

MEET THE NEWEST ADDITIONS TO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS 211 - 212 - 213

WELCOME NEW TEACHERS



Eva Fuertes
NORTON
Spanish

My name is Eva Fuertes. I am the new Spanish teacher. I come from north of Spain, Pamplona, where the running of the bulls takes place and I am very glad to be here to teach my language and be an ambassador of my culture.

I am a great believer in the study of languages as the gate that opens the world to you...so I did travel the world and used those skills to communicate with people everywhere from India to Patagonia, from Thailand to South Africa.

My education is a mix of cultures as I did my primary school in Spain, secondary school in Belgium and university in England and Spain.

I am passionate about traveling (so far 62 countries) and writing and reporting about it at Spanish radio stations.

Sports are a part of me, especially running and cycling, rock climbing and hiking.



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Tamra Cochran
NORTON
Vocal Music



My name is Tamra Cochran. I'm glad to be back and excited for the opportunity to teach vocal music here in Norton.

This is a return trip to Norton, so many of you I have met previously. I am looking forward to meeting the junior and senior high students as well as their parents.

While I have taught seven years, each year I like starting over. The new challenges are exciting.

Other than singing, for my enjoyment, my hobbies include photography, hiking, fishing and hunting on occasion. Exercising is also part of my routine.

My parents, Mick and Ida Cochran also like it here in Norton.



Joan Streck
School
Nurse

My name is Joan Streck. I have been a practicing nurse in various settings for nearly 30 years. I graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1979 with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree.

As a Registered Nurse I have practiced nursing in Columbia, St. Louis, Wichita and Norton. My family and I moved to Norton in 1985. Since residing in Norton I have worked at the Norton County Health Department, the Doctors Clinic, Norton Correctional Facility, and most recently the Norton County Hospital.

I have been married to my husband Steve for twenty-five years. We have three daughters, Sara, Naomi and Rebekah.

In my spare time I enjoy family, church and community activities. I also enjoy sewing, home decorating and water gardening.



Eric Richards
NORTON
Senior English
Speech/Forensics

My name is Eric Richards, and I will be teaching Senior English, Speech and Forensics this year at Norton High School. In addition to my teaching duties, I will also be helping out as an assistant coach for the junior high girl's basketball team. This will be my 15th year in the teaching profession.

I am originally from Ellsworth. I have two sisters and one brother. I attended Fort Hays State University and obtained my Bachelor's Degree in the area of communications in the spring of 1988.

My wife is Crystal. She is originally from WaKeeney. She is also a graduate of Fort Hays State University and will be working as a paraprofessional in the junior high. We have been married for three years and do not have any children, but we do have three cats and a dog that we treat just like children; they are a big part of our family.

Kayla Tacha
NORTON
First Grade



My name is Kayla Tacha and I will be teaching first grade this year. I have been a substitute teacher in the Norton school system for several years and was most recently the K-3 At-Risk tutor at Eisenhower Elementary.

I received my B.S. from Fort Hays State University.

My husband John and I have two daughters, Lindsey, 15, and Nicole, 12.

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