

Greetings Sprucewood Families and Faculty,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter to you as the newly appointed Principal of Sprucewood Elementary School. I am beyond thrilled to continue my career in education with the Sprucewood community as I have heard so many positive things already.

A little about my background...

I have worked thirteen years in education for the Murray City School District. For the first five years, I taught 6th grade at Grant Elementary. I then spent two years as District Curriculum Teacher Specialist where I had

the opportunity to oversee several K-12 curriculum departments including Mathematics, English Language Arts, Fine Arts, Gifted Education, and World Languages/Dual Immersion. For the past six years, I have had the pleasure of serving as Principal at Parkside Elementary.



My education background includes a Bachelor's degree from Westminster College, a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Policy from University of Utah, and endorsements in History, English as a Second Language, and Elementary Mathematics. Additionally, I am currently pursuing a Doctorate of Education at University of Utah.



On a personal note...

I was born and raised in the Salt Lake Valley and enjoy calling Utah home. My husband, Brady, is also in education, he teaches special education at Murray High School. Together we have one daughter, Brooklyn (age 11) and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of another little girl in early June.

My professional vision...

I am energetic and excited about continuing the great work already in progress at Sprucewood Elementary School. I am an instructional leader with a clear vision. I strongly believe in the success of all students and will use my background to foster rigorous curriculum in classrooms where students feel safe, challenged, and engaged. I'm committed to nurturing a community through open communication where teachers, parents, and student peers all work together to achieve collaborative success for all students.

I look forward to meeting everyone in the near future!

Sincerely,

Colleen Smith

