

Thoughts

Nebo School District Retirees--2015

Glenn Baguley

10th-12th Grade Teacher – Shop Teacher – Spanish Fork High School

28 years of service in Nebo, 2 years with another district

“I loved working with my students and staff. My students have always taught me to love and respect my teaching. I have made some life-long friends. My heart goes out to my love of Payson High School, where I had taught for 21 years. I have also loved my students at Spanish Fork High School. Both football teams were pretty equal. My biggest miss of all will be Mrs. Burdick of Payson High School as the Art Teacher. Thanks for everything!”



Leslie Baguley

2nd Grade Teacher – Goshen Elementary School

15 years of service in Nebo

“I have loved my time with Nebo School District. I have felt proud every August when we all meet at the start of a new year, and are welcomed as a family. All my years have been at Goshen Elementary in 2nd Grade. I love the kids of this school, the faculty, and Principal. We are close and are always there to help each other.

The Human Resources Department, Allen Gurney and Al Mosher, have helped me throughout my time in teaching. Thanks so much to them and the whole District Office. I’m sad to leave, but I’m sure I’ll come and sub once in a while. It’s been a wonderful career!”



Patsy Barlow

Kindergarten Teacher – Goshen Elementary School

22 years of service in Nebo, 7 years with another district

“I have loved working with kindergarten students for 29



years. It has been so rewarding to see children progress from not even knowing how to line up, to grasping the fundamentals of reading. It is fun to see students as adults and parents themselves, who remember me as their teacher when they were five. I have had the privilege of working with many different teachers and principals during the past years. These teachers and principals have influenced my teaching for the better and have helped and guided me throughout the years. I will miss my association with the children and colleagues, but I am looking forward to retirement.”

Peggy Beesley

1st Grade Teacher – Sage Creek Elementary School
22 years of service in Nebo



“For the past twenty-two years, I have had the great privilege of teaching first graders at Sage Creek Elementary School. It has been so rewarding to wake each morning and be excited to go to school to see children who were excited about learning and willing to work hard to obtain new knowledge and understanding. Thank you to the parents of those students who worked hand and hand with me to guide their children to success.

Thank you to three terrific principals, Mr. Steve Maughan, Ms. Natalie Call, and Mrs. Brenda Burr. Each one was so supportive of me to guide and direct my teaching while giving me the latitude to use my own creativity in presenting the many lessons to be taught. This really helped me stay enthusiastic and gave energy to my teaching.

Nebo School District has been so generous in providing on going classes and workshops to help me stay a “life-long learner.” These classes and workshops kept me improving and growing as a teacher. Thank you, Nebo School District.

A huge “Thank You” to my first grade team members throughout the years. Thanks for all the ideas and the fun we had planning together. You are all dear friends.

I want to thank my dear husband, Richard, for the love and support he gave to me. A teacher spends many hours before and after school preparing for class. He was there helping me and supporting me any way that he could.

To retire is bitter-sweet. I have such wonderful memories of the past years. Thank you to anyone who helped make them “sweet” memories.”

Glenn Bird

10th-12th Grade Teacher/ Social Science Department Chair – English; Spanish I-III; US History; American Problems; AP World History; AP European History; AP Art History; AP Comparative Government; AP US Government; US Government; History 1100 (Concurrent Enrollment) & US History (UVU)— Springville High School

37 years of service in Nebo



“Teaching is all about the students. I am grateful for the opportunity to interact with many extraordinary students and teachers over the past 37 years. As was said long ago, the only constant is change. Best wishes to everyone in Nebo School District.”

Beth E. Blakey

10th-12th Grade—UCBT Technician – Salem Hills High School

27 years of service in Nebo



“I am so grateful for the opportunity I have had to work for Nebo School District for the last 27 years. I have been so blessed to work with the most amazing kids, parents, faculty and staff.

I have worked with special needs children, including pre-school age through 6th grade and have spent the past 2 years at Salem Hills High School working with 10th-12th grade, so I guess it’s time for me to graduate and move on! These students will always hold a special place in my heart, and I would like to think that I have made a difference in their lives also. It’s been so rewarding to see these great kids grow and progress in their own lives and be life-long learners.

I’ve made a connection with many friends that I love and appreciate, for making me a better person.

My favorite saying is: “All Children are gifted...Some just open their...Package sooner than others.”

Jarleen O. Bowen

7th-9th Grade—SPED Technician– Diamond Fork Junior High School

20 years of service in Nebo



“I have always tried to live by the motto “If you want to be

happy for a year, win the lottery. If you want to be happy for life, love what you do.”

I love the associates and students that I have worked with at Nebo. I have always felt that the opportunities given to me by the Nebo School District has blessed my life. I have wonderful memories of my time and efforts through the last 20 years.”

Michele Boyack

10th-12th Grade Teacher – Drill, Financial Literacy, Fitness,
Social Dance– Spanish Fork High School
31 years of service in Nebo, 3 years with another district



“Wow, it’s been an amazing time teaching high school for so many years. High school is such an exciting time in the student’s life. It is so fun with so many activities to do. I have loved being involved in school activities and games. I love the school spirit and enthusiasm the students bring to each event! I will miss being a part of it! Thanks to all the amazing students who have touched my life and kept me “young at heart”. I will miss all your enthusiasm for life. Thanks to all my great principals over the years, the amazing secretaries, staff and my teaching buddies! It’s been an awesome time at SFHS!

Kathryn L. Buchanan

4th Grade Teacher – Orchard Hills Elementary School
24 years of service in Nebo, 11 years with another district



“My days in the classroom have certainly been rewarding and eventful! Looking back, I can say that there has never been a boring moment. When a first grader once asked me to put ‘100 cement’ on his paper, I knew I was in for many more of those golden moments. Thanks to all my fellow teachers who have laughed and cried with me. You all know who you are! The secret of happiness is to remember to carry the spirit of the child into old age, and never lose one’s enthusiasm!”

Robin Burnah

1st & 2nd Grade Teacher – Foothills Elementary School
21 years of service in Nebo, 1 year with another district



“I believe that teaching is the best profession on earth! It has been a privilege to work with children. Nothing can match the experience of watching 6 and 7 year olds progress

throughout the year. I am so grateful to have had this opportunity and will truly miss teaching.”

Sharlene D. Chatterley

1st Grade Teacher – Art City Elementary School
30 years of service in Nebo



“A plaque on my classroom wall reads “One hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in my bank account, or what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child.”

I love this saying. Being an educator has been a very noble and satisfying profession for me. I have been blessed to have been a part of educating 1st graders for the past 30 years. It is fun to run into my former students and find out what they are doing. I have made many lifetime friends (students, parents, and colleagues). I will truly miss teaching. I know there will be a great void in my life that I will need to fill, but I think visiting my grandson in Colorado will help. I wish to thank Richard Dotson and Nebo School District for hiring me those many years ago. I found my calling in teaching.”

Darlene J. Christensen

4th & 5th Grade Teacher/Facilitator – Mapleton Elementary School
36 years of service in Nebo



“Teaching school at Mapleton Elementary for the past 36 years has been a highlight of my life. Having taught thousands of students and hopefully instilled a love of learning has been a privilege. Education is the foundation of economic prosperity, I have loved the profession. I could have asked for no better students, parents, faculty, staff and administrators to associate with during my career.”

Mary Lois Clayson

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade Teacher – Salem Elementary School
26 years of service in Nebo



“When I graduated from BYU in 1972, I was happy to be hired to teach Kindergarten that fall at Salem Elementary. And other than ten years of teaching Preschool when my five daughters were young.

I have been at Salem Elementary ever since, teaching grades K, 1, 2, and 3. Other than my family, teaching has been my passion. My goal has been to make a difference in the lives of my students; and I am so proud, as I have watched my students become life-long learners and contributing adults in our community. It makes it all worth it. And yes, I have taught children of some of my former students, making SEP/Parent Conferences so much more fun!”

Kathy Collings

8th & 9th Grade Teacher – Math Honors, Secondary Math
1 – Mt. Nebo Junior High School
30 years of service in Nebo



“I am grateful to have had such a wonderful experience for the last 30 years. I have taught in two great schools. I have had great people to work with, awesome students to teach and wonderful parents to associate with. Thanks, Nebo School District for this opportunity to influence the minds of your students.”

Jeff Cook

6th, 7th, 8th Grade/Counselor –Math & Science – Diamond
Fork Junior High School
28 years of service in Nebo



“I have enjoyed my career in education and I will always be glad I made the decision to become a teacher.”

Ronda Crane

Elementary Secretary – Art City Elementary School
22 years of service in Nebo



“Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work with four wonderful principals, many great teachers, lunch secretaries, and a fantastic staff. I’ve loved getting to know the students over the years and enjoy seeing some come back as parents of students at Art City. You try to make a difference in some of their lives with your ‘heart to heart’ chats. I will definitely miss being a ‘mom’ to so many.”

Leanna Crockett

10th-12th Grade Teacher – Choir, AP Music, Hand Bell
Springville High School
32 years of service in Nebo, 1 year with another district



“I began working in Nebo School District at Payson Middle and Junior High Schools in 1982 after completing one year in Juab School District as a music teacher. I taught choir and general music for a few years at the two schools in Payson. I traveled between the two schools until one day I saw my Jr. High portion advertised in the Nebo bulletin. The principals were aligning the jobs differently for some reason and I was transferred to Spanish Fork Intermediate, but continued to teach 1/2 day at Payson Middle. My trek towards the north had begun!

I enjoyed working at both schools but found out I was pregnant with twins in 1986! Working full time was going to be more and more difficult so I decided to teach part time at Spanish Fork Intermediate. During this time, I worked with the choirs and often helped with orchestra and band classes as needed. Working part time at the Intermediate School was such a great experience for me because I could continue to work part time as I raised my family.

In 2000, I was offered a position to teach choir at Springville High School. This has been a wonderful opportunity for me to continue my move northward to Springville where I live. My twins were entering the ninth grade during my first year at SHS. There was a need for a choir teacher at Springville Jr. High so I took on the challenge of teaching at both the Jr. High and the High School. At that point, I had taught at every Jr. High and Middle School in the district except for Springville Middle School.

Over the years, I have seen the Jr. and Sr. High choir programs of the district grow and improve. We have outstanding choral music in this district and I have enjoyed being a part of that movement towards excellence. I have loved working at both the Jr. and Sr. High. We have excellent students, parents and staff. I have enjoyed many wonderful relationships and have learned much from all of these associations. I am even proud to say that a former student is a wonderful choral director in our very own district! Some of my favorite years as a teacher were the years I was privileged to have my own twin boys and daughter in my choral program. Those were special years that I will always cherish.

It is with mixed feelings that I submit my retirement at this time. Teaching has been much more than a job to me. Teaching music has been a passion of mine for as long as I can remember. I do not really feel done with teaching but feel this is a good path for me to pursue at this time. Who knows maybe someday I'll get another opportunity to teach at one of Nebo's great schools!”

Denise Daniels

10th-12th Grade Teacher– Algebra, Calculus, Geometry,
Pre-Calculus, Trigonometry – Spanish Fork High School
32 years of service in Nebo



“As I retire, I leave Nebo School District with mixed feelings. I have loved the support I have received from the District, Administrators, and fellow educators. I will mostly miss the outstanding young men and women that I have had the opportunity to work with. I have always learned so much from each of them. They have influenced my life in so many positive ways. I look forward to the many challenges that lie ahead.

“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom” ~ George Washington Carver”

Dixie V. Davis

6th Grade Teacher – Sage Creek Elementary School
25 years of service in Nebo



“I decided that I wanted to become a teacher when I was the PTA President at Westside Elementary. After I went back to BYU and earned my teaching certificate, I was hired to teach 4th grade at Westside. I enjoyed working at Westside for 17 years. That is where my children attended elementary school. Then I moved to teach 6th grade at Sage Creek Elementary for 8 years. I’ve been able to work with five of my grandchildren at this school. I love to go places and meet former students and parents. I feel that maybe I’ve touched a few of their lives. I know they have all enriched mine.”

Catherine W. Dutson

Kindergarten, 5th, 7th Grade Teacher/Facilitator – Art City
Elementary School
42 years of service in Nebo



“Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “Time goes by fast, and people go in and out of your life so quickly, so you should never miss the opportunity to tell these people how much they mean to you.” In the forty-two years I have taught in Nebo School District, I have worked with some amazing people! These superintendents, principals, instructional coaches, psychologists, counselors, speech therapists, teachers, technicians, secretaries, librarians, custodians, lunch ladies, nurses, parents, and students have certainly enriched my life. Many of them have become my mentors and pushed me to excel and

take other positions. I have thoroughly loved the challenges of these opportunities. Others have become some of my closest and dearest friends! Working as a Clinical Faculty Associate for Nebo School District and Brigham Young University, gave me the opportunity to work with educators from four other school districts in Utah. I quickly became aware that Nebo School District was a premier district on the cutting edge of everything in education. I'm grateful to have been a part of this excellent organization and the wonderful people in it! Thanks so much for helping me find the joy in this wonderful journey! I will certainly miss teaching, the people, and certainly all of the students! Nebo School District will always be close to my heart!"

Shirley Esquerra

Kindergarten Teacher – Orchard Hills Elementary School
10 years of service in Nebo

"It's been interesting--mostly rewarding and often frustrating. However, despite the ups and downs, I wouldn't have missed the ride!"



Joan Foote

3rd Grade Teacher – English in Chinese Dual Immersion –
Sage Creek Elementary School
16 years of service in Nebo

"JRR Tolkien wrote, 'All that is gold does not glitter, not all those who wander are lost; the old that is strong does not wither, deep roots are not reached by the frost.' I've seen 'gold' in the faces, hearts, and minds of the students I've had the privilege to learn from and teach. I've seen some of them 'wander', but have faith they are not lost and will find their way on this rocky, treacherous, wonderful planet we call home. I hope I have given my students the 'strength' to always remember our class motto, 'I think I can' so they may not wither as they face challenges in life. We have sunk our 'roots' deep into knowledge which will help us weather any 'frost' that may come our way. My friend gave me a saying, 'Gratitude surrounds her'. And it's true. I am so full of love and appreciation for my students, their parents, the Sage Creek PTA, my friends (who are also my colleagues), the staff, the principals, the Nebo School District, and the school board. Above all, for my sweetheart of 41 years, Danny, who put up with all the work and worry I brought home each night. For my mom who taught me well by her example and helped much with our boys so I could teach. To our boys, Tom and Grant, daughter-in-law Shay, and grandchildren Jacoby, Jaycie, and Ally who have helped me when things were hard by their hugs and smiles, I say, "We're going to Disneyland!!" "We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new



things because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

~Walt Disney

Ruth Francom

5th Grade Teacher – Orchard Hills Elementary School

25 years of service in Nebo

Just a quote....."My advice to you is not to inquire why or whither, but just enjoy your ice cream while it's on your plate" ~ T. Wilder



Norma Goddard

Title I Preschool Teacher – Taylor Elementary School

13 years of service in Nebo, 28 years with another district

"Although I have been teaching for 41 years, some in South Dakota, some in Salt Lake City, and the last 13 years in Nebo School District, my most enjoyable years have been teaching preschool in Nebo. Younger children are very open to learning and I'm able to relate to them easily. Wendi Pray and SPED Preschool Department have been very supportive of me, as well as principals I have worked with at Barnett and Taylor Elementary Schools. I have appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to complete my teaching career as a preschool teacher in the NSD and I am excited to go on to other interests in the future."



James M. Griffin

11th Grade Teacher – US Studies, Political Science 1100,

Psychology –Salem Hills & Payson High Schools

33 years of service in Nebo, 6 years with another district

"I started my teaching and coaching career in Dayton, Idaho, a small 1A school called Westside High School. The year was 1976, and the school had 200 students in grades 7 – 12. Then I was hired at Monticello High School in San Juan School District. It is in Monticello that I learned about being a social studies teacher and a coach. I was hired as the head boys' basketball coach and a history teacher at Payson High school in 1982. I spent 26 years teaching and coaching at Payson High school. I started taking students in the fall of each year to Washington D.C. in the Close Up Program to study history and government and enjoyed participating in this program for over thirty years. I transferred to Salem Hills High School in 2008 when it opened. My experience in education working with students, parents,



teachers, and administrators has changed my life. Thanks to the many students who have allowed me to be part of their lives. There is no greater profession in this world than being a teacher.”

Andrea Hutton

Cook – Food Service – Salem Junior High School
9 years of service in Nebo



Paula Hylton

Kindergarten Teacher – Brookside Elementary School
26 years of service in Nebo, 2 years with another district

“Hanging by my classroom door is an illustration of young children gathered around a teacher with the following quote:

“What the child imitates, he begins to understand.” ~ Froebel



I have tried to make my classroom an inviting and exciting introduction to school and learning.”

Joe Kelly

Coordinator At-Risk Services/Principal – Landmark High School
24 years of service in Nebo, 6 years with another district



“I have always believed that “Students do not care how much you know, until they know how much you care.” Anyone can teach the good kids, the ones who bring an apple every day. Everyone wants to teach the Advanced Placement students and the ones who are Sterling Scholars. It takes a special and committed teacher to work with students who struggle in the system and are hard to work with.

I have had the privilege for the past several years of working with a group of teachers that do just that. They run into the screams when others have stood aside, they are truly difference makers. The future of our country lies in saving these students. The good kids will take care of themselves. The ones who struggle will falter and fail if someone is not there to pick them up.

Nebo School District has been a great place to work. It is a powerful experience

in being involved with so many people who are committed to student success. I will greatly miss working with the students and with my co-workers. I am grateful for the many years of positive memories that I have.”

Laurel T. Koyle

1st & 2nd Grade Teacher – Brockbank Elementary School
30 years of service in Nebo

“It has been my privilege to teach in Nebo School District for the past 30 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the close association of colleagues who are now my lifelong friends. I have loved the enthusiasm of little boys and girls as they entered my classroom each day smiling and eager to learn. They have all influenced my life in very positive ways. I will miss the daily association we have had, but I leave with treasured memories of the wonderful journey we have enjoyed together.”



Priscilla Leek

10th-12th Grade Teacher – US History, Honors US History, Psychology, Sociology, AP Government, International Relations– Springville High School
30 years of service in Nebo

“In my 29 years at SHS and my one year at Springville Junior High, I have enjoyed the company of thousands of teenagers, as my students, and always found them to be a source of joy and a confirmation of why education has been a wonderful career.”



Carol Mason

Cook – Food Service– Spanish Fork Junior High School
16 years of service in Nebo, 6 years with another district

“I have deep feelings for everyone I have worked with. I have learned a lot from all of them and I have become a better person because of all of my coworkers. I took my work serious, I loved every minute, no regrets what so ever. I loved everyone, and I loved my job.”



Layne Y. Moody

10th-12th Grades Teacher/Athletic Director – Athletics,
History – Salem Hills High School
34 years of service in Nebo, 4 years with another district



“I have enjoyed the kids. I will miss them. The friendships and associations I have developed over the years are immeasurable. Those friendships will remain a lifetime. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be a teacher and coach in a great profession.”

Susan Moses

6th-9th Grade Teacher – Social Studies, Speech & Debate,
English, Communications, Creative Writing, Honors
English – Diamond Fork Junior High School
30 years of service in Nebo



“How do you squish 30 years of teaching into a paragraph? Well... literally thousands of teenagers taught to read, write, and think. Most of them delightful, some exasperating. Trying to teach them to be smart, but most importantly to be good people. Fellow teachers - some of the best friends that I have ever had, so smart, so talented, so funny. Days when I thought I had the best job in the world, and days I thought I had the worst. And former students, who came back to visit or write beautiful letters, sometimes decades after I have taught them, to say “Thank you”.

Marjorie Nay

Special Education Technician – Salem Elementary School
9 years of service in Nebo



Paul Nelson

7th-9th Grade Teacher – Math – Spanish Fork Junior High
School
29 years of service in Nebo



Ann Peay

1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th-9th Teacher/Librarian – English, Reading, Foods – Mapleton Junior High School
21 years of service in Nebo



“I have totally enjoyed my career in teaching. The relationships I have formed with students, families and coworkers could never have been made in any other career. I hope that all of my students know how much their success meant to me. I appreciate all of the mentoring I have received from teachers and administrators. The thing I have really enjoyed is being a lifetime learner. So much to learn every day!”

Martin E. Powell

7th-9th Grade Teacher – CTE Technology – Mapleton Junior High School
36 years of service in Nebo



“I thank the Board of Nebo School District for the confidence and support they have given to me over all 36 years of my employment.

I am pleased to look back on many, many wonderful experiences that I have been a part of in serving many students (20,000+), parents and patrons. I continue to be rewarded as I meet again, in public situations, former students who were in my class many years ago. They “remember” and always recall an experience they have had in my classes.

A special “thank you”, to management and the many awesome staff members that I have had the pleasure to be served by and work with at both Springville Junior High School and Mapleton Junior High School.”

Marsha Rasmussen

Media Technician – Sage Creek Elementary School
22 years of service in Nebo



“I have loved working at Sage Creek! The faculty and staff are outstanding! I am so grateful to call them my friends.

Anything for the kids is my motto. We have had an awesome time exploring, creating, discovering and of course reading. I shall miss them more than I can say. It warms my heart when one of them says they want to be a librarian because it is the greatest job on earth!”

RuthAnn Roach

5th Grade Teacher –Brookside Elementary School
36 years of service in Nebo

“I have loved teaching! It has been challenging, but also very rewarding. I have loved the many teachers, administrators, and other staff members that I have been blessed to work with. I have especially loved working with the children. I hope that I have instilled in them a love of learning, to be positive and to believe in themselves, and finally, to be thoughtful and involved citizens of their communities and our country.”



Linda Rose

Secretary – Food Service –District Office
23 years of service in Nebo, 8 years with another district

“‘Thank You’ for the privilege of employment and opportunity to serve in such a wonderful organization. It has been an awesome adventure with learning experiences, challenges and rewards each day. What an absolute pleasure to serve fellow staff members, patrons and children of Nebo School District, especially being a part of a positive effect in the lives of those who are less fortunate than most. My deepest appreciation to each of you who have touched my life and worked daily to contribute to the well-being and growth of our precious children with energy, patience, knowledge, skill, love and “magic” for children. I will treasure the memories and I’m excited to embark on a new journey. Again, “Thank You!”



Ava Simonson

7th & 8th Grade SPED Teacher – English & Math
Spanish Fork Junior High School
26 years of service in Nebo

“Nebo District has some great people that I will truly miss. It’s been fun (seriously!!!) teaching kids in the resource program. However, I am excited to move on to a new adventure. Wish me luck!”



Lori Ann Sleight

2nd & 5th Grade Teacher – Chinese Immersion
Sage Creek Elementary School
26 years of service in Nebo



“I have had twenty-six special years associating with teachers, students, parents and others in Nebo School District. It became my second home. I have had the privilege to teach multi-generational families and have grown close to many families, teachers and staff at Sage Creek Elementary.

Thank you to my administrators, Nebo School District, parents, students, teachers, and staff at Sage Creek for making it the best twenty-six years ever.

I am excited about my future. Abraham Lincoln said, “The best way to predict your future is to create it”. I look forward to inspiring the minds of many more children. I believe, “Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions.”

Mary A. Smith

Psychologist – Santaquin Elementary School
13 years of service in Nebo



Gerald Solen

Leads Electronics Technician – District Office
15 years of service in Nebo



Sharee L. Swenson

Kindergarten-6th Grade Special Ed Teacher – Reading, Writing, Math, and Academics – Foothills Elementary
25 years of service in Nebo



“I first started teaching at Salem Elementary as a Resource Teacher under Brent Hawkins. He encouraged me to get my endorsement in Special Education and I’ve never looked back. I had the best mentor anyone could ask for in Pam Haney. I worked with her for 18 years and she taught me everything I know. My techni-

cian, Jan Gordon, has taught me patience and has been such a positive influence on me the past 22 years. She built me up when I'd get down and has taken such a heavy load to keep me a float. I've learned so much from my past two principals, Ed Schollenberger and Keri Huntsman. They've taught me organizational and leadership skills. Brenda Wesson, our school psychologist, has made my job so much easier. She has kept me in compliance and saved me so much time. I'll miss everyone at Foothills. We are one big family and I've grown to love everyone. One of my favorite things to have happen is, when my past students come back and see me. They grow up and go on to accomplish so much. I have many wonderful and fun memories, and I know I'll miss everyone, but I am looking forward to spending time with my husband and my family."

Vickie J. Taylor

Bus Driver – Transportation
23 years of service in Nebo



Patty Tew

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Teacher – Rees Elementary
31 years of service in Nebo



"Teaching has been a rewarding journey. I have enjoyed working at several schools in the Nebo School District including Park View, Santaquin, Larsen, and Rees Elementary. Wonderful administrators, fellow teachers, and children and their parents have been great to me. I have especially enjoyed experiencing the joy of seeing over 1,500 students discover the exciting world that reading opens up to them. I love seeing the light come on in those minds as they figure out the decoding process and realize that they now can read to find out anything!

I am grateful to my parents, my children, and my husband for encouraging me in my "calling" as a teacher. I will miss teaching in the public school system but I am trading this occupation for more time with my husband, children, grandchildren, my reading program marketing, and perhaps a few fly fishing holes here, there, and everywhere!"

Reta Tischner

Kindergarten Teacher – Salem Elementary School
20 years of service in Nebo, 4 years with another district



“I am truly convinced that ‘everything you need to know, you learned in Kindergarten!’ It’s been a great journey with the one thousand plus little people that I’ve been privileged to teach these past 24 years and they’ve impacted my life as well.

The first week of every new school year was spent celebrating our ‘heroes’ - Itsy Bitsy Spider and The Tortoise in the The Tortoise and the Hare. Itsy Bitsy had a great attitude and did hard things so we learned that we could too and we did! The tortoise taught us the meaning of perseverance and that it doesn’t matter who wins the race but that we just keep going, hard as it may be! One of our favorite mottos that we recited regularly was, “I Know I Can! I Know I Can! I Know I Can! I WILL!” Belief in self was a delight to instill in every child and I delight in knowing that they can now go forward with success!

Above my door was the caption - ‘Preparing children for the highest office in the land - CITIZEN!’ I loved sharing my passion for patriotism and instilling in my students a love for their country and a determination to be noble citizens.

My favorite part of every year was hatching monarch butterflies every fall. The magic of that experience every year will be a cherished memory to my dying day! My little students came into my classroom every year as unsuspecting caterpillars, totally unaware of their place in this big world but what a huge transition they made during those 180 days, when they transformed themselves slowly but surely to be butterflies, ready and confident to ‘fly’ off to first grade and to their future! I can only hope that I played a small part in giving them their wings!

“Thanks Patsy Barlow for mentoring me back in 1994 and getting me started again. It’s fun to be ending our teaching career together!”

Stephen D. Tolman

SPED Teacher – Cherry Creek Elementary School
34 years of service in Nebo



“It has been an honor working with the children and the fantastic staffs of the various Elementary Schools I have served in.”

Roger Tuckett

7th-9th Grade Teacher – Choir, Guitar –Diamond Fork
Junior High School
28 years of service in Nebo, 1 year with another district



“After a difficult first year of teaching in another district, I came here to Nebo School District in 1987. My first requirement was to complete the Essential Elements of Instruction course (EEI) with Allen Gurney as the instructor. This four day course was like a breath of fresh air for me at the time because it helped me see the art of teaching in a practical way. Allen made a difference in my life because he made me feel like “I can do this.” Looking back on my years as a music educator, it occurs to me that while music proficiency is an important goal and a proper objective, my overall priority throughout my career has been to use the gift of music to inspire and to help build self confidence in kids, that they might be better prepared to pursue their dreams and to find more joy in living. I feel grateful that Nebo School District has put up with me for all these years and given me the means to live and raise a family.”

Joe Warren

Transportation Supervisor – District Office
32.5 years of service in Nebo



RETIREMENT LIST
2015

Classified Employees

NAME	YRS OF SERVICE
Beth E. Blakey	27
Jarleen Bowen	20
Ronda Crane	22
Andrea Hutton	9
Carol Mason	16
Marjorie Nay	9
Marsha Rasmussen	22
Linda C. Rose	23
Gerald L. Solen	15
Vickie J. Taylor	23

Certified Employees

NAME	YRS OF SERVICE
Glenn Baguley	28
Leslie Baguley	15
Patricia Barlow	22
Peggy Beesley	22
Glenn V. Bird	37
Michele Boyack	31
Kathryn Lynn Buchanan	24
Robin Burnah	21
Sharlene Chatterley	30
Darlene J. Christensen	36
Mary Lois Clayson	26
Kathy Collings	30
Jeffery K. Cook	28
Leanna Crockett	32
Denise Daniels	32
Dixie Davis	25
Catherine W. Dutson	42
Shirley Esquerra	10
Joan Foote	16

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Ruth Francom	25
Norma Goddard	13
Jim Griffin	33
Paula Hylton	25
Joe Kelly	25
Laurel T. Koyle	30
Priscilla Leek	30
Layne Moody	34
Susan Moses	30
Paul Nelson	29
Ann Peay	21
Martin E. Powell	36
RuthAnn Roach	36
Ava Simonson	26
Lori Ann Sleight	26
Mary A. Smith	13
Sharee Swenson	25
Patty Tew	31
Reta Tischner	24
Stephen D. Tolman	34
Roger F. Tuckett	28
Joe Warren	32.5

Classified Employees Retiring: 10 for a total of 186 Years in Nebo

Certified Employees Retiring: 41 for a total of 1,135.5 Years in Nebo

A Total of 51 Employees Retiring for a Total of 1,321.5 Years in Nebo