

a Proud Salute to our community Guardians

New Teachers For the 2010-2011 YSD School Year

With the new school year comes new faces in the classroom. From students to teachers it is an opportunity to grow and learn.

Joining the more than 2,700 students in the classrooms this year are 10 new teachers.

TRACI ELLIS

Ms. Ellis is a May graduate of the University of South Dakota. She joins the staff of Webster Elementary in their Special Education program.

Ms. Ellis did her student teaching at both Elk Point-Jefferson and at the Vermillion Middle School in the where she assisted in the 6-7th grade Language Arts.

She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, as well as going fishing and hunting with her boyfriend.

Ms. Ellis is a member of the South Dakota Education Association (SDEA) and the National Education Association (NEA).

ERIKA HANSEN

Mrs. Hansen is also a graduate of USD where she completed her Masters of Arts in education in 2006 with an additional Reading Specialist Degree. She joins the staff of Lincoln Elementary where she will be a Reading Recovery teacher.

She and her husband, Troy, and their children Sam (age 4) and Grace (age 22 months) make their home in Irene. Mrs. Hansen is due to have her third child in September.

For the last five years Mrs. Hansen taught in the Gayville-Volin school district.

Mrs. Hansen said her hobbies are spending time with her family and friends, playing with her children, reading, playing pinocchel and co-ed softball.

She is a member of the Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA).



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The Yankton School District has announced the following new teachers for the 2010-2011 school year. They are left to right: Erika Hansen, Jill Metheny, Cheri Loest, Jamie Hovden, Traci Ellis, Brady Muth, Peggy Schortzman, Robb McClemons, Caitlin Iddings and Molly Lindgren.

JAMIE HOVDEN

Mrs. Hovden is a graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls. She joins the staff at Webster Elementary where she will be teaching in the pre-school classroom.

She and her husband, Nick, have one son Tysen (age 1).

Her previous teaching experience was in a 4th grade classroom in Omaha, Neb. and as the junior Kindergarten teacher in Elk Point-Jefferson.

Mrs. Hovden said she enjoys playing sports, spending time with her family and photography.

CAITLIN IDDINGS

Ms. Iddings is a May graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She joins the staff of Beadle Elementary where she will be teaching Kindergarten.

She completed her student teaching in the Sioux Falls School district in Kindergarten and third grade classrooms.

In her spare time she said she enjoys fishing, hunting, camping and boating/canoing.

MOLLY LINDGREN

Ms. Lindgren is a December graduate of the University of Sioux Falls. She joins the staff at Lincoln Elementary where she will be a 1st grade class size reduction teacher.

Ms. Lindgren said she enjoys reading, traveling, going for bike rides and spending time with family and friends.

CHERI LOEST

Mrs. Loest is a graduate of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology where she graduated with a Chemical Engineering Degree. She returned to college at Montana State University to receive her education degree. She will be teaching Algebra 1 and Geometry at the high school.

Mrs. Loest has two children, Joshua (age 8) and Zachery (age 6).

She said that in her spare time she enjoys outdoor sports, gardening, camping and hiking.

JILL METHENY

Mrs. Metheny is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She will be joining the staff of the high school

where she will be a Family and Consumer Science teacher.

Mrs. Metheny and her husband, W.D., have three children, Ethan (age 18), Evan (age 17) and Erik (age 17).

Mrs. Metheny has been a substitute teacher in the Yankton School District for seven years.

In her spare time she enjoys reading and watching her children's activities.

BRADY MUTH

Mr. Muth is graduate of Mount Marty College. He is joining the staff of Yankton High School where he will be a World History and Economics teacher.

His past teaching experience has been in the Wakonda and Bon Homme School Districts where he taught Social Studies.

He is married and has three children, Colin (age 12) Hannah (age 8) and Addison (age 3).

He is a member of the S.D. Football Coaches Association, S.D. Coaches Association, NEA, SDEA.

PEGGY SCHORTZMAN

Mrs. Schortzman is a graduate of Mount Marty College where she received her bachelors degree and USD where she received her Masters of Elementary Education. She is joining the staff of Beadle Elementary where she will be Kindergarten teacher.

Her teaching experience includes time at Bloomfield Neb. and Irene where she was in the 4th and 6th grade classrooms.

She and her husband, Jason, have one child, Caleb (age 16 months).

In her spare time she said she enjoys reading, cooking, baking, camping, skiing and spending time with family and friends.

ROBB MCCLEMONS

Mr. McClemons is a 2009 graduate of Mount Marty College. He will be joining the staff of Yankton High School where he will be in the Special Education classrooms.

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