

Dear Parents,

First of all I must say that I'm very excited to be a part of the Dragon's team!

I was born in Santa Ynez and I have lived here most of my life. I went to Ballard school when it was just the red school house, and attended Santa Ynez Elementary when too many of my family members were attending Ballard.

I earned a teaching credential in Physical Education from Cal State University, Chico, and my Special Ed. Credentials from California Lutheran College as well as the Resource Teacher certificate from Cal Poly, SLO.

I have taught in nearly every school in the Valley, at every grade level, and I have worked at as many as four sites at a time so I'm hoping things will fall into a smooth routine quickly.

I have a 28-year old son who is a geologist, and assistant wine maker out in Los Olivos somewhere. (He is very cute and single!) I live at the end of Baseline, toward Happy Canyon, with my husband of 6 years and 4 wonderfully large dogs that amount to about 500 lbs.

As Bonnie Curtin can tell you, my passion is tennis, and our weekends are always court bound. Our summers are spent backpacking between 8,000 and 11,000 feet in Yosemite National Park. Oh, yes, my other passion when I'm tired after tennis is knitting. I keep telling my husband that I will catch up with the laundry and house work as soon as my project is done, and amazingly another project is started and I will have forgotten to take a break from Knitting. He is retired so he has loads of patience, lovely man!!!

I currently have a full program at Santa Ynez school that keeps my two assistants and I very busy all day with RSP and SDC students.

I am looking forward to meeting you. The best way to reach me is by email.

Please come and meet me at Coffee with the Director, this Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8 AM.  
Thanks,

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