



Roy W. "Buzz" Palmer is an Atwood High School graduate. He received his BS and MS from Pittsburg State in Technology Education. He spent six years teaching at Wellington High School and 16 years teaching at Parsons High School. Roy is married to his wife Bonnie, and they have three children: Chad, 25; Rachel, 23; and Nick, 19. He will be teaching 7-12 Tech Exploration and 9-12 Drafting.



Kristina Kerst was born and raised in Yuma, Colorado, and currently resides in WaKeeney, KS with her Golden Retriever, Molly. Kristina received her MS in Speech/Language Pathology from Fort Hays State University. She will be teaching Speech Therapy.



My name is Lacy Zillinger. I grew up in Speed, KS and graduated from high school in Phillipsburg, KS. In December 2009, I graduated from Fort Hays State University with a B.S. in Elementary Education and endorsement in Special Education. I did my student teaching at Logan Elementary School. Since then, I have been subing K-12 and enjoying my time at home with my son, Joel. My husband, Dan, son, Joel, and I reside in Stuttgart. Joel will start Kindergarten here in Norton and is extremely excited. This school year I will be teaching fifth and sixth grade special education in Norton. I am really looking forward to meeting new people and helping students move forward and be successful learners.



Mrs. Traci Uehlin will be teaching the fifth and sixth grade technology at Eisenhower Elementary. Mrs. Uehlin grew up in Oberlin. She is married to Paul "Doc" Uehlin and lives on the family farm northeast of Oberlin. They have two children who will be attending Norton Schools this year. Chance, 13, is an eighth grader, and Callie, 10, is a fifth grade. Mrs. Uehlin enjoys sports and spending time with her family. Mrs. Uehlin earned her Bachelor of Science in 1995 from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and is licensed to teach mathematics, computer technology, and English to speakers of other languages. She has been teaching for 14 years and is currently working on her Master's Degree at Emporia State University. She has also coached volleyball, basketball, and track.



Destiny Breault is from Concordia, KS and just recently graduated from Kansas State University double majoring in Art Education and Photography. This is Destiny's first teaching job and she will be teaching Elementary and Jr. High Art. In her free time she likes to spend time with her three brothers, friends, paint, photography, and think of new creations.



My name is Jeremy Hawks, and I will be replacing Pam Menagh as USD 211's Curriculum/Accreditation/Wellness Director. Before taking this position, I spent the last seven years teaching Honors Geometry and Honors Algebra 2 at Garden City High School. I also served as the Defensive Coordinator for their high school football team. Prior to my service to Garden City, I was the Strength and Conditioning Coordinator, Defensive Line Coach and an instructor of Health and Human Performance at Fort Hays State University. I moved here with my family: wife Renee, son Christien (7) and daughter Dylan (5). I was a graduate of Norton Community Schools in 1993, and received my master's of Science from Fort Hays State in 2001.



My name is Angela Melvin. I live in Norton, with my husband, Lucas, and our four children. I graduated from Fort Hays State University with my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 1998. After graduation I taught one year at Lenora Grade School and then taught eight years at Eisenhower Elementary School. After our fourth child was born, I spent two years at home with our children and completed my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Emporia State University. Last year I returned to the classroom teaching Kindergarten at Lenora Grade School. This year I will be teaching Kindergarten at Eisenhower Elementary School. I am very excited to once again be a part of U.S.D. #211.



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