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ANDREW BLACK

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont Elementary, 1st Grade Teacher.

YOUR EDUCATION: Carlisle High School; Wartburg College.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: 1st year of teaching!

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I spend most of my time with my pets (1 dog, 1 cat) and girlfriend outside of work. I also like to run and enjoy my time outside as well as traveling during the summer



RANDY BUSHBAUM



WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont, 4th Grade.

YOUR EDUCATION: Lincoln High School in Esko, Minnesota; University of Superior Wisconsin-Bachelor's.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Elementary librarian in Aitkin, Minnesota; Teaching multi-age classrooms (1-3 Grade and 3-4 Grade) at Discovery Woods Montessori School in Brainerd, Minnesota.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Our family moved to Iowa in February when my husband Dustin started working as a pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Hampton. We have four children in grades: 9th, 7th, 5th, and 1st. My favorite activities include reading, writing, playing card and board games, watching sports (especially the Vikings!), fishing, and camping.



AMANDA BYRNES



WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont, High School English.

YOUR EDUCATION: Luther College.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Estherville Lincoln Central CSD.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Married to Christen Foster-Thomas.



GRANT FOSTER-THOMAS

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont, Special Education Teacher.

YOUR EDUCATION: Iowa State-BS, Graduate work in Special Education.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: General Education Kindergarten and 1st Grade teacher; Special Education Resource teacher in Cabot, AR; Special Education teacher in Alternative School in Clinton, MS.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: 3 children: Garrett works for DNR in Columbia, MO, also obtaining Mashers at Mizzou; Kristen is in the Air Force, stationed in Jacksonville, AR; Brenna recently graduated from U of Arkansas; working in Chicago, IL. Love to read, play the piano, garden, and ride roller coasters.



ANN FRANDSON

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont, 3rd Grade and Freshmen Volleyball Coach.

YOUR EDUCATION: Buena Vista University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Academic Assistant to the Dean of School of Education; worked at Storm Lake After School Program; taught Storm Lake for TESL endorsement in 6th Grade; student taught 3rd Grade in Hampton.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I have a 1-year-old, Miniature Australian Shepherd named Nash. My hobbies include planting flowers, boating with my family, playing board games and cards with my grandparents and friends, and attending school extracurricular activities. I also enjoy home decor shopping and decorating my home.



ERIN GERKE

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? CAL, 5th Grade Teacher.

YOUR EDUCATION: Charles City High School; NIACC; UNI.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: First year teaching while being a substitute teacher and coach last year at Charles City Schools.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I enjoy watching sports and being active with friends and family. I also enjoy reading and spending time with my younger brother.



BRADY GIRKIN



NICKI HARDY

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont, Preschool.

YOUR EDUCATION: Algona High School; Iowa State University-Elementary Education; endorsements in ECE, reading, and science.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: 15 years in education: Gilmore City-Bradgate (Preschool); CAL (Title I/Kindergarten).

PERSONAL INFORMATION: 4 children: Anna (Senior at H-D), Reed (Freshman at H-D), Ellie (6th Grade at CAL), and Clairee (3rd Grade at CAL). Hobbies: art/crafting, reading, travel.



LYNDI HARMS

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont, Preschool.

YOUR EDUCATION: University of Northern Colorado-Bachelor's in Psychology; University of Phoenix-Masters in Elementary Education; North Western College-Early Childhood Endorsements.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Substitute teacher; Preschool Para; Preschool teacher.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Married for 17 years; 3 daughters-ages 21, 14, 9.



MICHELLE JACOBS

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont, 7th Grade Writing and 8th Grade Reading.

YOUR EDUCATION: Waverly-Shell Rock High School; BFA Minneapolis College of Art and Design; Augsburg University-Minneapolis K-6 Teacher License; currently seeking Master K-8 Reading at Upper Iowa University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Taught 23 years in Minneapolis; 12 years as delegation leader for 5-12 grades international travel with People to People Student Ambassadors.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Love art, design, writing, reading, travel, adventure, laughter, elephants and kitties! Have 3 brothers, 1 sister, 12 nieces and nephews and gobs of other family members!



NICKI JASS

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? CAL, Kindergarten Teacher.

YOUR EDUCATION: Hubbard-Radcliffe High School; Ellsworth Community College-Associate's Degree and Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education; Northwestern College-Masters of Education in Early Childhood Education.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Teaching at Interstate 35 Elementary and Belmont-Klemme-Preschool, 2nd Grade, and Early Childhood Special Education.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: My husband Leigh, who is a high school Social Studies teacher at Belmont-Klemme, and I have been married for 17 years. We have 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys. We live on a small farm just outside Belmont where we have many animals. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family outdoors and camping as well as supporting my kids as they participate in their many activities.



MOLLY JOHANSEN

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont, Positive Well-Being District Collaborator.

YOUR EDUCATION: CAL Community School; Ellsworth Community College and Buena Vista University-Bachelor's in Psychology and Human Services; University of Northern Iowa-Education Specialist degree in School Psychology.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Former school psychologist at Central Rivers Area Education Agency.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I live in rural Hampton with my husband, Jake, on our farm where we raise corn, beans, beef cattle, a few chickens, and our three children. I look forward to being back in the H-D district as a district employee after serving in the district for several years as a school psychologist with Central Rivers AEA and then taking some time off to be home with my young children.



GATE MEADER

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont, Student Advocate.

YOUR EDUCATION: Hampton-Dumont; Iowa State University-B.S. Child, Adult, and Family Services; currently pursuing M.S. in School counseling from Drake University.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: In my free time I love to read, visit coffee shops, watch documentaries, and hang out with friends and family.



CASSIDY MILLER

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont Elementary, 1st Grade; Freshmen Softball Coach.

YOUR EDUCATION: Hampton-Dumont High School; Buena Vista University, Bachelor's in Elementary Education.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Taught English Language Learners in Storm Lake Middle School, and Kindergarten in Alta; teacher assistant at Storm Lake Elementary School.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am very family-oriented and love spending time with my family. Camping, kayaking, fishing, going on walks and jeep rides, and simply just hanging out are some of the things we love doing. I am blessed to have a lot of family members that live close to Hampton so we get a lot of time together.



NICOLE NELSON

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont High School, High School Art.

YOUR EDUCATION: Dallas-Center Grimes High School; Luther College; The Art of Education University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: In education, 24 years-3 years HS art, 8 years elementary art, 1 year 4th Grade, 4 years Homeschooling, teaching camps/private.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Married to Jeff 22 years and 3 children: Phoebe (18), Annika (16), and Tanner (13). When the kids were little we lived in 5 different states in 5 years. We still love to travel. I love to make art-you can see some of it on Instagram @nicplynel_art_teach.



LESLIE PRALLE OSBORN

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont Elementary, At-Risk/ELL.

YOUR EDUCATION: CAL-Dows; Iowa State University - BA; Grand Canyon University - MA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Taught Social Studies and Computers at Northeast Hamilton; Technology & Innovation Consultant at Prairie Lakes AEA, transitioned to include Social Studies and served as Consultant for Emerging Bilinguals and worked in School Improvement.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: My husband and I moved to Latimer a year ago and I have five children, ages 1 to 15! I love attending their activities, family game night, photographing Midwest Rampage football, and I'm training for my first marathon this fall.



MIKYLA RODRIGUEZ

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont Middle School, Reading Interventionist.

YOUR EDUCATION: Hampton-Dumont High School; NIACC; University of Northern Iowa.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Student taught and substituted at Belmond-Klemme.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: My husband, Ismael, and I have been married since 2019. We have two children. We love spending time together as a family, whether it's playing soccer in the yard or watching movies together. My husband is a paraeducator at the High School, our kids will be at Southside in 1st Grade and Northside in 4-year-old Preschool, and I will be at the Middle School.



ERIN SMOCK

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont, Reading-Math Interventionist.

YOUR EDUCATION: Linn-Mar High School; University of Northern Iowa, Bachelor's Degree in Human Sciences.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Student Teaching in Seoul, South Korea; taught 3rd Grade at American School Foundation of Monterrey in Mexico; taught 3rd Grade and 5th/6th Grade Reading in Postville, IA.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Our family just moved to Hampton because my husband got relocated here as the new Iowa State Trooper of Franklin County. We have an almost 2-year-old boy who is very busy. We love doing anything outside in nature and traveling.



JOHANNA VANDER WILT

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont Elementary, 3rd Grade.

YOUR EDUCATION: South Hardin High School; Wartburg College.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Student taught 3rd Grade at North Butler and 4th Grade in Dike-New Hartford; taught preschool PE classes and substitute taught at North Butler and Eldora.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: In my free time I enjoy reading, painting, lettering, and spending time with my family and friends.



ALICIA E. VARRELMANN

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont Elementary, 5th Grade.

YOUR EDUCATION: Hampton-Dumont High School; Buena Vista University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: CAL 3rd Grade; Iowa Falls 4th Grade.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Married with 3 kids. I enjoy spending time with my family, working in my flower garden, shopping, riding bike, and attending sporting events for my children. I'm very excited to be working in the district.



KAYLIE VOY

WHICH DISTRICT WILL YOU BE TEACHING IN? Hampton-Dumont Middle School, Student Advocate.

YOUR EDUCATION: Hampton-Dumont High School; Iowa State University, Bachelor's Degree in Human Sciences.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Teacher and receptionist for Dancin' With Roxie.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I enjoy camping, swimming, taking my dog on walks, listening to music, spending time with family and friends, especially nieces and nephews.

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