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NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Your President, Laurie Brems



Wow, can you believe it is October? As I take a moment to breathe, I can't believe that we are well into another school year with all of the planning, grading, meetings, etc., that comes with it. Sometimes I wonder – Do the things I do make a difference? Do I stop from my rush, rush agenda to pay a little extra attention to a student in need? Do I spend my time trying to learn and incorporate new software and classes and forget that I am teaching students and not software?

A theme for professional development at my school this year has been “swim up stream”. We have been encouraged to stand out and make a difference. As I contemplate the concept of swimming up stream, sometimes it seems I'm just trying to keep my head above water. Who has the time to think about traveling up stream? With the constant changes in our curriculum and software, it is easy to get lost in the mechanics of what we teach.

Take a moment to reflect on the passion you have for teaching. Do you have the passion? You know those teachers who do; the ones....

- ☪ who never allow a student to enter the classroom without making him or her feel welcome
- ☪ who launch a new course every year, letting the student market determine what classes should be taught
- ☪ whose students take classes they've already taken because they learned so much and had so much fun

Let us all have that passion to enrich our students' lives; to be the teachers who excel at the art of teaching; and who understand that learning is factual, practical, and emotional. Let us teach and inspire those wonderful people we call students.

Laurie Brems, UBCEA President

2006-2007 New UBCEA Board Member

President Elect — Kim Thompson

Kim Thompson has thoroughly loved working in the business education field for the last several years. She started her teaching career at West Jordan High School. After 3 years, Kim transferred to the Jordan High School, giving her the opportunity to teach at a new state of the art school. She has taught a variety of courses ranging



from CIS to web and desktop to fashion merchandising (this is one of her favorites because she has a tendency to love clothes).

Kim has a Bachelor's degree from Utah State

University, with a double major in Business and Marketing Education, and a Master's of Arts in Diverse Education. She has served as an advisor for FBLA and DECA and is currently the FBLA advisor. Along with her students, she puts on an exciting fashion show at JHS, which gives her students the opportunity to translate what they have learned in the classroom to the real world. She has also served as the business department head.

Kim and her husband spend their free time with their two daughters and three grandchildren. She also loves to travel, do hand work and of course, shop. Kim looks forward to the opportunities ahead of her as the new president-elect of UBCEA.

IT Technology Education Specialist Carl Lyman

Carl was raised in Sutherland, north of Delta and went to elementary in a four room school. Each summer he would help his Dad on the farm where



they raised alfalfa, barley, beef cattle, and corn for silage. Carl graduated from Brigham Young University in Elementary Education. He taught second and third grade for six years at the Delta Elementary.

For three summers in the early 80's Carl moved to Logan to work on a masters in Instructional Technology. During this time he started teaching business and computer classes at the Delta Technical Center in Delta. Last year he moved to Spanish Fork where he taught at a charter school called the American Leadership Academy.

His wife Shirley is from Southern Alberta, Canada. Four of their six children are married. They also have eight grandchildren who are a lot of fun. His youngest son will be going into the Marines the first part of October and his other son who lives at home works and attends UVSC.

Carl enjoys the outdoors. He likes to build and fix things. Carl likes to learn about new ideas and skills and enjoys sharing what he has learned with others.

K-12 KB Specialist—Janet Goble



Janet Goble has been teaching Business Education for the past 12 years. She earned her B.S. in Business Education from the University of Wyoming and has taught at the high school, jr. high, and college levels. Having taught in Arizona for a number of years, she was excited to move back to Utah three years ago. She comes to the USOE from American Fork Jr. High where she taught Computers in Business, Keyboarding and TLC.

Message from Craig Stoker— Business Education Specialist

The Utah Jump\$tart Coalition is again this year preparing a day-long event of workshops for teachers who want to learn more and expand their pool of resources related to financial literacy. It will be especially helpful for those teachers teaching the new General Financial Literacy, but is open to all teachers both elementary and secondary.

The registration system has just gone “live.” You can find a notice of the conference and a link to the event registration system. There you will be able to reserve a space at the event, as well as select workshop titles you wish to attend.

Treasurer—Sandra Graham



Sandra received in B.S. and Masters degrees from BYU. During her career she has worked in the Jordan School District serving five different school. Sandra enjoys teaching at the middle schools just as much as teaching at the high schools. She is currently teaching Advertising, Business Law and Computer Technology at Riverton High School. Business Law is her favorite subject to teach. She enjoys bringing her professional experience from the legal and medical fields into the classroom.

Outside of the classroom, Sandra’s heart leans toward musical theater. She has had the opportunity to play a lead in a play, although it was drama rather than musical. Her family and friends are the most important part of her life. She treasures the time she can spend with them, including weekend dates with the triplets and twins or traveling all over.

One mark of a great educator is the ability to lead students out to new places where even the efucator has never been.

--Kay Lyons

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February 23-24, 2007



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Message from Marlene Griffiths, Membership Director

UBCEA is busy preparing sessions for the UACTE Conference to be held in St. George on February 23rd and 24th. We know there are very creative people out there and would like to know if you would be willing to share those ideas with your fellow colleagues or if you have any ideas of sessions you would like to attend, please reply by Tuesday, October 17, 2006



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