

Delene Butler

Final Assignment:
H. Guy Child 6th Grade teacher

Other Assignments:
Second Grade Teacher T.O. Smith Elementary

Years of Service:
20 in Weber School District | 20 Total

Memories: Though teaching was emotional, euphoric, enlightening, and exhausting, it was rewarding. Once in a while I would receive a "pay day" when former students would return and tell me, such things as, "I owe you my love for academia," or "I hated school until I had you for a teacher." Those pay days made teaching worth all the effort.

Future Plans: My future plans include more time traveling, quilting and spending time with family.



Bret Craynor

Final Assignment:
Principal - Wahlquist Jr. High

Other Assignments:
Math teacher Wahlquist Jr. High. 11 years, Administrative intern South Ogden Jr. High 1 year, Assistant Principal Bonneville High School 3 years, Assistant Principal Wahlquist Jr. High 4 years, Assistant Principal Fremont High School 2 years, Principal Rocky Mountain Jr. High 6 years, Principal Wahlquist Jr. High 3 years.

Years of Service:
30 in Weber School District | 30 Total

Memories: Looking back at my 30 years in the district, it's the people who really stick with me more than anything else. A huge piece of my heart stays at Wahlquist, where I spent 18 incredible years of my career. Whether we were grinding through a lesson in the classroom or pushing through a tough practice on the field, seeing the kids grow and succeed was always the best part of the job. I was lucky enough to work with some amazing administrative teams and faculty who felt more like family than coworkers. At the end of the day, the wins and the lesson plans were great, but it's the friendships and the community we built together that I'll value most. Once an Eagle, always an Eagle!

Future Plans: Now, my focus shifts from the school bells to the red dirt of Southern Utah. My retirement plan is simple, wake up every morning, kiss my beautiful wife, and ask her what our adventure is for the day. One day it might be working the farm, and the next it might be grabbing our passports and heading where the wind blows us. I'm ready to dust off the fishing pole, resight in the rifle, and rediscover the hobbies I left behind. Most importantly, I'll be chasing grandkids and supporting my children in all their endeavors. I can't wait to head down to my farm in Southern Utah—I know my grandparents would be so happy to see me finally slowing down and enjoying the land they left me. And who knows? We may even build another house or two while we're at it.



Mrs. Coy

Jody Coy

Final Assignment:
First Grade Teacher Valley Elementary

Other Assignments:
Second Grade Teacher T.O. Smith Elementary

Years of Service:
19 in Weber School District | 22 Total

Memories: It has been such a wonderful chapter of my life. I have truly enjoyed teaching in this community and feel grateful for the many years I spent in the classroom.

One of the best parts of my career has been the friendships I built with my amazing grade-level team. For many years it was Kathy Anderson (now retired), Michelle Thurston, and myself. While other wonderful colleagues joined us from time to time, the three of us became like family.

Over the years our classrooms were filled with traditions, and laughter. Some favorite memories include Apple Investigations, wearing gloves all day for two weeks in October while reading The Witches, Thanksgiving programs, the "Must Be Santa" sing-along, and Songbook—where we sang like rock stars so we could read like rock stars. There were snow play days with colored water, Silly Valentine smiles, "Eat Your Colors," reading and giving each child their own copy of Charlotte's Web, handing out brown "E's" on April Fools' Day, writing and performing operas, and the incredible Show and Teach presentations the children shared every May.

I was deeply honored to be nominated for Teacher of the Year and later received the "I Love Teaching Award." While those recognitions meant so much, I will always treasure the memories, the friendships, and the many wonderful students who passed through my classroom.

Future Plans: Looking ahead, My son Alex and his beautiful wife Jena are expecting a baby boy this spring I can hardly wait to become Grandma JoJo. My wonderful husband John and I are planning to travel. We are especially excited about a trip

to Antarctica in the fall of 2027 with our amazing daughter Amanda, as she completes her goal of traveling to all seven continents.

As much as I look forward to my retirement, I will miss teaching and all my friends at Valley very much.

“I won’t cry because it’s over, I will smile because it happened.” –Dr. Seuss

Actually, I will keep the Kleenex box close. It was a wonderful moment.

Cheers



Mrs. Crowther

Natalie Crowther

Final Assignment:
6th Grade Teacher Majestic Elementary

Other Assignments:
Granger Elementary 2 years - 5th grade, Cook Elementary 2 years - 6th grade, Clinton Elementary 5 years - 4th, 5th, 6th grade, Parkside 1 year - 6th grade, Majestic Elementary 5th grade 15 years, 6th grade 4 years (19 total years at Majestic).

Years of Service:
19 in Weber School District | 29 Total

Memories: After 29 years of teaching 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, it’s nearly impossible to pick just one favorite memory, they all blur together into this wonderful collage of laughter, learning, and life. I think back on Halloween parades and the fun of dressing up with my team, classroom transformations that turned ordinary lessons into adventures, like an “operating room” for practicing order of operations, or glow-in-the-dark math rotations that made numbers come alive. I’ve loved watching students light up during our “book tasting” parties, sampling new genres of books. I also have to add, there were a lot of treasures found in the coat room over the years, live chickens, cats, baby birds, snakes, and a baby...yes, you read that right. An actual baby. Crazy story!

The memories that stay closest to my heart aren’t just the big events, they’re the small, quiet moments. Cheering for students as they reach goals, celebrating milestones big and small, and sometimes just sitting with them through disappointment or loss. Teaching has been about so much more than lessons and grades, it’s been about people, growth, and connection. And those are the memories I’ll carry with me always.

Future Plans: My plans for the future include pursuing a career in travel as I have recently become a travel agent. I am excited about helping others plan memorable trips while also exploring new destinations myself. I will also be helping my daughters as we have recently purchased a hair salon that we are renovating, where they will be working. In the years ahead, I look forward to traveling more, spending time with my family, working on scrapbooks, reading books, and becoming a grandma someday. I am excited for this new chapter and the opportunities it will bring. I will miss my Majestic family more than I can say.



Holly Daines

Final Assignment:
Midland 6th Grade

Other Assignments:
Country View 6th

Years of Service:
20 in Weber School District | 25 total

Memories: I have loved teaching my students, past and present. I especially enjoyed helping students prepare for the STEM fairs and directing students in our annual end of year performances of Dig It.

I view my friends at Midland as chosen family and love my friends from Country View as well. I thank them for making my time at school an absolute joy!

Future Plans: Looking forward to spending time with grandkids and traveling as often as possible. I’ve recently begun ushering at several SLC theaters and have enjoyed many wonderful performances. Celebrating soon with my husband and friends by taking a retirement cruise to Alaska.



Mrs. Dills

Becky Dills

Final Assignment:
Principal at Municipal Elementary

Other Assignments:
I taught Kindergarten, 1st, and 3rd grades at Green Acres, Roosevelt, and Freedom Elementary. I served as a Reading Specialist and Instructional Coach at Freedom, before transitioning into leadership.

I was fortunate to learn the ropes of administration as an intern at West Haven, Municipal, and Orchard Springs. I served as Principal at both Orchard Springs and Municipal Elementary. Each of these schools and the communities within them have left a lasting mark on my life.

Years of Service:
30 in Weber School District | 30 Total

Memories: When I look back, my favorite memories aren't about specific events, but the amazing people I've worked with every day. These friendships have truly made me who I am, and I'm so grateful for every person who walked this path with me. Weber District isn't just where I worked—it's been my home, and it will always hold a huge piece of my heart.

Future Plans: I am most looking forward to rediscovering life at a slower pace with my family. My wonderful, supportive husband and I are so ready for this new chapter, and my incredible daughter and son-in-law are already helping the grandkids plan our summer adventures. It's going to be the kind of uninterrupted family time we haven't been able to have since I took on the busy schedule of a principal!

When I'm not chasing the grandkids around, you'll find us in our motorhome, traveling across the U.S. or relaxing at our favorite campsites like East Canyon Resort and Flaming Gorge. I'm also looking forward to spending many quiet hours in my flower garden, finally giving my favorite hobby the time and attention it deserves.



Shellie Drake

Final Assignment:
6th Grade Teacher West Weber Elementary

Other Assignments:
I have stayed at the same school for all my career. I have taught the 3rd, 4th and 6th grades

Years of Service:
34 in Weber School District | 34 Total

Memories: My best memories are of all the kids and the things we got to do together- getting snow thrown in my face while at the Environmental Center, helping kids learn how to swim, turkey shoot, law plays , the endless amount of "Hi Mrs. Drake!" and High Fives I get walking down the hallway, and visits from past students wanting to say "Hi!"

Future Plans: I hope to travel and do lots of art.



Jen Elzey

Final Assignment:
Special Education Teacher at Roy Junior High School/ Roy

Other Assignments:
In other districts: Elko Jr. High/Elko, NV; Edison Elementary/Ogden SD

Years of Service:
20 in Weber School District | 31 Total

Memories: End of the year party that my 9th graders threw for me 2 years ago. (My favorite group of kids in all my years of teaching).

Future Plans: Backpack, travel, sleep, pee whenever I want.



Mr. George

Kelly George

Final Assignment:
Teacher Roy Jr. High

Other Assignments:
Football coach, Track coach, asst. Volleyball coach, asst. Girls basketball coach

Years of Service:
22 in Weber School District | 22 total

Memories: Teaching and coaching amazing young people that have gone on to become awesome adults and parents.

Future Plans: Enjoy my beautiful grandchildren, watch my daughter play college softball, help out with our daycare, hang out with my beautiful wife and catch up on many, many years of missed hunting adventures.



Señora Larsen

Cami Gillman-Larsen

Final Assignment:
Spanish Teacher at Sand Ridge Junior High School

Other Assignments:
Math Teacher at Sand Ridge Junior High School; Spanish Teacher at Roy Junior High School; Spanish, French, and Art Teacher at Rocky Mountain Junior High School

Years of Service:
30 in Weber School District | 30 Total

Memories: My greatest joy has been the relationships I've built with my students and colleagues over the last 30 years. While I was working at Rocky Mountain, I had a group of boys secretly leave a window open to my portable so they could break in and decorate my room to celebrate my engagement. They had made a giant cruise ship out of butcher paper, and I couldn't be mad because they also had left me plenty of chocolate. We shared lots of food together during class, including piña coladas, chips and salsa, nachos, milkshakes, Carlota de limón, flan, chapulines (fried grasshoppers), Chupa Chups, and Maria's cookies. We also visited several restaurants on field trips, including Javier's and La Caille. La Caille was the highlight of the year for my French students, where we sampled escargot and everyone's favorite, banana flambé. At Sand Ridge, I taught both Spanish and math. I especially enjoyed working with small groups of math students, where they could experience those "aha moments" of greater understanding. I was also fortunate to coach track and be with students outside the classroom, helping them work toward and achieve their goals. We practiced using Spanish at Spanish Fairs at WSU, then at World Language Fairs held at the high schools in our district, and finally at Sand Ridge Park when the Roy Cone gathered to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. The greatest reward has been the love and support of my students and colleagues, and I thank them for helping me become a better person.

Future Plans: I plan to spend more time with my family, travel, ride my bike, hike, enjoy beautiful sunsets, and embrace gratitude for this journey. I'm still discovering what retirement holds, but I know it will involve plenty of time in nature and new adventures.



Ms. Hansen

Julie Hansen

Final Assignment:
7th-Grade ELA &
8th-Grade Reading

Years of Service:
13 in Weber School District | 28 Total

Future Plans: I intend to fill my days by playing music, sitting on the beach, spending time in my woodshop, and writing children's books.

Ms. Hansen

Susanne Hansen

Final Assignment:
Health/PE - Weber High

Other Assignments:
Weber High - Assistant AD, Head Volleyball, Assistant XC, Assistant Basketball. Canyon View Middle School. Head Volleyball, Basketball, Track. PE, Keyboarding, Science

Years of Service:
25 in Weber School District | 30 Total

Memories: Making some lifelong friends.

Future Plans: NOT waking up to an alarm!



Kenny Hokanson

Final Assignment:
Roy High School

Other Assignments:
Roy High School all 30 years

Years of Service:
30 in Weber School District | 30 Total

Future Plans: Work in personal woodshop at home and spend more time with wife, kids and grandkids.



Mrs. Jackson

Camille Jackson

Final Assignment:
ESL Teacher/Washington Terrace Elementary

Other Assignments:
5th Grade Teacher

Years of Service:
18 in Weber School District | 25 Total

Memories: I will remember watching my students become lifelong English speakers! Celebrating with them when they exit the program. Getting to know their stories and developing relationships with them and their families. I love it when I see some of my former students around the city and they still remember me fondly. I am grateful that I have been able to make their lives better in some small way. I have loved my time as an ESL Teacher at Washington Terrace Elementary and all of the wonderful people I have met along the way.

Future Plans: I plan to spend my time doing what is most important to me. I will focus on my family and other significant relationships, and try to make the world around me a better place. You will most likely see me at the park, the library, or a swimming pool with my 6 adorable grandsons!



LeAnn Jensen

Final Assignment:
Social Studies teacher at Orion Jr. High

Other Assignments:
My first year was at Rocky Mtn. Jr. High

Years of Service:
20 in Weber School District | 20 Total

Memories: I have loved sharing history with my students and helping them gain a love of history. I enjoyed getting students coming to my class at the beginning of school and having them tell me they didn't like history so much and at the end of the year,

having them tell me that history was their favorite class.

Other times I have received thank you notes and emails or ran into former students who told me thank you for all that I taught them and how much they liked my class. Those are the rewards of teaching for me.

I have enjoyed working with teachers at my school. I will really miss that interaction.

Future Plans: This will be a long list! I am looking forward to spending more time with my family, traveling with my daughter who travels the world, experimenting with a flower farm, mountain biking and other outside activities with my husband and catching up on my book reading (maybe even write one myself).



Mishy Kirby

Final Assignment:
Bonneville high school - Choir teacher

Other Assignments:
All of my time has been spent teaching choir & musical theatre at Bonneville high school

Years of Service:
32 in Weber School District | 32 Total

Memories: The “ah hah” moments during rehearsals.
Community performances.
Retreats, tours, singing at hospitals & care centers.
Every one of the 53 musicals I was involved with.
The incredible staff and admin at BHS over the last 32 years.
My relationships with my students.
The outstanding music educators I’ve met.
Singing our theme song For Good every year.
After every concert students, alumni and staff circle the auditorium and sing the school hymn (a tradition that was in place when I was a student at Bonneville high school in the 80’s.
These are just a few there are so many more.

Future Plans: I’m excited to spend more time with my family, hubby, mom & grandkids especially.

Also, traveling and seeing new places.



Mrs. Kilts

Tammy Kilts

Final Assignment:
Kindergarten Pioneer Elementary

Other Assignments:
Kindergarten Kanesville, Kindergarten North Park, Kindergarten Roy, Kindergarten at Paris Elementary in Bear Lake County.

Years of Service:
19 in Weber School District | 22 total

Memories: I have loved the magic of seeing children learn to read! My favorite memories are the love, hugs and smiles from children.

Future Plans: I look forward to a bit more relaxing, more time with grandchildren, walks in the sunshine, watching beach sunsets and walking on beautiful beaches while the waves splash on my feet.



Denise LeFevre

Final Assignment:
4th grade, Pioneer Elementary

Years of Service:
20 in Weber School District | 20 Total

Memories: There have been so many great kids and their parents that have impacted my life in a positive way over the years. I have especially enjoyed working with all of the wonderful teachers and staff at Pioneer. They truly are my second family.

Future Plans: I am looking forward to spending more quality time with my grandkids. My husband and I plan on traveling the world, and doing church service.



Karen Miller

Final Assignment:
Principal, Orchard Springs

Other Assignments:
Business Teacher, NOJH, Sand Ridge & Two Rivers, Adult Education Teacher, Elementary Counselor, North Ogden Elementary, Counselor, Orion, Student Services Coordinator, District Office.

Years of Service:
26 in Weber School District | 26 Total

Memories: While my career has spanned many roles, the heart of my experience has always been the people. I've been incredibly fortunate to work with colleagues who became lifelong friends and students who inspired me daily. Finishing my 26-year journey as a Principal at Orchard Springs feels like the perfect final chapter. I will deeply miss the energy, the hugs, and the high-fives from the kids who reminded me every morning why this work matters.

Future Plans: I'm excited to visit my children and grandchildren. And spending every day with my sweetheart of a husband.



Clyde Moore

Final Assignment:
Assistant Superintendent

Other Assignments:
Teacher/coach at Ben Lomond HS, Principal at Mt. Ogden JHS, Assistant Principal at Ogden HS, Assistant Principal at Roy HS, Principal at Sand Ridge JHS, Assistant Director of Secondary Schools for WSD and Assistant Superintendent.

Years of Service:
12 in Weber School District | 42 Total; 36 in URS

Memories: There are so many! This has been one of the greatest adventures of my life. I have had the privilege of working with the finest and best humans. I have loved being part of great teams and meeting students and teachers where we are and creating an environment where they thrive and are able to reach their fullest potential, by building relationships and practices that are sustainable long after I am no longer there. This has been better than my biggest dream more than 35 years ago. I am proud of the great work we have been able to do together and I am confident that great work will continue. My love and friendship will always remain.

Future Plans: All about family. Spend more time with my wife, kids and grandkids. This is such a unique and exciting step that offers so many opportunities and new adventures. I'm looking forward to stepping into it and figuring it out.



Mindy Nish

Final Assignment:
FCS Teacher at Bonneville High

Other Assignments:
SpEd teacher at Rocky Mountain Jr., FCS Teacher at Rocky Mountain Jr.

Years of Service:
21 in Weber School District | 21 total

Memories: I was raised in Weber County, attending NO Elem, NOJH, and Weber High School alongside my sisters. Education has been a lifelong connection for our family—our four children also attended schools in the Weber School District, and I have had the privilege of teaching here. My favorite memories are with my students—their "aha" moments, their desire to succeed, and the meaningful connections built over the years. I have loved being part of programs like Little Lakers, FCCLA, Educators Rising, Student Gov, as well as extracurricular activities and field trips that brought learning to life. I have also cherished watching my own children grow and succeed academically and athletically- and now our grandchildren.

I am grateful for the incredible colleagues who have become lifelong friends and for the many experiences this career has given me.

Future Plans: Cancer is not a death sentence, but it has helped me focus on what matters most—living in the moment and treasuring time with those I love! We are excited to welcome our 10th grandchild this fall, and I look forward to traveling and serving with my husband and best friend, Martin, and spending time with our extended family and friends.

I have truly loved this chapter of learning and teaching and look forward with gratitude and anticipation to what the next chapter will bring.



Mrs. Ortegon

Amy Ortegon

Final Assignment:
Majestic Elementary

Other Assignments:
Started at Walquist Jr. High, West Haven Elementary, Canyon View, West Weber, Majestic

Years of Service:
14 in Weber School District | 23 Total

Memories: Being a teacher is equal parts exhausting and rewarding. It's not just about lessons and grades, but about building relationships, encouraging confidence, and celebrating those small "aha" moments when something finally clicks. Even on the tough days, knowing your have tried you best to make a difference in a child life makes it all worthwhile.

Future Plans: In retirement, I look forward to spending more quality time with my husband on the golf course and enjoying the slower pace that comes with this new chapter of our lives. I am especially excited to have more time with our adult children and grandchildren, creating memories and being there for life's special moments. We also plan to spend many relaxing days at our mountain property in Lava Hot Springs, enjoying the beauty and peace it brings.



Mr./Coach Porter

Glen Porter

Final Assignment:
School Counselor / South Ogden Jr.

Years of Service:
26 in Weber School District | 5 Juvenile Justice

Memories: All of the students I have met and coached over my 26 years in the district.

Future Plans: Travel with my wife. Spend time with my family/kids and grandkids. Serve a Mission with my wife for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Enjoy whatever happens in my future.



Mrs. Rabe

Betty Rabe

Final Assignment:
Kindergarten Teacher, Burch Creek

Other Assignments:
Club Heights

Years of Service:
12 in Weber School District | 19 Total

Memories: Oh Kindergarten, a world of like no other in education. A magical place where tooth fairies and Santa still exist. Where tools for teaching include blocks, playdough and pipe cleaners. The space where little people learn how to raise a hand, ask for help, respect others, and build confidence. No doubt about the usefulness of the alphabet or numbers, the foundation for all learning to come. There is pleasure in bumping into former students, asking them if they still know how to write their name and count to 100. Without hesitation, the reward is a smile and a resounding yes.

Future Plans: It will be great to have more time for family, volunteer work, gardening, quilting, and travel.



Mrs. Rountree

Stacy Rountree

Final Assignment:
Principal - Lakeview Elementary

Other Assignments:
1st grade and 5th grade teacher at Kanesville, Elementary for 15 years, Behavior Coordinator for the district for 3 years, administrator at Midland Elementary for 4 years and Lakeview for 3 years.

Years of Service:
25 in Weber School District | 25 Total

Memories: My time as an educator in the Weber School District has been filled with moments that have shaped not only my career, but my heart.

One of my favorite memories will always be taking our 5th graders to the Environmental Center and staying overnight with them. There is something so special about seeing students outside the classroom walls—watching them explore, problem-solve, laugh with their friends, and gain confidence in ways that textbooks can't teach. The late-night conversations, the early morning excitement, and the responsibility they learned during that experience created bonds and memories that none of us will ever forget.

Beyond the field trips and big events, it's the daily work that has meant the most. Watching students learn and truly light up when they realize they've grown—academically, socially, or emotionally—is the greatest reward. Seeing a struggling reader gain confidence, a hesitant student raise their hand for the first time, or a child beam with pride after mastering a new skill reminds me why this work matters so deeply.

Some of my proudest moments have come from supporting students who struggle with behavior. Learning the tools, strategies, and systems to help them be successful—and then watching it click for them—has been incredibly meaningful. When a student begins to believe in themselves, regulate their emotions, and experience success in ways they never thought possible, it changes everything. Those victories, big and small, are unforgettable

Equally important are the colleagues who have become like family. The friendships built in hallways, team meetings, and long days of collaboration have made even the hardest seasons worthwhile. The laughter, shared challenges, and mutual support created a community that made coming to work each day something to look forward to. Education is never a solo effort, and I have been blessed to work alongside people who care deeply about kids and about one another.

The memories I hold from Weber School District are not just about lessons taught—they are about lives touched, relationships built, and growth witnessed every single day. Those are the moments that stay with me.

Future Plans: My plans for the future are centered around slowing down and soaking in the moments that matter most. I look forward to spending intentional, unhurried time with my family—being fully present and enjoying the simple, meaningful moments together. I am especially excited to enjoy the peace and quiet at our home in Saint Anthony. There is something restorative about the calm, the open spaces, and the slower pace of life there. It feels like a place where I can truly breathe, reflect, and recharge. I will also be traveling more, exploring new places, and hike beautiful trails that I haven't yet had time to experience. After years of pouring so much into my work and into others, I'm looking forward to doing the things that fill my own cup—adventures outdoors, new destinations internationally, and embracing opportunities that once had to wait. This next chapter is about balance, gratitude, and enjoying the freedom to do all the things I've hoped to do.



Mrs. Smith

Shauna Smith

Final Assignment:
First Grade Teacher/Plain City Elementary

Other Assignments:
Preschool Teacher/ Cornerstone Preschool, and Kindergarten Teacher/ Plain City Elementary

Years of Service:
22 in Weber School District | 38 Total

Memories: I spent 13 adventurous years teaching Kindergarten. One of my favorite memories is our field trip to the Nature Center in the winter and watching 5 year olds try to maneuver in snow shoes! My last nine years have been in First Grade, and the adventures have continued. My favorite memories are: seeing the excitement in their eyes during a science experiment, hearing their voices reading a story with expression, tasting the chocolate candy they like to share with me, and feeling the gentle side-hug as they whisper “you’re the best teacher ever!”

Future Plans: I have six amazing grandchildren and I am looking forward to spending more time with them! As a family we enjoy hiking, biking, kayaking and vacationing together. Now I will be able to do those activities without the stress of making lesson plans. I’m very excited for this new adventure to begin!



Shaundell Smith

Final Assignment:
Sand Ridge Junior High - Library Technology Specialist

Other Assignments:
South Ogden Junior High - 6 years. English, Reading, CTE, FACS. Sand Ridge Junior High - English, Reading, CTE, FACS.

Years of Service:
32 in Weber School District | 32 Total

Memories: Teaching students who have been excited and willing to learn and seeing their faces when they understand important concepts. Sharing my love of reading and the wonderful conversations about books and authors with students and colleagues. Serving on the state committee for the Children’s Literature Association of Utah and having two books I nominated win the state title. With an English 9 Honors class, having white elephant gift exchange where every gift started with the letter “f”; being gifted a “fish” and then having a “fish funeral” with the class when Trish the Fish died two weeks later. Teaching my own two children who attended school at Sand Ridge. Building lasting friendships with colleagues.

Future Plans: Spending more time with my sweet little grandbabies and my aging parents. Traveling to the East Coast this summer for the 250th USA Anniversary and an Alaskan cruise next summer. Sleeping in daily if I want to and not feeling guilty! Reading books that I want to read rather than reading for the multiple book clubs that we had at Sand Ridge. Being called to a service mission for my church. Scrapbooking. Sewing projects. Practicing the piano and organ. Hiking. Surprising my husband with home cooked meals on a regular basis.



Marjean Swanson

Final Assignment:
5th grade at Bates Elementary

Other Assignments:
3rd - 6th grades at Bates Elementary and Mendoza Elementary in Mesa, AZ

Years of Service:
20 in Weber School District | 38 Total

Memories: I have been blessed to work with creative, kind, wicked smart colleagues, who have become dear friends.

I'm grateful for the support and confidence my mentors had in me to further my educational goals and passion projects like: a masters degree, STEM endorsement, murals, playground design, archeology field trips, oceanography field trips, and many, many years of patriotic pageants.

Mostly, I treasure the relationships developed with students that allowed them SHINE personally, creatively, and academically.

Future Plans: As a lifelong learner I'm excited to continue learning about the world through travel and reading. I'll be painting, drawing, skiing, working as a docent somewhere I can continue to help kids experience the world in new ways, playing with friends.



Hope Thorpe

(Formally Bruggink)

Final Assignment:
Second Grade at Valley Elementary

Other Assignments:
I have also worked in Michigan and Colorado.

Years of Service:
19 in Weber School District | 30 Total

Memories: I loved working with the teachers, students, and families in the Valley.

Future Plans: I was recently married. I look forward to spending time with my new husband! I also plan to volunteer through my church, hang out with family and friends, hike, kayak, and read.



Sra. Torres

Joyce Torres

Final Assignment:
3rd Grade Dual Immersion - Majestic Elementary

Other Assignments:
2nd Grade Dual Immersion - T.O. Smith, Ogden, Utah; Esc. Elem. José Fernández Rubial, Corozal, Puerto Rico

Years of Service:
11 in Weber School District | 26 total

Memories: Watching the journey of these Majestic students from their first "Holas" to full conversations in 6th grade has been the highlight of my time in Utah. These kids have truly filled my heart, and I loved sharing my Boricua culture with them. I am truly honored to have been part of this familia and leave with a heart full of memories.

Un agradecimiento especial a mi esposo, el Sr. García, quien siempre ha sido mi faro de luz y un ejemplo de dedicación para todos. Gracias a las familias por su confianza y a todo el personal docente y administrativo por su apoyo constante. Un reconocimiento muy especial a mi equipo de tercer grado: Sra. Gil, Sra. Mower y Sra. Weston. Gracias por trabajar con tanto corazón. Y un mensaje muy especial para mi compañera de siempre, la Sra. Swenson; gracias por trabajar con tanto corazón y por ser, por encima de todo, mi amiga.

Sigan siempre adelante, hablen siempre con orgullo y mis mejores deseos para el futuro! Como siempre digo... ¡Wepa

Future Plans: ¡Emocionada por lo que viene! Espero pasar mucho más tiempo con mi familia, especialmente con Jaime y Nick, y retomar mis pinceles para la acuarela. Es hora de un nuevo lienzo y no puedo esperar a ver qué trae el futuro.

So excited for what's next! I'm looking forward to more time with my family, especially Jaime and Nick, and picking up my watercolor brushes again. It's time for a new canvas, and I can't wait to see what the future brings!



Mrs. Williams

Christy Williams

Final Assignment:
5th Grade Teacher/Valley View Elementary

Other Assignments:
I began my teaching career at Farr West Elementary (1996–1997), teaching first grade. I then joined Valley View Elementary, where I spent 29 years. I taught first grade (8 years), fourth grade (11 years), including five split classes (four 4th/5th, one 3rd/4th), and spent the final 10 years teaching fifth grade.

Years of Service:
30 in Weber School District | 30 Total

Memories: One of my greatest joys in teaching was the relationships I built with my students over the years—something I will always treasure. I loved watching them grow, gain confidence, and discover their strengths. Some of my favorite memories came from the everyday moments—laughing together, celebrating successes, and working through challenges. I also loved creating fun classroom traditions and special activity days that made learning exciting. Teaching was more than a career for me; it was a truly rewarding and meaningful journey.

Future Plans: I look forward to spending more time with my family, enjoying new experiences, and embracing this next chapter of life. I am excited for new opportunities to create, explore, and grow my business. I also look forward to traveling and making meaningful memories, while carrying with me the memories from a career I truly loved.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS



Melanie Bateman

Final Assignment:
Kanesville Elementary

Years of Service:
31 in Weber School District | 31 Total

Memories: After 31 wonderful years it's hard to find the words to express what my time at Kanesville Elementary has meant to me. When I first walked in to Kanesville over three decades ago, I could never have imagined the thousands of little faces I would come to know, the families I would grow to care about, and the friendships I would build along the way. I will always treasure the laughter, the chaos of busy days, the holiday celebrations, the love that has been shown to me, the celebrity status I feel when students run into me at the grocery store and even the unexpected challenges that made each day unique. I have considered Kanesville Elementary my second home and the amazing people that I have been fortunate enough to work with family.

Future Plans: When I got my job at Kanesville Elementary at 25 I thought it would be perfect, I could retire at 55 and stay retired. I know now that 55 is a little early. I plan on finding another job, maybe one that is a little less chaotic. I plan to spend time with my husband, kids and grandbabies camping, hiking and just playing. I can maybe travel and not have to work around payroll days and purchasing card due dates. My plan is to enjoy this new chapter in my life and love what I am doing.



Mrs. Beyeler

Jodi Beyeler

Final Assignment:
Para/acadience/Valley View Elementary

Years of Service:
21 in Weber School District | 21 Total

Memories: All the funny retells I got when testing! When they read a word wrong and then retell with that, it gets pretty amusing!

Future Plans: Hopefully travel! Spend time with family.



Linda Brown

Final Assignment:
Weber High School Copy Room/Chromebook Specialist

Other Assignments:
FACT program at Roy Elementary, Copy Room at Rocky Mountain Jr. High, CTE office at Roy High, Writing Lab, Testing Coordinator, Library aide, Copy Room/ Chromebook Specialist at Weber High.

Years of Service:
25 in Weber School District | 26 Total

Memories: There are so many good memories over the last 25 years it's hard to settle on a few. I really enjoyed working with the elementary students in the F.A.C.T. program when I first started in the district. At Rocky Mountain we had a group we ate lunch with that made us laugh everyday. Weber High has done a lot of fun activities for the teachers throughout the year especially during the Christmas season. Raising money for Quarters and Cans, door decorating, secret santa, silent auction. There is always something happening to help the teachers and staff have some fun and get to know each other. I think the best part is to watch the students

grow and mature throughout their high school years and then after graduation seeing what they have done with their lives. It has been a very rewarding 25 years.

Future Plans: Do whatever I want. Work in my yard, spend time with grandkids and friends. I have a lot of hobbies I will now have time for.



Jeanenne Chadwick

Final Assignment:
Secondary Head Administrative Assistant at Wahlquist Jr. High

Other Assignments:
I began my career in the Weber School District at Roy Jr. High as a part-time nutrition worker. I later transitioned to Rocky Mountain Jr. High in a full-time nutrition role before finding my home at Wahlquist Jr. High, where I served as the Assistant Secretary.

Years of Service:
34 in Weber School District | 34 Total

Memories: Starting out at Roy Jr. High with my Aunt Pam was such a special way to begin my 34-year career. I also loved the time I spent working with my sister, Laurie, at Rocky Mountain. I've been truly blessed with fantastic administrators and colleagues throughout the district, and the friendships I've made at Wahlquist have made my career truly complete.

Future Plans: My next chapter begins with a two-week cruise through Europe with my husband! Afterward, I plan to trade my morning alarm for time in the yard and walks with my dogs. I look forward to dedicating my time to my children and 21 grandchildren, more trips with my husband, and traveling with loved ones. I'm excited to finally enjoy my summers off and embrace a slower, more adventurous pace of life.



Sherie Charlesworth

Final Assignment:
Accountant, District Office

Years of Service:
26 in Weber School District | 26 Total

Memories: I loved working with all the amazing secretaries and bookkeepers. I really admired their patience and kindness toward all the students.

Future Plans: I'm looking forward to more travel, volunteering with animals, and catching up on my yard work. I'd like my yard to look more like Better Homes and Gardens.



Susan Childress

Final Assignment:
Administrative Assistant Hooper Elementary

Other Assignments:
Para professional at Hooper Elementary

Years of Service:
20 in Weber School District | 20 Total

Future Plans: My plans for retirement are simple~ Unlimited Montana mountain sunsets, and time well spent with the ones I love!



Joy Ekstrom

Final Assignment:
H. Guy Child

Other Assignments:
Roy High School

Years of Service:
15 in Weber School District | 15 Total

Memories: I have really enjoyed growing as a kitchen manager. I have loved seeing all the students grow as well. There have also been great friendships built with the staff.

Future Plans: To explore more of the beautiful country we live in.



Charlene Fischer

Final Assignment:
Child Nutrition Unit Manager at Farr West Elementary

Other Assignments:
32 years at Farr West Elementary, 25 years as a lunch lady, 7 years as manager

Years of Service:
32 in Weber School District | 32 Total

Memories: There have been so many memories over 32 years. Some of them are...

Working with the great people, past and present, at Farr West Elementary, especially the ladies in the kitchen who become your work family. Through preparing, cooking, serving and cleaning and helping each other, we become a team that cares for each other and those we serve.
The students make you smile! They can be kind, funny and caring. There are so many who say thank you everyday!

It's fun to see former students come back to be employees at Farr West. You see how they have grown up and realize how old you are...lol

It was nice to work for a time at the same school with my brother and my son who were both teachers at Farr West.

During the craziness of COVID we worked for a while at two other schools to make and serve sack lunches. It was nice to get to know other cooks and learn new ideas from them.

So many fun times plus hard times. So many changes from equipment to nutritional guidelines. So many meals and dishes...lol. So many great principals, secretaries and district directors and coordinators. So many good people! I will always remember my time at Farr West! Goooo Falcons!

Future Plans: Every summer during retirement practice, I always find things to do to keep busy. I plan on staying busy and focus on family and my health. Camping and fishing are part of the plan. Going on adventures, relaxing and not getting up at 4:45 am every weekday will take some getting use to but I'm willing to try :)



Cindy Hancock

Final Assignment:
Weber Bus Driver

Years of Service:
26 in Weber School District | 26 Total

Memories: I have engaged with many special need children that are true giants and I have a deep love for this world and the families caring for the children.

Future Plans: Enjoy time with my Husband making good memories.



Mrs. Hansen

Lillian Hansen

Final Assignment:
El Valley View Elementary

Years of Service:
25 in Weber School District | 28 Total

Memories: The students and all the great friends I have made throughout the years!

Future Plans: Travel, spend time with family and friends



Ms. Tina

Tina Hood

Final Assignment:
Uintah Elementary

Years of Service:
21 in Weber School District | 21 Total

Memories: Watching my students grow and learn. Making lifelong friends.

Future Plans: Enjoy time with my family!



Julie Mattson

Final Assignment:
Bonneville High School, Counseling Administrative Assistant

Other Assignments:
I've been at Bonneville High School my entire career

Years of Service:
28 in Weber School District | 28 Total

Memories: My favorite memories during my career have been getting to know the wonderful high-school students at Bonneville High School. I particularly enjoyed being an advisor of the peer leader program we had here for many years. It gave me a great opportunity to get to know the students better and to help incoming new students feel welcomed at our school. The Peer Leader program was a great program to get students involved in helping other students. It helped create lasting friendships and gave students leadership opportunities. The parents of our students are also top notch! I loved working with my incredible co-workers in the counseling office and the staff and teachers at Bonneville. So many great memories from the annual snowball competition to the Secret Santa and all the other great activities at our school. I have made lifetime friends from this incredible school. Another priceless memory has been being involved with our Memorial Scholarships and families. I've developed lasting friendships with our Memorial Scholarship families that I will forever hold close to my heart.

Future Plans: My future plans include traveling and seeing more of our beautiful world. I also plan on spending a lot of time with my incredible family and my grandson, Atlas.



Ms. Marty Roskelley

Marty Roskelley

Final Assignment:
Head Administrative Assistant North Ogden Jr. High

Other Assignments:
4 yrs. Head Administrative Assistant at North Ogden Jr. High; 16 yrs. Office Aide at North Ogden Jr. High; 21 yrs Child Nutrition (culinary art specialist) at North Ogden Jr. High.

Years of Service:
41 in Weber School District | 41 Total

Memories: After 41 wonderful years at this school and Weber School District, it is bittersweet to say goodbye to a work family I truly love. There is nothing quite like the adventure of a school day where no two days are ever alike. I've cherished every moment, from baking fresh bread at 4 am as everyone's favorite lunch lady, to the first aid specialist running down the hall with my administration to assist with an injured student, to the secretary who has been blessed to see thousands of smiles as I greeted students and faculty members each day.

Serving the students and families of NOJH has been an honor and privilege as well being able to watch my own children and grandchildren walk these halls. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside so many amazing people and the lasting friendships I have made.

It is a special gift to see former students and faculty return as successful professionals, knowing I played a small part in their journey. Though I will truly miss every one of you, I will carry these memories with me :)

Future Plans: While my heart is heavy to leave, I am ready to trade my desk for the open road, riding Harleys with my sweet husband and embracing every camping, hiking, and river rafting adventure ahead. Most of all, I'm looking forward to soaking up every moment with my 3 children and their wonderful spouses, 17 grandchildren and 3 1/2 great grandchildren as I begin this next new chapter :)



Mrs. Spencer

Andraya Spencer

Final Assignment:
Behavior Aide Orchard Springs Elementary

Other Assignments:
Orchard Springs Elementary as a behavior Aide doing now and recess aide and reading aide, Midland Elementary Life skills aide, and cook, Roy Elementary life skills aide and custodian a cook & Transportation as a bus aide 2012 – Present.

Years of Service:
13 in Weber School District | 13 Total

Memories: All of the kids that I have worked with or helped and watch them grow.

Future Plans: A lot of time with my 9 grandkids, time with my sisters, and my family. Most of all time to play with my flowers in my yard.



Lorie Smith

Final Assignment:
Serving the children lunch at Sandrige Jr. High school in Roy, Utah

Other Assignments:
I started subbing at other schools in the lunch rooms. I have worked at Sandrige for 20 years

Years of Service:
20 in Weber School District | 20 Total

Memories: Working with my mom during my first few years and getting to know some of the children as I served them food.

Future Plans: Not sure about the future. Maybe hanging out with family and good friends



Tammy Wardle

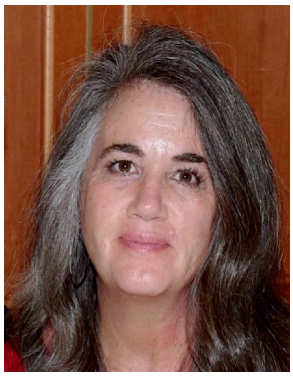
Final Assignment:
Office Assistant at Country View Elementary

Other Assignments:
Midland Elementary for 1 year as a classroom aide, and 23 years at Municipal Elementary as a playground supervisor, classroom aide, and office aide.

Years of Service:
33 in Weber School District | 33 Total

Memories: I have lots of fond memories. From a student who came to school adorned in her mom's very expensive rings, to the student who came to school barefoot, because he just lived across the street. There are some students whom I love dearly, and will miss when I am retired. I have worked with so many wonderful people over the years, and I am grateful for all that I have learned from each of them.

Future Plans: After 33 years of taking care of other peoples children, it is time to take care of me. I am going to catch up on my reading, finish some craft projects, spend lots of time with my family and my dog, Maggie. I also plan to sleep in, and take a few trips.



DeAnn Widdison

Final Assignment:
Child Nutrition Department

Other Assignments:
Bates, North Park, Lakeview and Custodial Services

Years of Service:
27.5 in Weber School District | 27.5 Total

Memories: I really enjoyed the kids when I worked in the schools and I love it when they recognize me out in public. It was a pleasure working with the dedicated custodians and nutrition workers in the schools and I will cherish all the friendships I have made of the years!

Future Plans: Cruising with my hubby!

OTHER EDUCATOR PROFESSIONALS



Denice Baldree
Certified Teacher



Stacy Bardin
Certified Teacher



David Bell
Certified Teacher



Corie Claycomb
Certified Teacher



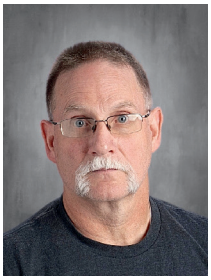
David Creager
Certified Teacher



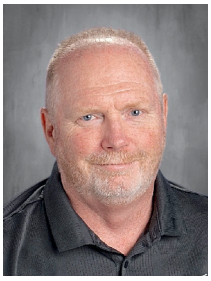
Lori Criswell
Certified Teacher



Brenda Day
Certified Teacher



Anthony De Sandre
Certified Teacher



Mark Hansen
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Kenneth Huddelston
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Jan Lamar
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Michele Payton
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Keith Quigley
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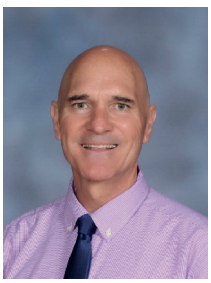

Hal Raymond
Certified Teacher



Marci Smith
Certified Teacher



Suzanne Wride
Certified Teacher

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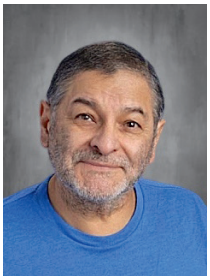
Janae Adam
Classified Employee



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Shawn Bailey
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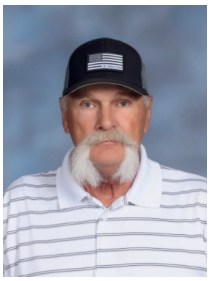
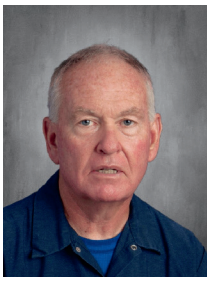


Blake Costley
Classified Employee



Alan Faulkner
Classified Employee



Deborah Foster
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Danna Garcia
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Debra Hardy
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Nora Jackman
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Pamela Kippen
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Connie Malan
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Susanne Smith
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