



Alex Zepeda

THE COACH OF THE WEEK

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By Zaden Sevy

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Today I have been able to interview the PE teacher/football coach, Alex Zepeda. Born in Princeton Minnesota. We know him as the PE teacher for Idaho Hill Elementary, but he is also the football coach for the Spartans. Mr. Zepeda is coach for the Priest River Spartans, coaching them for 3 seasons. Mr. Zepeda led the Spartans through 3 great years. And when Alex Zepeda coached the Spartans last year, they broke many records. For example, they broke the record of most rushing touchdowns in a season. Being a football coach you need to have a favorite football team and player. Mr. Zepeda's favorite football team is the Atlanta Falcons and his favorite player is Julio Jones.

Before being a coach or PE teacher, Alex Zepeda attended Grand Canyon University. This year, 2025, Alex Zepeda has taken on a new challenge of being a PE teacher. Alex Zepeda enjoys being a PE teacher but there is one thing that he enjoys the most. And that thing is watching the kids compete in a variety of ways. The reason Alex Zepeda is a PE teacher is because he wants kids to play sports or get academically involved in activities. Alex Zepeda is an amazing football coach for the Priest River Spartans and an amazing PE teacher.



Mrs. Kristi

Kindergarten Teacher at
Idaho Hill Elementary
School
By Don Winterfield

Kristi Harrison was born in Texas, her first job was teaching kindergarten at Vestal School in San Antonio Texas. Kristi loves to teach little kids how to read, she started to teach kindergarten in 2003. Kristi became a teacher by using a program, and moved here in 2005.



Breaking News

Teacher Of The Month

The One, The Only, Mrs. Knapp!!
4th Grade teacher

★ By: Maeci Janhsen ★



Today I interviewed a very cool and interesting teacher, her name is Retta Knapp, she grew up in Quincy, Illinois USA. Her favorite colors are black and red, she loves all animals but mostly dogs and would like too get to know more about wild animals. She went to Berrien Elementary School until she was in 6th grade. Mrs. Knapp says that when she was in high school she helped with little kids and girl scouts; she found that she loved teaching little minds. When she grew up she went to college and got her degree, but instead of just doing one job she did multiple jobs, one being a camp counselor in Wyoming. Eventually Mrs.Knapp got into the Navy and was a Naval Officer. After some years in the Navy Mrs.Knapp went into teaching, she started out as a 3rd grade teacher at the Coeur d'Alene Indian Elementary School. After 3 years there she decided to apply for Idaho Hill Elementary School as a fourth grade teacher, she was approved and still is a teaching going on her 18th year as a teacher!! She says she has no plan of moving soon and loves her job.

Statement From Mrs. Knapp: Mrs Knapp states that, "To be a good teacher you have to have a good sense of humor and can't let people bring you down."



The Great Mrs. Miller

By: Addison Stoffels

Today I interviewed Mrs. Miller the 6th grade teacher and she is from Idaho Hill Elementary. She loves teaching. She was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her favorite teacher from when she was in school was Mrs. Field. She started teaching 10 years ago. Mrs. Miller's favorite subject is Social Studies. She started teaching because she learned how to teach. She had to go to college and get a. After she went through all of that she came to her first school. . Miller worked at IT before she became a teacher. She has two pets and they are both dogs and they are her . Her favorite candy is almond Joy and that is my favorite candy too. None of her students at Idaho Hill Elementary could guess it. Mrs. Miller loves to travel and her favorite state is Louisiana. The first middle school that she worked at was Heather Wood Middle School. Mrs. Miller loves to travel but this summer she is going to Italy. Mrs. Miller can speak 2.5 languages. She can speak Jamaican, Spanish, and part Russian. That is all about Mrs. Miller.

The One and Only Mrs. Gregory!

Written by: Kaylee Green

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Today I interviewed Mrs. Gregory the 1st grade teacher! She was born in Walla Walla Washington, and grew up in Spokane. Her favorite state is Oregon. Her favorite subject as a kid was when the teacher would read stories out loud, or math. Some of her favorite hobbies are reading, building puzzles, crocheting, and painting. Her favorite grade to teach is 1st grade. Her favorite part about teaching is seeing the children improving. Mrs Gregory said that “ She would do anything in the world to teach.” She started teaching at the Junior High in 2015. Before she started teaching at Idaho Hill Elementary she worked at a daycare for 10 years, she worked as a speech teacher for 10 years, then she worked helping toddlers and baby’s learn for 10 years, then she taught at a Preschool for 3 years, and 10 years in a normal classroom. Overall she has worked as a teacher for 43 years. She has taught at every school in West Bonner County School District (WBCSD), plus most schools in Sandpoint. She wanted to start working at Idaho Hill Elementary because she did work at the Junior High, but it closed. At the Junior high Ms. Glazier was the principal, Mrs. Gregory looks up to her and since the Junior High closed Mrs. Gregory decided to follow Ms. Glazier and come to Idaho Hill Elementary! Mrs. Gregory’s favorite teacher is Mrs. Sjostrom, because she looks up to Mrs. Sjostrom.



Mrs. Thomason



Mrs. Thomason special education teacher at Idaho Hill Elementary School graduated in a high school in the Mojave Desert in South California. She has currently been teaching for 7 years. She likes teaching school because whenever she is at school she feels the happiest. She believes teaching is her gift and purpose. Her favorite sport is the Ultimate Fighting Challenge (UFC) and her favorite UFC athlete is Julianna Pena who was born in Spokane Washington. She is currently the Bantamweight world Champion. Her Favorite food is tacos because she loves all Mexican food and salsa.



Julianna Pena

Mr. J

Bus driver and technology and steam teacher

By:Lula Henderson

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Mr. J was born in California. Prior to working at Idaho Hill he worked for a church for 15 years. He got his job on September 5th 2024. I had a chance to interview Mr. J for my class project in 5th grade. Mr. J is a science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics (STEAM) teacher in Idaho Hill and a bus driver. He loves to wear hat's, in fact he has 18 of them. He received his hats from the children at the church camps he worked at in his previous career. My favorite hat I have seen is the llama that spits water. It is so cool that it can spray water at us. His favorite animal is an eagle Favorite food is Chinese. His favorite person is Emma in 5th grade and he looks up to Mrs Glazier. He likes to make jokes for kids and he is nice. He was the nices bus driver I had. Sometimes he has a dance battle on the bus where he plays music with the speaker and has it with Kason.



EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT...

The secretary of the month

By Emma Toews

3/6/25

Today I got the chance to interview the Secretary of Idaho Hill Elementary and her name is Mrs. Oliva Palmer. She was born in Anaheim California. She did work in a different school called Troy High School which has 2,800 students. She was an attendance officer. She went to school at Heritage Christian School and she is fluent in Spanish. Her favorite actress is Jennifer Garner. She has two kids, Nathan and Danae and they were aspiring thespians. For example, they were in a movie called "We Bought a Zoo" and in three other shows "Victoria", "iCarly", and "Sam & Cat". They were just back up actors and if you don't know what that is, it's just a person talking or walking in the background.



The Wonderful 2nd Grade teacher Mrs. Hertzberg

By: Aspyn Butler

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Today I interviewed the second grade teacher her, name is Mrs. Hertzberg. Her favorite animal is a horse. Her dream pet is a Paso Fino horse. Someone who taught her the most was Mrs. Luckey. Before Mrs. Hertzberg lived in Idaho, she lived in California. Mrs. Hertzberg's favorite color is lavender and her favorite food is chicken piccata. The reason why Mrs. Hertberg wanted to become a teacher because It seemed like a rewarding career to teach what kids need to know. She started teaching in 1993. Her favorite subject is math. She can relate to student's is by focusing on their strengths. Mrs. Hertzberg's favorite color is lavender and her favorite food is chicken piccata. Before Mrs. Hertzberg taught here she taught near sandpoint.

Idaho Hill Elementary News

About Ms. Jones

Mrs. Jones

3/3/25

Written by Ryker Sams

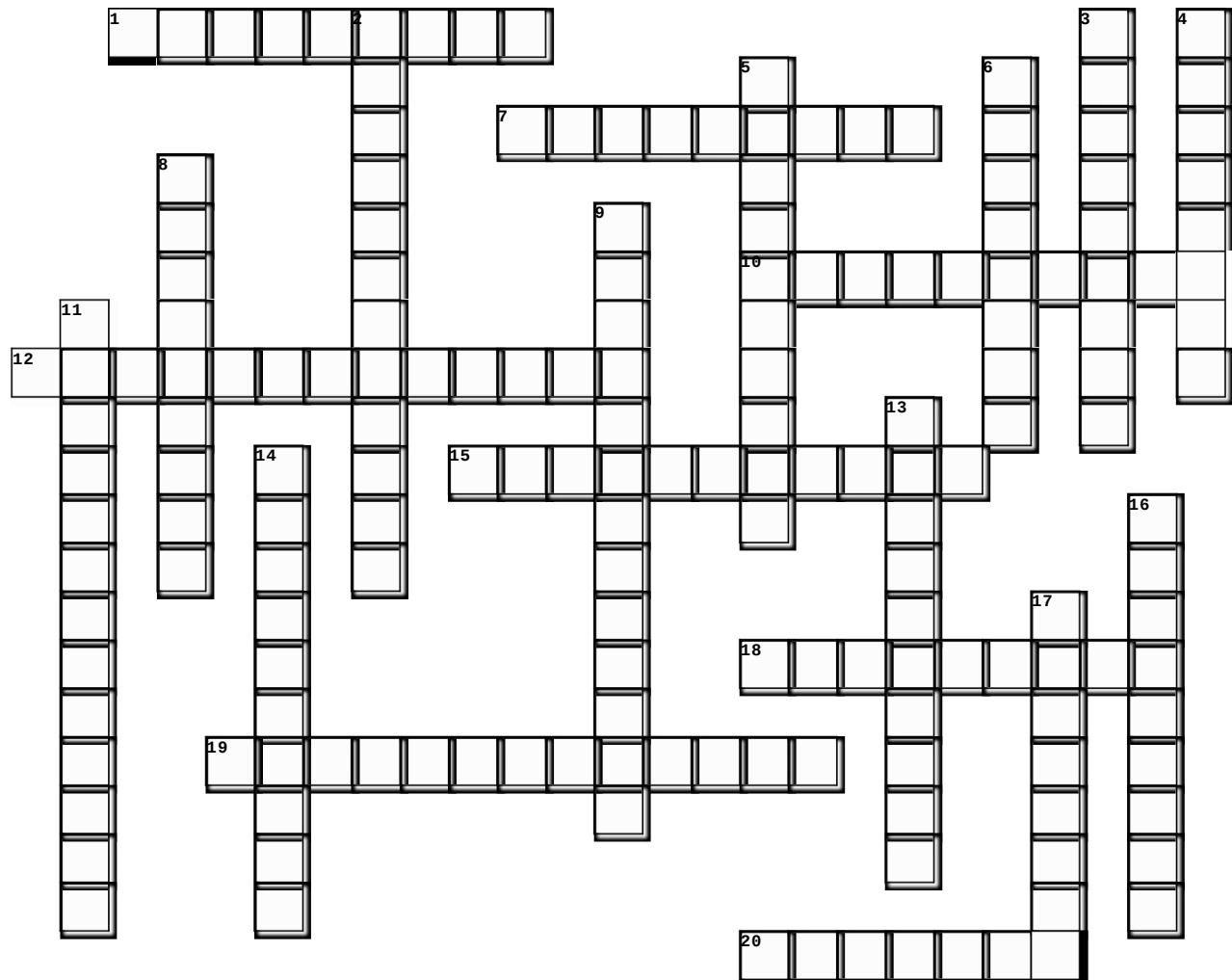
In this article we are meeting Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Jones favorite thing to do is going to St. Joe river with her family. Before she started working at the school Idaho Hill Elementary, she worked at an Insurance Company. She has worked at Idaho Hill Elementary for 10 years. Mrs. Jones rated this school Idaho Hill Elementary a 10/10. Her favorite student is every student. Her favorite animals are puppies. Her favorite subject is History. She came here because she wanted to be on the same schedule as her kids. Her favorite sport is Volleyball. This person is amazing so I hope you liked this article.



Name: _____

Kaylee's crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

1. something being as big as a human
7. relating to or expressed as a number or numbers
10. hopeful and confident about the future
12. traveling or operating between distant places
15. the opposite of using your right hand
18. having or expressing devotion to add vigorous support for one's county
19. (of people) gather or assemble socially
20. wild or distraught, with fear and anxiety

Down

2. pride and confidence in oneself; a feeling that one is behaving with honor and dignity
3. employing, requiring or involved in high technology
4. relating to the observation and treatment
5. of or concerning history, concerning past events
6. occurring in or characteristics of myths or folks tales
8. showing or involving great activity or vitality
9. a person or a person's behavior or manner
11. Spokane language; informal or unofficial discourse
13. happening or continuing throughout the year
14. the state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy
16. of or concerned with the actual doing or use of
17. physically strong, fit, and active

THE LIFE OF MRS.SHECK
BY Willson Alexander Morey

Most people do teaching just for the money but this very special employee who came from Coeur D'alene in one very special school named Idaho Hill Elementary does it for many young minds like myself. She is the only adult responsible for our recess times. She is a mix of safe and fun mixed into one. At recess times she gives and gives but still is worried about safety. You might have thought that Mrs. Sheck didn't have any jobs before here with her being here for many years but DON'T" T LET THAT FOOL YOU! Mrs.Sheck actually had two other jobs as a waitress and a daycare employee. She had two jobs that included teaching.You might have thought that she had to have experience to apply. Other than being a daycare employee, she had no experience taking care of children. The principal just asked her to apply. Mrs. Sheck has been doing the job since 1990 to 2025. And throughout the years, she still respects Mrs.lucky.

Miss Shawna

Article by

Logan millage

Born and raised in North Idaho, Miss Shawna is now working at Idaho Hill Bulldogs school as a counselor for 3 years. who if you ask what their favorite food is they would say, spaghetti with cheese. She is someone who also loves her job. When a kid is having troubles she'll help them talk through it. Before she was a counselor here at Idaho Hill she worked at a children's shelter also During the summer she has a Boat rental business called 208 Boat Rentals.



Mrs Alicia (Mrs. A)

By Nathen Harmer

Today I interviewed Mrs Alicia Jansen Van Nieuwenhuizen, but she goes by Mrs A. The school that she works at is Idaho Hill Elementary. She was born in South Africa. She speaks 3 Languages that I am going to Review about later. Goeie more is an African word for good morning.



Our Reading Specialist -
Mrs.Cork
Written by Scott Correia

Today I will be talking about a person, or as a lot of people see her, a teacher. The teacher I'm talking about is Mrs.Cork. She is a Title 1 paraprofessional so technically she is not a real teacher. She helps students that need extra help. She was born in 1962 and was born in Newport Hospital. She has lived in the Priest River all her life. Eventually she started volunteering and then got offered a job, and has been working here ever since. She has been to 11 different states and 3 different countries besides America including Thailand, Canada, and Mexico.

Daisy sojstrom
Kason Geaudreau

In this article I will be interviewing Mrs. Sojstrom. Ms. sojstrom is the 3rd grade teacher at Idaho Hill Elementary. She started teaching in 2012. And the person who inspired her to be a teacher was a really nice math teacher in middle school, who helps in her class

. I asked her what made her become a teacher, and she really liked working with kids. She thinks that 3rd grade is the best age to teach. She spent 10 years teaching daycare and around 13 years teaching 3rd.



Mr. joshua schultz
Tyanna Mize

Today I interviewing Mr. joshua schulz likes his job and he would not change a thing. Mr. joshua schultz douse not have a favorite student\shaid shahid because he is a funny guy. And he has worked and was taught at idaho elementary and beth kiefer and started in 2nd grade january 4 2020. The resin he decided to teach is because he was a couch and he enjoyed working with kids so he decided to be a teacher. Likes to teach science why because its very hands on creative and exact. His favorite place is washington coast or anyplace to fish. He was born in cleveland ohio. The country he was born in was america. Mr.joshua schultz favorite movie is so i married an axe murderer and his favrot character is mike myers. Head,pants, now. Joshua schultz has 3 kids 19 year old twins and 21 year old boys. Mr.joshua schultz douse not have a favorite kid out of the three. Mr. joshua schultz full name is joshua thomas schultz. His favorite candy is reeses peanut butter cups. Mr. joshua schultz can speak one language. The language he can speak is english. Mr joshua schultz likes to have a class 20 to 25 kids. If hade to pick a quit class or a loud class he would pick a quit class. His favorite food is pizza.



Ms.Loretta Glazier

By: Mia Bird

I had the opportunity to interview our school principal, Ms.Loretta Glazier. When she used to live in Sagle, Idaho. is from Sandpoint. She was born in Sagel and was raised in Sandpoint.

Clarify where she was born and raised? Who is she?

Where did she go to school?

What was her favorite grade to teach?

What was her favorite subject to teach or take?

Why did she become a teacher and a principal?

When she got her job she started in the summer of 1998 in Washington. She likes to make sure kids are doing their work She loves nachos and she likes this sport is golf. And she likes to go to the golf course.She loves to read a lot. Her favorite animals are horses and dogs.



Ms. Sue.

By Jared hiebert

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In today's article were going to be meeting Ms. Sue. She is the school cafeteria worker for Idaho hill elementary. She was born in England and she is really kind.

Later on she moved to Idaho, America. That's when she became a cafeteria worker. She said the reason she got the job is because she was inspired by her mother. And she was bored so she had to get a job. She would mostly drive her car to work in the mornings.

And would get to her job at exactly 6:00 am, when the kids get to school she would be at the cafeteria giving out breakfast. Ms Sue is an amazing lunch lady and should be appreciated more. I hoped you liked this article.



The Kindness award goes
to...

Mrs. Sammy Jo Sevy
Nathan Bangs

Today I got the chance to interview Miss Sevy so we can make a 5th grade class newspaper. I met up with her and she is a very nice teacher. She did not grow up in Idaho she grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada and she moved to Idaho to live a quieter life and work at a school. Actually, working at Idaho Hill was her first time working and teaching at a school. Her favorite thing about the school is helping kids.

One of her students stated, "She's really nice and kind and nicer than most teacher's." Her favorite subject at school when she was a kid was

P.E.

Her favorite type of food is Mexican. In the future her dream place to visit is Costa Rica. It was a wonderful time interviewing Samy Jo Sevy and I really learned a lot about her.

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