

Principal

Ms. Surratt

I graduated in 1978 with dual BA degree in Elementary and Special Education from the University of Arizona. I received my Masters of Education in Reading in 1980 and 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 am also a board member of the Kootenai County Boys and Girls Club. As you can see, I have a desire to make a difference in childrens' lives, and expect that your child's experience at West Ridge will be positive and successful.

1st Grade

Mr. Hoslett

I graduated from the University of Idaho in 1994 and started teaching in Post Falls later that year. I previously taught at Seltice Elementary where I taught a 2/3 combination class, 2nd and 1st grade.

Ms. Jones

I graduated from University of Idaho in 2007 with a BA in Elementary Education. I spent my first two years at Mullan Trail teaching first grade. I love teaching at West Ridge Elementary.

Mrs. Loberg

I graduated from the University of Montana in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. I have taught for over 19 years. I previously worked at Mullan Trail Elementary and Frederick Post Kindergarten. Sharing in the academic and emotional growth of my students is such a joy!

Mrs. White

I graduated in 2000 from Eastern Washington University with a BA in Elementary Education. My first teaching position was 1st grade at Mullan Trail Elementary. Since then I have taught 1st and 2nd grade for over 9 years.

2nd Grade

Mrs. Bonds

I graduated from University of Idaho in 1998 with a BA Degree in Elementary Education and from Waldon University in 2004 with a Masters Degree in Reading and Literacy. I taught various grade levels for eight years in the St. Maries School District, and I began teaching in the Post Falls School District in 2005. I spent three years teaching 3rd grade at Seltice Elementary and one year at Ponderosa Elementary. I moved to West Ridge Elementary in 2009 where I am happy to be teaching second grade.

Mrs. House

I received my Associate of Arts degree from Glendale Community College in 1969. I returned to school twenty years later and graduated from Arizona State University in 1991. After graduating, I taught first and second grades in Phoenix, Arizona before moving to Post Falls in 2003. I consider myself very fortunate to be teaching in the Post Falls School District. I taught at Mullan Trail Elementary for five years before moving to West Ridge in 2008.

Ms. 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 1st 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 September of 1998. I began teaching at West Ridge Elementary in 1st grade September of 2008. The

following year I moved to 2nd grade here at West Ridge. I am enjoying 2nd grade and plan to stay at this grade level for a while.

Mrs. 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 taught kindergarten at the Post Falls KinderCenter, now Frederick Post Kindergarten. My degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Reading was earned at the University of Southern Colorado.

3rd Grade

Mrs. 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 over 31 years. I have taught in various special education classes for 8 years. The rest of my experience has been in 3rd grade. I have taught at Ponderosa Elementary, Mullan Trail Elementary, and West Ridge. I am looking forward to teaching your children.

Mrs. Moberaten

I graduated from Western Washington University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with a minor in History.

Ms. 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 West Ridge.

Ms. Teston

I have taught in the Post Falls School District for over 19 years. I have taught 1st, 3rd, and 4th grades. I also work with the Special Needs children and adults part-time. I was born and raised in Spokane, WA. I'm really enjoying my time at West Ridge with our wonderful staff, students, and facility!

4th Grade

Mrs. George

I graduated from Gonzaga University with a BS in elementary education and began working for the Post Falls School District in 1992. I have taught kindergarten, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. I have previously taught at Frederick Post, Prairie View and am enjoying teaching at West Ridge.

Mr. Somers

I graduated from Eastern Washington University in 1997. I have taught 5th grade for over 10 years, 2 years at Seltice and 8 years at Mullan Trail Elementary. I am looking forward to another great year. Since graduating from Eastern, I received my Masters Degree from University of Idaho.

Mrs. 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 the University of Idaho. I have taught for over 28 fun filled years! I've taught Kindergarten, 3rd, and 4th grades, at Ponderosa, Mullan Trail and West Ridge. I'm looking forward to this school year.

5th Grade

Ms. 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. There 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. 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.

Mr. Wilhelm

I have taught over 16 years in the Post Falls School District at Seltice and West Ridge in 4th and 5th grades. I graduated from Eastern Washington University, with a major in Math with a minor in reading. I received a BA Degree. I am married to Diane. I have twin daughters, one son, and 5 grandchildren.

Mrs. Willy

I have taught in the Post Falls School District for over 26 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.

Special Education

Mrs. Stuart

I graduated from Eastern Washington University in 1979 with degrees in both elementary education and special education. My first ten years of teaching were spent in the Kellogg School District. In 1989 I began teaching in Post Falls. Since then I have taught in the Life Skills program at Ponderosa, Mullan Trail and West Ridge Elementary.

Mrs. Burkett

I have taught since 1975. I graduated from North Dakota State University and Minnesota State University Moorhead. I have taught special education from preschool to high school.

Title I

Ms. McCoy

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 as a Title I Reading teacher.

PE

Mrs. Knight

I graduated from the University of Montana. I have taught over 25 years in the Post Falls School District. I taught 1st grade for 19 years, and am now the PE Specialist at West Ridge Elementary and Prairie View Elementary.

Music

Mrs. Strom

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 over 15 years. I also worked on a master at the University of Idaho. I am the Music Specialist at West Ridge Elementary and Prairie View Elementary.

Library

Nancy Haas

I have been a librarian for the Post Falls School District for more than 20 years. I just recently had the opportunity to open the new library at West Ridge Elementary School. I love reading to children and teaching them library skills. I feel the library is one place children can have fun and find just the right book to help them feel successful.

Counselor

Mrs. Scott

I graduated from Northern Arizona University and spent a year in the deep south working with disadvantaged populations through Americorps NCCC. 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. After graduate school, I worked for the Educational Service District 101 in Spokane with at-risk youth. Following my time with ESD 101, I became a part of the West Ridge team and have truly enjoyed my time here getting to know our wonderful students and families!

Secretary

Mrs. Kahabka

Before joining Team West Ridge, I spent 3 years as a secretary for Mullan Trail Elementary where my son and daughter both attended 1st - 5th grades. My son is now at Post Falls High School and my daughter is attending Post Falls Middle School. In 1985 I joined the United States Coast Guard. In 1989 I graduated with an Associates Degree from Strayer College in Arlington, Virginia. I am so excited to be a secretary at West Ridge Elementary. We are going to have another great year!