

2008 – 2009 New Quest Staff

Congratulations to **Lael Tarr** from Franklin who was married over the summer and is now **Lael Camacho**. We wish Lael and her husband many happy years together.

Peter Conrick is our new Kamiakin Junior High Quest teacher for 9th grade social studies. He graduated from the University of Melbourne, in Victoria Australia with an honors degree in history. He specialized in Indian, Chinese and Japanese history as well as Modern European and Australian history. He has traveled extensively throughout Asia and the Pacific region. He spent the first fourteen years of his career teaching history and English 7-12 in secondary schools in his home state of Victoria, Australia before being awarded an International Teaching Fellowship in 1988 to the United States. What was originally intended as a one year visit has turned into a 20 year stay! He has also worked on numerous curriculum projects in LWSD, including the recent Social Studies standards and adoption committee. He is married to Susan who is science/health teacher at Kamiakin and they have two grown children.

Ryan Prosser is our new 7th & 8th grade Quest teacher for LA/SS at Kamiakin. He attended Western Washington University earning his BA in Philosophy and his K-8 teaching certificate then to Boston College to earn a M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction. He attended Seattle University School of Law graduating in 2007, Magna Cum Laude. He has worked in the special education department at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. However, his passion remained in teaching and after nine months he applied to LWSD and, in his words, "was given an amazing opportunity to teach in the Quest program at Kamiakin Junior High."

Lindsey Ward is our new Quest Enrichment teacher in our pull out program at Sandburg Elementary School. After graduating from the University of Washington with her Bachelor of Arts in Business she went on to earn a Masters in Teaching from City University of Seattle. Lindsey also took a course in Art Studies at Lorenzo de Medici in Florence, Italy. Lindsey is interested in coaching girls' soccer and has held Activity/Supervision positions in Drug and Alcohol Awareness and Intramural Athletics. She has served as a teaching substitute in the district, and her internship in Bellevue School District.

Lindsey Blodgett is the new grade 5/6 teacher at Thoreau Elementary in the full time Quest program. Lindsey has been involved in swimming, Drill Team, and Pep Club/Cheerleading and was an event coordinator prior to pursuing her Masters in Teaching. After obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration/Economics from Western Washington, Lindsey went on to complete her Master in Teaching at Northwest University in Kirkland. Lindsey served her internship in the school district at Smith Elementary.

Kristen Dunseth-Orth was a student at Carl Sandburg elementary school in Lake Washington School District and now returns as the grade 3/4 full time Quest teacher at Smith Elementary School. She completed her student teaching under the mentorship of Shell Lockwood at Rosa Parks Elementary. Kristen graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and teaching certificate in Elementary Education from Washington State University in Pullman.

Erin Silberlicht has recently taken the position of a long term substitute in the full time Quest program at Franklin Elementary having moved to Washington from Texas where she was teaching third grade. She started her education at Oklahoma State University and received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of North Texas. She earned her Gifted and Talented certification in 2004. Erin taught for 6 ½ years at the Math/Science/Technology Magnet School in Richardson, Texas before moving to Sammamish. Erin and her husband, Jonathan, have been married for 15 years. Erin also lived in Germany for a while. Erin volunteered at Christa McAuliffe elementary working on the year book, the health room and the art start program and is currently involved as a Den Leader for the Boy Scouts of America. She is the substitute for **John Frank** during his medical leave this year.

Janette Cimburek has taken over from Dianne Thurgood, who retired at the end of June, as the administrative secretary. She comes to us from Rose Hill Junior High School where she worked for thirteen years in several capacities. Prior to being employed by the school district Janette was involved in PTSA at the school and district. Janette is the district commissioner for the Academic Games program in Lake Washington School District having been involved for fifteen years. She is happy to be a part of the Quest team.

We extend a warm welcome to our new staff in the Lake Washington School District Quest Program.