

SNAKE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT RETIREES



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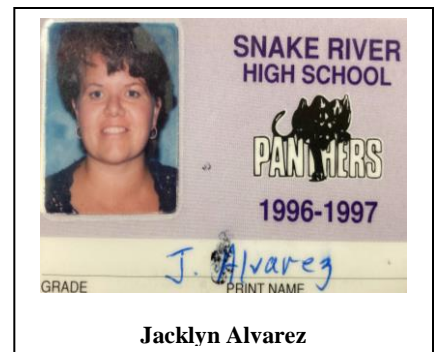
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Cindy Williams grew up in Blackfoot and attended Ricks college and BYU. She studied Home making, Music, and settled on a degree in Horticulture. She married Karl Williams in 1979 and raised 5 boys and one daughter on a dairy farm. When her last 2 children were in high school she took the position of Registrar/Secretary at the Snake River High School. She also was responsible for submitting all the Medicaid for the District. She loved her time working for the district and working with the students. She was happy for the opportunity to get to know more people in our community. She is now excited to be able to spend more time gardening, singing and most importantly spending more time with her 17 grandchildren. She hopes to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Jacklyn Alvarez



You've heard it said, "My how time flies when you're having fun!" Such must be the case as it really doesn't feel like it has been 33 years since I started working at SRHS. I remember the sense of wonder I had as a fresh faced 26-year-old kid, walking into my classroom for the first time in 1990, (I couldn't find a photo from that far back. Maybe we were using daguerreotypes then?) and feeling excited about being a teacher. I remember the butterflies, the learning curve, the joy and the frustrations. (I also remember life before computers and grading programs. I sure don't miss calculating rows and rows of grades for hundreds of kids.) I remember Diana Calabro, a former colleague, once saying, "I know why the freshmen like you. It's because you have the same mentality as them." I'm not sure it was meant as a compliment, but I'm going to take it as one! Overall, however, what I remember the most is CONNECTION. Connection with the content, connection with my colleagues, connection with the community, and connection with my students. That. That is the part I will miss the most. And so, I will move forward looking for ways to connect in other ways: connect with my other passions, connect with people from other places as I travel, and more time to connect with my family and loved ones. Thank you to the SR School District and community for so many great years (and maybe a couple of really crappy ones... lol). (I also couldn't find this year's photo. It was probably ugly, so I must've chucked it.)



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Lisa Esplin



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Lisa Esplin was born in Utah. She was raised in Upstate New York and Bay Area California. She graduated from Brigham Young University and started working for Snake River School District late 80's as a preschool aid and substitute teacher. Lisa also worked as a Speech Pathologist paraprofessional and Parents as Teachers Educator. She has taught Kindergarten at Moreland Elementary School 15 years from 2008-2023.

Lisa is looking forward to spending more time with my husband, DaLon and children, Emron, Emily, Kathryn and Christian and 9 grandchildren. I also need to care for my elderly mom, handicapped brother and elderly mother in law.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to teach and serve the children of our community. It has been a blessing!



Lisa Esplin

Coleen Thomas



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Coleen Thomas has worked for the Snake River School District for 18 years. Half of that time was as a custodian and the other half as a paraprofessional.

Coleen has been married to Robert Thomas for 47 years. They have four children, all of which graduated from SRHS a "few" years back. She is the proud grandma of 11 grandchildren.

Coleen has an art degree from Idaho State University. She loved those classes and uses many of those skills in her daily life. Coleen is well-known for her sewing, crocheting, cooking, quilting skills, and pranks. Whether it was an office full of balloons (you cannot prove it was her), or eating the tiniest lunch ever from the tiniest lunch tin ever, everyone knows and loves her happy attitude.

Coleen is well known for her humanitarian work. She sews baby clothes from donated cloth. She makes baby burp cloths and works her magic crochet hook around.

She will be very missed around the school and her efforts at helping her students push themselves to be their best. She is excited to start the next adventure in her life with her husband, kids, and grandchildren.

Also retiring earlier this year was Galen Sasser, Karen Sasser, and Bon Bedwell