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Reflections On My Second Year In Office



Jennifer Boehme

JEA President

This year has been one of changes and new opportunities for JEA members. One of the changes was having the new superintendent, Dr. Johnson, very visible in schools. I know she has visited all schools at least once in the past year. I have met with her each month as well, continuing to build a relationship between JEA and Jordan District Administration.

The School Board held monthly open houses at various schools to meet with stakeholders. Many members attended these meetings and found them to be informational and worth the time. In comparison to other districts, the Jordan School Board is very accessible to employees.

The delegates at the NEA Representative Assembly in

Chicago voted to accept the Policy Statement on Teacher Evaluation and Accountability. If you have not read this policy statement, go to the NEA website at <http://www.nea.org/grants/46326.htm>. You will see that NEA, UEA, and JEA are working to elevate our profession by improving teaching in each classroom. The passage of Senate Bill 64, sponsored by Senator Aaron Osmond and written with input from UEA and other public education groups, will help lift the teaching profession to a higher level. Many of the ideas in the above mentioned policy statement are included in this legislation. Pieces of this bill are to be implemented over the next three years. I will keep all members informed on what different aspects of this legislation will look like in your classroom. I know Jordan District has a basis for much of what is in the bill as far as evaluations, consulting educators, and administrator evalu-

ations through JPAS. Changes to JPAS are likely going to be needed once all criteria in this bill are established by the State Office of Education.

Fifteen JEA members attended Educator Day on the Hill this year. Many of them were featured in the UEA Commercial, the YouTube video about SB64, and a story on KSL. Thanks to all those who took their time to share their story and lobby on behalf of public education.

Another new opportunity was the use of the Early Notification Incentive and Teacher Transfer Fair to facilitate transfers and reduce the number of RIS teachers. Based on the feedback I have heard, the teachers who attended found the Fair to be a good experience.

One of the best parts of my job as JEA President is to

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**Join Us for
J.U.S.T. 'Cause
Friday**

May 25, 2012

IGGY'S

7460 Union Park Ave.

4:30 p.m.

**We'll buy appetizers
and help you kick off
summer!**

JEA Celebrates Retirees



Marva Bennett

25 years in Jordan. Trip to the Holy Land this fall. More time to do pottery and sculpture.



Gayelynn Carling

I will miss the many friends I've made in Jordan District over the past 30+ years. I have enjoyed working side-by-side with truly, the most amazing people - people dedicated to children! Most important of all, I want every classroom teacher to know that they are appreciated. The classroom teacher and their students are at the heart of the great work we do in education! May the force be with you dear Jordan District friends.

When I retire I am going to simply go with the flow for awhile - no sense of urgency - no checklist. Then, we'll see. I do know that I'll have to put "Carling's Darlings" (doggie daycare) on hold until my hubby warms up to the idea! There may be educational projects in my future. Time will tell.



Bruce Brinkman

26 years all Jordan. Will take a year off to help in his wife and kids' classes and then may return.



Jana Brinton

Jana Brinton has taught French at Bingham High School along with English and English as a Second Language (ESL) since 1985. She will be traveling to visit her family and volunteering after her house is clean, she's rested and she's read all the books and watched all the movies she's been putting off until retirement.



Lee Dillon

I have taught Pottery and Sculpture for 24 years in Jordan School District. My wife is also retiring from Canyons District after 39 years in both Jordan and Canyons. We are planning to teach English in China for a year through the BYU China



Claire Glade

I have taught in Jordan for 26.5 years and in Granite for 5.5 years. My post retirements plans are to do as little as possible, some travel and some quality time with grandchildren.



Kathryn Hanna

18 years last four in Jordan. Has a long list of beloved things she would like to do. Plans to volunteer in schools and put her teaching skills to use.



Susan Hart

I am going to simplify my life and relax in between. Short but sweet! I have taught 38 years all in Jordan School District.



Susan Kane

25 years in Granite, Davis, Jordan. Plans to take care of family



Karen Keetch

I have taught 26 in the Jordan School District at Willow Canyon Elementary and Elk Meadows Elementary. I plan to enjoy my fourteen grandkids, travel with my husband, work in the temple, and catch up on my reading. My husband and I plan to serve a mission for our church.



Karen Kochevar

I have been teaching in the Jordan School District for 32 years. I have spent 31 years teaching first graders and one year with second grade. I plan to have fun with family, enjoy my grandchildren and attempt to put a dent in my quilting material stash!



Jorja Lloyd

26 years with 11 in Jordan. Plans to spend more time with her family.



Colin McLeod

I have taught since 1973 in one place or another. I started in Jordan in 2002. My wife and I plan to visit grand kids and maybe their parents. We also hope to serve a mission soon.



Dean Mednick

34 years all Jordan. Plans to continue making guitars and other instruments and working on his art.



Kris Millerberg

33 years - 27 in Jordan
No plans, just rest .



Claudia Mumford

17 years. Do whatever I want!



Karla Noble

25 years and plans to do family history and serve a church mission.



Sharon Pitcher

30+ years total, 11 in Jordan. Relax and do nothing.



Margaret Pratt

30 years in Jordan (Indian Hills Middle - 11 and Bingham - 19) Retirement plans include a Mediterranean cruise this summer, travel more, gardening, reading, writing, spending time with family, genealogy (not necessarily in this order).



Charlene Peppinger

Elk Ridge Middle School, 12 years in Jordan, 30 years total teaching, rest and not make too many plans.



Glyns Sabuco

I've been teaching special education 22 years, all in Jordan. The reason I'm retiring is that my husband and I have become very involved with a school for children with disabilities in Peru, his home country, and I want to be able to spend more time there. I love my job and it was a very hard decision.



Carolyn Tidwell

33 years all Jordan
Plans to plant a garden and spend time with grandkids .



Lanny Westerman

33 years all Jordan.
Plans to get another job .



Celestia Whitehead

Art teacher at Oquirrh Hills Middle School for twelve years.

In June, I'm taking a cross Canadian rail journey from Vancouver, BC to Toronto with my auntie and my big sister. Fun! Also looking forward to finishing and publishing a mystery series I've written. This summer, I'll enjoy donning my old straw hat and taking my easel and acrylics outside to paint all day long. Heaven! Next year, I'm planning a gallery showing of two hundred of my paintings.



Janice Voorhies

Bingham High (23 years--all Jordan); plans--write a novel (it's on my bucket list); run for School Board Precinct 6; play with my grandchildren; go to Italy and Greece this summer; eat more watermelon; read the novels stacked up by my bed; laugh more/cry less.

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recognize the excellent work of JEA members. Kathy Bekkemellom at South Hills was named Jordan District Teacher of the Year 2011, and Raegan Fay at Riverton Elementary has been named Jordan District Teacher of the Year 2012. As part of the UEA Convention, Debbie Brown at Bingham received the UEA Excellence in Teaching award. Bonnie Lougy at West Jordan Elementary received the Utah PTA Golden Apple award. The following JEA members were honored by the Jordan Education Foundation with Outstanding Educator Awards: Tiffany Rawlings at Bluffdale, Shauna Robertson at West Jordan High, Liz Taylor at Elk Meadows, Shawn Colyer at Kauri Sue Hamilton School, and Jared Denslow at Bingham. I am sure many other JEA members have received awards of which I am not aware. I do know that the best teachers in Jordan District belong to the Jordan Education Association!

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 16, 2012

2012-13 Association Rep Training

September 17, 2012

Member Appreciation BBQ

Wheeler Farm

Primary Elections

June 26, 2012

Statewide Republican Primary

Local School Board Elections

State Legislative Races

To vote in the Republican Primary you must be registered as a Republican.

Democratic and School Board races are open and any registered voter may participate.

A Special Thank You !

Kevin Ball
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JEA Executive Board 2007-2009

Bev Griffiths
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Lauren Flygare
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