

Principal

Mandy Surratt

I graduated in 1978 with dual BA degree in Elementary and Special Education. I received my Masters of Education in Reading in 1980. I was certified in administration in 2000. I began my teaching career in Post Falls in 1980, and have held many different teaching and administrative positions. I have spent the last 7 years as principal at Mullan Trail Elementary.

1st grade

Pete Hoslett

I graduated from the University of Idaho in 1994 and started teaching in Post Falls later that year. I am transferring from Seltice Elementary where I've taught a 2/3 combination class, 2nd and 1st grade. I'm looking forward to being part of our newest elementary school.

Vicki Loberg

I graduated from the University of Montana in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. I have taught for 18 years. I am transferring from Mullan Trail Elementary and previously worked at Frederick Post Kindergarten.

Holly White

I graduated in 2000 from Eastern Washington University with a BA in Elementary Education. My first teaching position was first grade at Mullan Trail Elementary. I have been there for the past eight years where I have taught first and second grade.

Deb O'Donnell

While I was raising my own children I worked as a Montessori Preschool Teacher. I began attending Whitworth College when my youngest son entered first grade. I graduated with a BA in elementary education at Whitworth in 1997. I began my first teaching position as a kindergarten teacher at Frederick Post Kindergarten in 1998. I have been at Frederick Post for 9 years. I am looking forward to teaching first grade this fall at West Ridge.

2nd grade

Gale Adams

I graduated from Montana State University in Billings, Montana. I began teaching in Post Falls in 1988. Adventure has always been a part of my spirit, so in the summer of 2000 my three children and I went to Berlin, Germany where I taught school at the John F. Kennedy School for 4 years. I returned to Post Falls in 2004 and taught in the special education and Title One programs. Last year I taught 5th grade. I want to help as many children as I can to learn and feel success. I love the honesty and humor that children bring to my life.

Carol Nichols

I am a Post Falls native and graduate. I attended Eastern Washington University and graduated with a BA in Elementary Education with a reading major and a music minor. After my two wonderful children entered elementary school I began my teaching career in Post Falls. I have taught at Ponderosa, Seltice, Frederick Post, Mullan Trail, and am very excited to be part of the opening of our new elementary school.

Kristin Thiringer

My teaching career began in Colorado where I was a pre-first and second grade teacher. Since moving to the Northwest in 1993, I have been teaching kindergarten at the Post Falls KinderCenter, now Frederick Post Kindergarten. I am looking forward to returning to a second grade classroom and becoming part of the West Ridge learning community! My degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Reading was earned at the University of Southern Colorado.

3rd grade

Debbie Garnett

I graduated from Eastern Washington University. I have a major in Elementary Education, a major in Special Education, and a minor in Reading. I have been teaching for 30 years. I taught in various special

education classes for 8 years. The rest of my experience has been in third grade. I have taught at Ponderosa Elementary and I am transferring from Mullan Trail Elementary. I am looking forward to teaching your children.

Nancy Teston

I graduated from the University of Idaho in 1975. I have taught in the Post Falls School District for 19 years. I was at Ponderosa for 10 years, Seltice for 1 year, and Mullan Trail for 8 years. I have taught 1st, 3rd, 4th grades, and worked in Life Skills at Ponderosa for 1 year.

Val George

I graduated from Gonzaga University with a BS in elementary education in 1992. I have taught kindergarten, 3rd, 5th, and 6th grade. I have taught for a total of 15 years. I am transferring from Prairie View.

4th grade

Kathy Webster

I graduated in 1978 with a Bachelors in Science from State University of New York, Oswego. I have done my graduate studies mostly at University of Idaho. This is my 26th fun filled year of teaching! I've taught Kindergarten, 3rd, and 4th grades, at Ponderosa and the last 8 years in 4th at Mullan Trail. I'm looking forward to helping launch a new school in Post Falls.

Steve Somers

Mr. Somers graduated from Eastern Washington University in 1997. He has taught 5th grade for the past ten years, 2 yrs. at Seltice and the past eight years at Mullan Trail Elementary. Since graduating from Eastern, Mr. Somers received his Masters Degree from University of Idaho. He is pictured with his wife, and two boys, Zach (six), and Luke (3).

5th grade

Bob Wilhelm

15 years in the Post Falls School District all at Seltice and all but one year as a Fourth Grade Teacher, graduated from Eastern Washington University,

Majored in Math with a minor in reading received a BAE Degree, married to Diane, I have twin daughters, one son, and 4 grandchildren.

Kathy Willy

I have taught in the Post Falls School District for 25 years. I have taught grades K - 6. I also taught PE for 6 years. I'm a Post Falls High School graduate, and I received my teaching certificate from Eastern Washington University. I am transferring from Prairie View Elementary.

Special Education

Laurie Stuart

I graduated from Eastern Washington University. I have taught in special education for 29 years. I am transferring from Mullan Trail Elementary.

Betty Burkett

I have taught since 1975, 33 years! I graduated from North Dakota State University and Minnesota State University Moorhead. I have taught special education from preschool to high school and come to you from Ponderosa Elementary.

Title

I graduated from University of Idaho in 2001 with a BA in Elementary Education. I worked in the Coeur d'Alene school district for three years. I began working for Post Falls School District in 2003 - 2008 as the Title I Reading teacher for Mullan Trail Elementary.

PE

Music

Nancy Strom

I am very excited about breaking in a new music classroom at West Ridge Elementary and becoming reacquainted with students from the Frederic Post Kindergarten and Prairie View Elementary. My Bachelor of Music

degree came from the University of Michigan and my teaching certificate from the University of Idaho. I have taught music in Post Falls for 11 years.

Library

Nancy Haas

Counselor

Trina Scott

I graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2001 and spent a year in the deep south working with disadvantaged populations through Americorps. From there I spent a few years working in the courts in Boise before heading north to Eastern Washington University to get my Masters in Social Work and Public Administration. I have spent the last year working for the Educational Service District in Spokane with at-risk youth. I interned at Ponderosa Elementary while in graduate school and am super happy to be part of the Post Falls School District again!

Secretary

April Kahabka