

History of Alice Terry Elementary School



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History of Alice Terry Elementary School

Alice Terry Elementary School was built in 1958 to manage the growth from housing construction in the town of Sheridan that was caused by Martin Marietta. The school was named after Alice Bodine Terry, born in 1899 and became a teacher and later principal at Fort Logan School.

The Beginning

Chapter 1

Three Elementary Districts

Before there was a Sheridan High School, there were three elementary school districts. Petersburg was the first school in the Sheridan area and built in 1892. Petersburg was organized as a school district in 1909. A fire in 1927 burned the original building and a new one was built. In 1923, a separate district from Petersburg was opened, creating Fort Logan school. College View split off from Fort Logan and their district was created in 1941.

The neighboring school districts of Littleton were created in 1889 and Englewood in 1916. Until the late 1940's Englewood High School served Sheridan and College View students. The Colorado population boomed after World War II especially in the areas around Denver. Englewood was expanding from several annexations and the schools experienced tremendous growth in their student populations. Several local newspaper articles from the area focused on the overcrowding of the schools. In the 1950 census, Englewood was listed as the sixth largest city in the state of Colorado.

Fort Logan District 75

Fort Logan School was originally established as its own school district, serving a much larger area than today. Children of farmers and workers associated with the Fort were served. Students walked to school or were brought by their families as no school transportation was provided. Farm fields were to the east of the building on Knox Court as seen in old photos. An irrigation ditch ran just east of the school and separated the playing field from the building. This ditch was filled during the 1970s. The oldest part of the school was built in 1923 with the cornerstone being dedicated on July 3, 1923.

The 1923 structure had two stories with the classrooms being on the second floor. Elementary and middle grades were combined into four rooms for teaching. There were two grades in each room. Each grade consisted of 9 to 11 students. The lower floor rooms housed the mechanical workings and the kitchen. During the seventy fifth anniversary, a few of the guests present remembered the old structure, having attended classes there. By 1931 each grade consisted of 20 to 25 students and were placed in separate classrooms, by the 1950s some grade levels had five classrooms.

Four barracks were brought in from Fort Logan grounds and bricked over to make eight additional classrooms which enlarged the school in 1947. Parents and community members did most of the work. In 1952 five rooms were added followed by two more rooms in 1956. The large cafeteria was also added in 1957.

The Fort Logan school district originally served the area bounded by Jewell Avenue on the north, Sheridan Boulevard on the west, Bellevue Avenue on the south, and Santa Fe Drive on the east. The area for Petersburg Elementary was excluded from the original Fort Logan school district.

Impact of Martin Marietta

In 1955 the Martin Company announced it was coming to the Denver area. This spurred new housing subdivisions in Sheridan and Englewood adding many new students to the school district. The growth provided the impetus for further housing construction in the district west of Federal. To meet the needs of the growing district in 1958 the district built Alice B. Terry Elementary School at Irving Street and Radcliff Avenue.

School Construction

The original land for Alice Terry Elementary was purchased by Fred Comstock on August 20, 1881. Back in the 1860's people had the opportunity to homestead on land in Colorado. Over half of the land of Sheridan was homesteaded between 1865 and 1876. Others opted to purchase the land outright from the federal government such as Mr. Comstock. The land was used for farming.

Fort Logan School had completed several additions in 1940, 1943, 1951, and 1954. In the late fifties it seemed more sensible to build a new school for the growing student population. In February 1958, Fort Logan District 75 bought the seven acres of land on South Irving Street for the new school from Ben F. Griffin and Charles Hilgers in the amount of \$23,000.

The construction cost of the original building was \$246,538. The building included fourteen classrooms built on two corridors. Victor Horbein was the architect and had completed several other projects for the district. Construction began in March of 1958 and the dedication was held on September 14, 1958. The school was designated to serve the area south of Oxford while Fort Logan Elementary served the area north of Oxford. The school was named after Alice Terry who had been a teacher and principal in the district for twenty-nine years.



Victor Horbein, Architects Sketch, January 29, 1958

Impact of 1962 Denver Annexation

In February 1962, the city of Denver adopted an ordinance annexing the College View area. College View Elementary School District was one of the three districts which made up Sheridan Union School District #2. The other two districts were Fort Logan and Petersburg. The annexation had a devastating effect on the Union school district for which the Fort Logan District was a part.

The loss of College View would result in an election for the creation of the new Sheridan School District No. 2. The election resulted in the consolidation of the elementary and union districts. The election was held on December 4, 1962 replacing the Union District. The district board of three members was replaced with a new district board of five members.

Alice Terry Elementary, Fort Logan School (which included Kindergarten through eighth grade), Petersburg Elementary, and Sheridan Union High School would all become part of the new Sheridan School District No. 2.

Front entrance changes over time.



Sheridan School District No. 2

Chapter 2

Becoming part of the Sheridan School District

Alice Terry Elementary became part of the new Sheridan School District No. 2 from the consolidation of the elementary and union districts because of the election held on December 4, 1962.

Closing of Petersburg

In 1974, Sheridan School District No. 2 closed Petersburg Elementary school. The reason, says Jim Taylor, is there were, "terrible conditions for the kids to learn over there, with the trains going by every hour and the traffic sounds." School officials retrieved the materials from the cornerstone and created a display at the administration offices located at Ora Oliver. The loss of residences in the 1965 flood and a decrease in student population contributed to the decision to close the school. Students previously served by Petersburg were transferred to the other elementary schools in the district including Fort Logan, Ora Oliver, and Alice Terry.

Changing Demographics

The eighties brought the backside of the Martin Marietta Company boom from the fifties. Most of the children from the late fifties and early sixties were now graduating. Their parents were becoming empty nesters, and they were not being replaced with new students. Student demographics were also changing along with the culture in the community. This was the beginning of "Generation X." Single parent homes increased along with an influx of latch key kids. Also during the early eighties there was a lot of turnover in teachers.

During the 1970s, minorities comprised about ten percent of the community. This demographic started to change in the 1990s. By 2010, Hispanics and other minorities would represent fifty-five percent of the community.

This demographic shift was another impact of the Martin Marietta boom and bust cycle. Parents of students from the 1970s and 1980s were retiring and moving out of the community. The community saw a population increase of about fifteen percent from 1990 to 2000. This population shift was comprised mostly of Hispanics and other minorities. However, the next decade would bring declining enrollment as an issue for the entire school district.

Open Enrollment

In 1990, Governor Roy Romer signed the Public Schools of Choice Act into law allowing students to attend schools of their choice, even if they lived in another district. During the early 2000's Sheridan felt the impact of the law. There was an influx of students from Denver. This was a spillover response from the end of desegregation in Denver in 1997 and the phenomenon

of “Resegregation, Latino Style.” [See bibliography: “*Denver Public Schools: Resegregation, Latino Style*”]

Many of the new students from Denver were Hispanics and English was not the primary language in their home. Sheridan already had ESL [English as Second Language] teachers in place for years.

The influx of students from Denver had a secondary adverse impact on the Sheridan School District. Students of more affluent families in Sheridan began enrolling in the adjacent Littleton school district. The loss persists to this day, as Hispanics now represent 87% of student population within the school district.

Lowrie Contribution

Problems with funding to make improvements to schools in the Sheridan School District have existed since the beginning. In 2000 Troy Lowrie, the owner of several adult nightclubs in the Denver area including one in the city of Sheridan, contributed \$139,000 to the school district. Because of the business background of Troy Lowrie, this contribution became extremely controversial.

Principal Annie Willis called Lowrie “a gentleman who wants his children, ages 3 to 5, to see that ‘you give back to your community.’” “Several community fund-raisers brought in \$32,000. Arapahoe County awarded \$43,000 in federal grant money. But it was the gift from the Lowrie Family Foundation that put the project nearly over the top” Willis said.

Records show the school board approved \$234,220 for the Alice Terry Safe Child Project. The funding for this project came from three sources: Lowrie Family Foundation (\$139,000.00), Community Development Block Grant (\$41,785), and the Alice Terry Parent Organization (\$23,180).

The money was used for renovations to the front of Alice Terry school, the visitor parking area, and a redesigned drop off area for parents at the school entrance. This redesigned area was significant when a first grader was abducted from the front of the school two years earlier, “while her mother watched helplessly across the street. The girl was returned home two hours later.”

Bond Election of 2006

In 2006 a bond election was approved for the improvement of facilities in the district. The proceeds from the bond went to removing all the temporary trailer classrooms across the district including those located at Alice Terry Elementary. Replacing and retrofitting the heating and cooling systems including Alice Terry. Converting the existing gymnasium/cafeteria into a permanent cafeteria and constructing a new gymnasium addition at Alice Terry.

No comments were provided opposing the bond issue. There were two bond issues for the school district for this election. The first was a mill levy override for improving faculty salaries in the amount of \$1,000,000 which failed by only seven votes. On Issue 3A voting yes were 779

and voting no were 786. The second issue 3B for improving school facilities in the amount of \$12,865,000 incurred bond debt for improving facilities including Alice Terry passed with 824 voting yes and 729 voting no.

School Uniforms Kiboshed

In 2006 the idea of elementary school uniforms was considered by the district and the board. “It was noted by the Board of Education that they were not at a place where they could approve the recommendation for uniforms for the elementary schools. They were concerned about the cost to parents and the fact that the district was too small for parents to have a choice to send their children to a school not requiring uniforms. They stated that they were not sure it was a right direction to take and felt there was no solid support.” The idea never came up again.

The Dreaded “Accountability Clock”

In 2009, Colorado’s legislature passed the “Education Accountability Act” that created a system to hold the state, school districts, and schools accountable for student academic performance on specific indicators and measures, including performance and growth on state tests and graduation rates. Every year, schools and districts receive performance ratings.

Those that do not meet expectations are assigned a rating on the state’s “Accountability Clock.” Schools and districts can only receive these low ratings for five years in a row. After that, they are subject to any of the following “draconian” actions. 1. Grant innovation status to provide flexibility from certain state and local rules. 2. Require a district or charter school to replace its operator or governing board. 3. Require a district or school to work with an external management partner. 4. Convert a district run school into a charter school. 5. Close a school. 6. Initiate the district reorganization process.

In 2010 Alice Terry was tagged as a “turnaround plan” and moved to an improvement plan in 2012. In 2016 the school achieved a performance plan level and got off the accountability clock. It has remained on performance plan level through 2024.

Life Safety Improvements

In 2011 a matching grant was obtained from the state for safety improvements and remodeling projects. This \$1,085,985 district wide project resulted in the remodeling of new double doors at the front entrance with new security features. It was at this time that all of the outside doors were equipped with electronic automatic lock devices.

Changes with Fort Logan Northgate

Fort Logan Northgate School opened in January, 2015. This is the newest school in Sheridan School District No. 2. A BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) grant was obtained from the State of Colorado for construction of the school which began 2013. The cost of building Northgate and the improvements for the Early Childhood Center, which was relocated to the old

Middle School, totaled \$29,501,939. The BEST grant share was \$23,011,521. The school district bond portion was \$6,490,426.

A decision was made to keep grades 3 through 5 from Fort Logan Elementary at Northgate rather than move them back to Alice Terry Elementary. Northgate housed grades 3 through 8 on two floors. With the opening of Northgate both Fort Logan Elementary and Ora Oliver schools were closed and demolished. The area where the Ora Oliver building was located was replaced by an artificial turf athletic field.

Declining Enrollment Continues

It was reported to the school board at their meeting on March 28, 2018 that enrollment in the district had declined by one hundred students. A survey had been done with those families where students had left the district. Some of the reasons included “access to better athletic programs, better programs for gifted and talented students, and perhaps more college and university scholarship options.” This was a repeat of the same budget problem that occurred in 2008.

Mill Levy Override Election of 2018

On September 11, 2018 Mr. Dallas Hall, Committee Chair for Citizens for Sheridan Students First, gave a brief update on the mill levy ballot issue 4B to the school board. The election was held on November 6, 2018.

Here was the text for ballot issue 4B for a General Fund Override.

Shall Sheridan School District No. 2 taxes be increased three million annually for basic educational purposes, which moneys shall be used to, among other things:

- improve safety and security infrastructure and operations to be able to maintain safer buildings for students and staff;
- repair leaking roofs and other district facilities and provide general maintenance in school buildings;
- improve and upgrade technology infrastructure and operations in schools to support 21st century learning opportunities and achievement for Sheridan students; and
- make salaries and wages of district personnel competitive with those of other school districts in the Denver metropolitan area,

through a property tax override mill levy to be imposed at a rate sufficient to produce the amount set forth above, to be deposited into the general fund of the district, and to be in addition to the property taxes that otherwise would be levied for the general fund?

A pivotal argument for the proposal was that over a prior ten year period the state had underfunded the district by approximately fifteen million dollars and the mill levy override would help mitigate the loss to the district.

Sheridan School District voters approved the override measure with 1,365 (55.04%) voting yes and 1,115 (44.96%) voting no.

The override allowed the district to hire seven new Instructional Support Assistants for Alice Terry. It would turn out the addition of these people would be pivotal in helping the district overcome the fallout from the upcoming pandemic.

Pandemic

On Wednesday, March 11, 2020 it was announced that NBA player Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz tested positive for COVID-19. NBA games were immediately suspended. The domino effect was astounding and within a week all sports, on all levels, were cancelled across the country. Two days later all Colorado schools were closed with many more closures across the country to follow. Less than a week later all bars and dine in restaurants were closed in Colorado and across most of the country. Governor Polis issued the order to close all schools on March 18, 2020. On April 3, 2020 Sheridan Superintendent Pat Sandos announced that all Sheridan schools would be closed for the remainder of the school year.

In April, the school district sprang into action to implement remote instruction. Chromebooks were purchased and made available to all students along with portable Wi-Fi hotspots for each family. A couple of buses were equipped with Wi-Fi transmitters to help with the remote hotspots within the district. Arrangements were made to have lunch meals made available to students at pick up locations in the community.

On August 12 2020 Sheridan Superintendent Pat Sandos sent out a letter advising all parents and the community that one of Alice Terry's teachers had tested positive for covid. The teacher had been following all protocols including wearing a mask. The decision was made to continue remote learning into January of 2021.

On January 19, 2021, the school district provided the option of hybrid instruction in school or online at home at the option of the parents. Classrooms were set up for six foot distancing and free covid testing was offered. Faculty and staff were provided with free vaccines in partnership with Cherry Creek Schools and Centura Health.

Sheridan students returned to full in person learning on Wednesday, April 14 2021. The decision was reached following thorough discussions by two large committees of teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and staff. "Both groups were so positive, focused on kids and getting kids back in person," said Superintendent Sandos. Social distancing continued along with meals in the classrooms.

"This has been a rough year in so many ways. We're doing well in spite of what everyone has to face," said board president Bernadette Saleh, addressing Alice Terry Elementary principal Diego Romero. "I am really appreciative to you and everyone else for stepping up and making their (students') lives better." As restrictions were eased the state waived all accountability ratings for the school year.

The damage to the education of the students was apparent. A "Fifth Quarter" summer program was held from June 14 through July 9, Monday through Thursday. This intense learning program

was designed to close gaps in learning by providing engaging and individualized instruction for students that had fallen behind.

Six of One or Half a Dozen the Other

Either way you look at the retirement of six Alice Terry teachers and staff in one year was significant. It was not known how much the pandemic may have played in the decision for these people to retire. You could not put a price tag on the experience and legacy lost.

In 2021 the following teachers and staff retired from Alice Terry. They included Karen Barbarian, Mary Mobley, Alice Smith, Sylvia Trujillo, Stacey Waechter, and Paula Wheeler. A combined 102 years of experience. But life and school goes on.



Adding Back Third through Fifth Grade

On March 15, 2005, the school board made the decision to restructure the grades between Alice Terry and Fort Logan Elementary School. Beginning in the fall of 2005 all students in grades three to five would be moved to Fort Logan Elementary and Alice Terry would only include students in kindergarten through second grades. The motion passed three yes and one no, with John Vaglienti voting no.

“Director Vaglienti noted that he was not in favor of this and felt very uncomfortable about the recommendation. He did not feel that all of the questions had been answered to his satisfaction. Director Vaglienti stated that he hoped that it would work for the district, the students, and the faculty.”

Part of the dilemma of the change was the loss of students from the second and third grades from the district. This was especially significant after Northgate was opened in 2015 and the third through fifth grades were put in the same building as the middle school students.

A new superintendent brought a fresh perspective on the mix of grades at Northgate and thought a review was needed. The first mention of a change of grades of three through five from Fort Logan Northgate to Alice Terry Elementary School occurred when Superintendent Gionni Thompson spoke to the school board on November 12, 2024. He mentioned that a task force was being created to study the idea.

The first meeting of the task force was held on December 18, 2024. A letter was sent out to the community by Superintendent Thompson on January 13, 2025 announcing a task force meeting at Fort Logan Northgate school on January 21, 2025 to which the public was invited.

The task force committee recommended transitioning one grade per year to Alice Terry over the next three years. The school board adopted the transition plan. The first year of the transition began in the fall of 2025 with grade three. The change will bring Alice Terry back to the more traditional elementary school format. Which was clearly meant to be when the school was built in 1958.



The Bicentennial Quilt

Chapter 3

The photo below taken by Principal Richard Watkins shows students presenting the Alice Terry Elementary School “Quilt” to Governor Richard Lamm for display at the state capital building in Denver.



In 1976, elementary music teacher Dian Kingery came up with the idea for creating a bicentennial quilt. The quilt was designed to be a part of the country's bicentennial celebration. Sixty individual squares were made by fourth and fifth grade Alice Terry students.

The quilt was stitched together by parents and grandparents of Alice Terry students. Several former students remember doing the embroidery work during Mrs. Kingery's music class. The bicentennial quilt hung in the front hallway of Alice Terry for

many years, then was moved to a wall in the cafeteria. The quilt was nearly lost in 2008. The quilt had been removed from the wall in the cafeteria. Adrian Vigil, a teacher at Alice Terry contacted Superintendent Michael Clough about saving the quilt. Superintendent Clough was adamant the quilt was to be retained because of its historical significance. Arrangements were made to save the quilt and mount it back on the cafeteria wall. This time it was permanently attached and protected by glass. Below is the quilt as it is currently on the east wall of the cafeteria at Alice Terry Elementary.



Alice Bodine Terry

Chapter 4

May 13, 1899 - August 12, 1976 (77)

Alice Emily [Emaline] Bodine was born on May 13, 1899 in Denver, Colorado, the daughter of Adolph (1866-1931) and Selma Bodine (nee Nelson [Nissen], 1868-1960). Selma was born in Sweden and immigrated to the United States when she was 16 years old. Adolph was also born in Sweden, but his immigration date is unknown. Adolph and Selma were married on May 23, 1891.

Alice was the fourth child of eight children, four boys and four girls. Her siblings were William, Aletha, and Hazel all of whom died in infancy. Alice was the fourth child followed by Frank, Josephine, Edward, and Arthur. Alice attended elementary school in Denver, Junior High in Los Angeles, and graduated from West High School in Denver on June 5, 1918. "Her greatest desire was to be a teacher." (Hidden Heroine, by Girl Scout Junior Troop II 177, Mountain Shadows, pg. 1)



She attended Greeley Teachers College (now the University of Northern Colorado) and graduated in 1924. Her studies included home economics, foreign language, geography, and science. She sang in a gospel quartet at the Teachers College and was in the science club. Her student teaching assignment was at Greeley High School. She later attended the University of Denver Graduate school.

Alice taught at Wyatt School near Ault in Weld County. She then taught at a one room school twenty-two (22) miles east of Pagosa Springs. "She had 22 students in grades one through eight. The students spoke Spanish at home. Alice said, 'This experience taught me what hardships and sorrow others have, and I am sure it made me kinder and more understanding than I was before.'" That was followed by another one room school near Byers. "Most of these children came to school on horses." Alice then moved to Fort

Logan School in 1932. At Fort Logan, her first assignment was as a teacher for "a fifth and sixth grade combination." The subjects she taught included science, geography, health, and penmanship.

In 1937 Alice along with another teacher were put in charge of the summer school. In 1938 she became the principal of Fort Logan School, saying "this was the greatest challenge of her life." She was a generous and kind teacher who cared about her charges, bringing "food and clothing

to school for the needy students. She personally tutored students who were having difficulty so they could keep up with their class."

She made arrangements with the local bus and cab companies to take the students to intramural sports activities with other schools and paid for this transportation herself. She was a harsh disciplinarian, but the students respected her and knew that she cared about them. She also chaperoned students on many field trips and other activities. Alice Terry was loved by the community. She served as the district "Coordinator" [an assistant to the superintendent, responsible for curriculum, class scheduling, book inventory and purchasing] "her final year" (1960-61). She was also a "Camp Fire Girls Guardian" (sponsor).

"Alice Bodine met Grant Terry on the street car as they were going to and from work." She married Grant G. Terry (1910-1996) "in the gymnasium at Fort Logan School in May 1947. They had no children of their own but shared their home with an adopted daughter." Alice Terry Elementary School in the Sheridan School District No. 2 (Sheridan, Colorado) is named for Alice B. Terry. In 1973 the park bordering Alice Terry Elementary was also named in her honor.

"Of these two honors [the school and park]" Mrs. Terry said, "It is such a fine climax to my memories which are very precious and the love for boys and girls and their welfare, and for a better life will always be my greatest wish." (Hidden Heroine, page 2)

Alice Terry passed away on August 12, 1976 in Swedish Medical Center. She is buried in Golden Cemetery in Golden, Colorado next to her husband Grant Terry. Grant passed away in 1996. Alice is survived by her adopted daughter Bonnie Schofield.

The Principals

Chapter 5

Isabelle Claire Bogard Murphy (nee Willox) Principal 1958-1961

June 25, 1902 – February 28, 1992 (89)

Isabelle Claire Willox was born on June 25, 1902 in Fort Collins, Colorado. She was the daughter of Charles S. Willox and Helene M. Michand, the second of six children. Her grandparents Frank and Auralia Michaud were early settlers in Fort Collins.



She attended grade school at the Michaud School in District #11 where the school house is an historic building and still stands today. She then graduated from Fort Collins High School.

Isabelle received a scholarship to attend Colorado Teachers College (University of Northern Colorado) in Greeley and received her Bachelor's Degree on June 6, 1923. She later obtained her Master's Degree in Art from the University of Colorado.

She married Frank V. Bogard on December 29, 1925 in Fort Collins and the couple moved to Denver where she was a teacher for

over forty-eight years. Isabelle began teaching in Fort Logan District 75 in 1938. She was the first married woman teacher to be hired by the district.

Isabelle was the first principal of Alice Terry from 1958 through 1961. She retired as the principal of Maryville Elementary School in the mid-sixties, which was part of Sheridan School District No. 2.

Frank passed away on August 25, 1953 having served as a marine engineer at sea for eleven years. Isabelle and Frank had three children. Her youngest daughter died in 1949 at age 12. Isabelle's daughter Catherine had seven children and her son Charles had four children giving Isabelle a total of eleven grandchildren.

Isabelle married her second husband Derris Murphy in 1964 and toured Europe that year. Mr. Murphy passed away in 1967. Isabelle fully retired in 1969. After her retirement she started china painting and became a volunteer at Mercy Hospital.

Isabelle is buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge with her first husband Frank and their daughter Donna.

Louis Dan Telk Jr.
Principal 1961 – 1972

November 17, 1923 – April 11, 1984 (60)



Louis “Dan” Telk was born on November 17, 1923 in Telluride, Colorado to Louis Dan Telk and Ann Lilley.

Dan received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Colorado in 1949 and was on the swim team. He served as a seaman in the USNR and was a chief carpenter in the Merchant Marines.

He married Bette Jane French on January 2, 1944 in Boulder, Colorado. They had one adopted child Dan Telk III.

He was a teacher and a coach in Nucla, Colorado before coming to Steamboat Springs High School in 1952 as a history teacher. He became the athletic director, football, basketball, and track coach at Steamboat Springs High School. He left Steamboat High School in 1957. He was president of the Yampa Valley Athletic League and a member of the Kiwanis.

From Steamboat Springs, Dan went to Louisville and coached football, basketball, and track. He was also the sponsor for the Future Farmers of America at Louisville. In 1959 he became a principal in the East Grand County School district in Granby. He became the principal at Alice Terry Elementary in 1961.

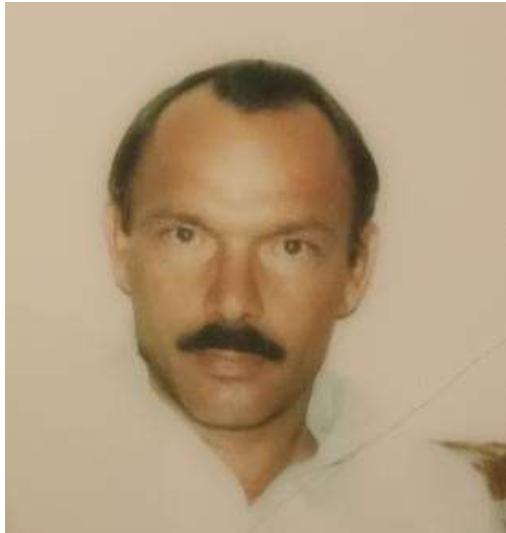
He was the principal at Alice Terry from 1961 through 1972. During that time he also spent part of his time as the principal of Ora Oliver Elementary School. Dan married his second wife Gail Irene Duvall (nee Cullor) on November 26, 1967. They had two adopted children Scott Telk and Cindy Telk.

Mr. Telk also had his own dance bands both in Steamboat and Louisville. The band included his son Danny. In 1972 Dan moved to Sekiu, Washington where he operated a fishing resort. In 1976 he moved back to Colorado for a brief period and did administrative work for the Sheridan School District. In 1977 he returned to Sekiu where he ran a small business. He traveled via motor home for a couple of years before settling down in Sekiu.

Dan passed away April 11, 1984 in Sekiu, Washington. He is survived by his two sons Dan Telk III and Scott Telk, daughter Cindy Telk Rule, and step daughter Sheri Duvall Gregory.

Richard Allen “Dick” Watkins
Principal from 1972 – 1979

July 7, 1936 - October 18, 1979 (43)



Richard Watkins was born on July 7, 1936 in Lincoln, Nebraska, the son of Fred Watkins and Clara Loos. Working from age 15, Richard put himself through college receiving his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Nebraska receiving his degree in 1961. He received his Master's Degree in English and Education from the University of Colorado. He married his first wife Gretchen Thompson in November 1956.

He first taught in the Sheridan school district in 1961, later becoming the principal at Ora Oliver Elementary, and then principal at Petersburg Elementary. It was at Petersburg that Richard met his second wife Eleanor Nylund (nee Swalley) when she was then working as a substitute teacher. Richard had been with the Sheridan

district for five years when he became the principal at Alice Terry Elementary in 1972. Richard married Eleanor on December 27, 1974 in Kearney, Nebraska. She was a teacher at Ora Oliver at that time.

Richard was chosen as an “Outstanding Young Educator” for 1970-71 by the Englewood and Colorado Jaycees. Richard was a past president of the Sheridan Educators Association, a member of the Englewood Kiwanis, members of the Arapahoe Teachers Credit Union Board of Directors, the Colorado Association of School Executives, and National Association of Elementary School Principals.

Richard became ill in 1979 with lung cancer and passed away at home after eight months. He was survived by his wife Eleanor. Dick had two children from his first marriage, Rick Watkins and Steve Watkins. His step children are Sally Nylund Cameron, Jim Nylund, Zach Nylund, Matthew Nylund, and Amy Nylund. Dick was also survived by two brothers Kenneth and Melvin Watkins.

Services were conducted on October 22, 1979 and all Sheridan District schools were dismissed early that day so staff and faculty members could attend. The flag at Alice Terry was also lowered to half-mast that day in his honor.

John Alexander “Jack” Gordon
Principal 1979 – 1995

February 7, 1936 - October 3, 2020 (84)



Jack Gordon was born in Carter, Wyoming to George Dewey Gordon and Ellen Ardena (nee Tripp) on February 7, 1936. He went to high school at Paonia High School and graduated in 1954.

He was then drafted into the United States Army and served in Germany for two and a half years. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in industrial arts from Western State College. Jack earned his master's degree in administration from University of Northern Colorado. Jack married Janice Kay Helm in 1962. Janice was also a teacher at Fort Logan Elementary in the Sheridan School District.

Jack first came to the Sheridan School District as a sixth-grade teacher at Petersburg Elementary School in 1965. He was subsequently taught sixth grade at Alice Terry and Fort Logan Elementary. He was an assistant principal for both Ora Oliver and Alice Terry. He became principal at Ora Oliver and later Alice Terry from 1979 to 1995. During his thirty years in the Sheridan School District, he served as a teacher, principal, and district personnel manager.

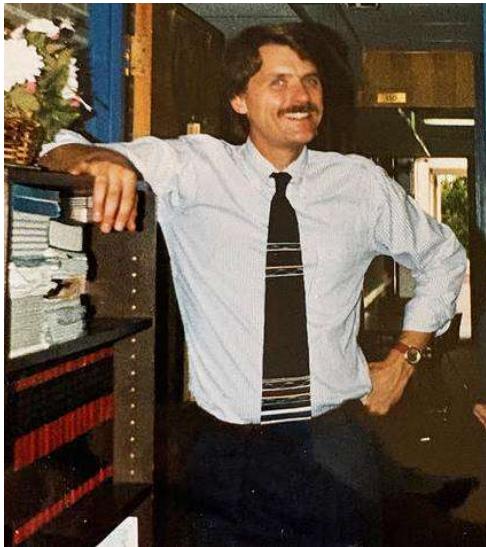
He enjoyed camping, fishing, woodworking, and playing his guitar, trumpet, and saxophone. He was a member of Light of the World Roman Catholic Church, Happy Hoedowner Square Dance Club, Sheridan Optimist Club, and was president Rambl'n Rec RV Club. He was loved and respected by his family, as well as those who shared many memories with him at home, work, and play.

Jack passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2020 in Littleton, Colorado. Jack is survived by his wife of 58 years, Janice Kay (Helm) Gordon; his children, Katherine A. (Ernest) Cushing, Scott C. (Janet) Gordon, Robert A. (Kimberly) Gordon, and Bonnie J. (Michael) Kurtz. Several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.



Picture of Mr. Gordon's new car. Patricia Wallingford's fifth grade art project, draw the principal's new car.

Steven L. Kennedy
Principal 1995 – 1998



Steve spent his first nine years in Early, Iowa. He then lived in Cedar Rapids through his graduation from Coe [College] in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1978, where he received a Bachelor Degree in Psychology and an elementary teacher certification.

Steve was a member of the Men's Honor Society, the basketball and track teams, and music ensembles. In 1986, he received a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Denver.

Steve has been a career-long public educator for two years in Idaho and the remaining years in the Denver, Colorado area. He has served schools and school districts as a teacher, social worker, principal, and special education director.

In the late 1990s, Steve was Director of the Colorado School-to-Career initiative for the Governor's Office. He has been active in school reform initiatives and in training the next generation of public educators. After serving the governor's office Steven returned to Sheridan as Director of Special Education. He retired from school administration in 2006.

Steve was an adjunct faculty member with the University of Northern Colorado Graduate School of Special Education for ten years. He also served on the boards of several community-focused non-profits.

Steve continues to pursue his love of music, playing bass in a small jazz group. He and his wife, Debbie, live in Aurora, Colorado, where they enjoy bicycling, hiking, bird watching and volunteering at their local elementary school and state park. Steve said, "I remember Alice Terry Elementary fondly for its dedicated staff and all of its wonderful children and families."

Ann Marie “Annie” Willis (nee Dodd)
Principal 1998 – 2001

April 5, 1949 – August 9, 2022 (73)



Ann Dodd was born on April 5, 1949 to Warren H. Dodd and Bernice R. Barbee in La Junta, Colorado. She and her family spent much of her childhood living in Rocky Ford, Colorado. The family moved to Denver in 1963 when she was fourteen.

Even from an early age, Annie enjoyed school and was an exceptional student. Her older sister Janis jokingly remembers the two playing as little girls and Ann's enthusiasm with playing "school" and taking on the role of a teacher any time she was given a chance.

Annie loved music and singing and as a result during her junior high and high school years, Annie participated in choir and school musicals. As a high school student, Annie played Maria in a school production of the Sound of Music. She attended John F. Kennedy High School and graduated in 1967. Ann then attended the University of

Colorado and received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

In 1980, while attending Riverside Baptist Church and becoming involved in the Single's class there, Annie connected with a lively and amusing man, named James Russell “Jim” Willis. They were married for almost 40 years.

After finishing her student teaching, Annie began her career teaching elementary students in Colorado Springs. A few years later she moved back to Denver and began teaching in Aurora. Annie spent most of her professional career in Elementary education and education administration for the Sheridan School District. She taught fifth grade at Fort Logan Elementary School before becoming the principal at Alice Terry Elementary.

She later pursued opportunities coaching teachers in literacy and thoroughly enjoyed mentoring and encouraging these young teachers. Towards the end of her education career she transitioned to teaching at the college level for the University of Phoenix.

Annie passed away on August 9, 2022 in Greenville, South Carolina because of complications from dementia and ALS. Annie was preceded in death by her husband, James Willis II and her parents Warren and Bernice Dodd. Ann is survived by her daughters, Maryanna Wong (Dennis), and Melinda Stinson (Bryant); and her grandchildren Jayden Wong and Addison Wong. Annie is buried at Mount Lindo Cemetery in Morrison, Colorado.

Caryn M. Martin
Principal 2001 – 2003



Caryn was a graduate from Littleton High School in Littleton, Colorado where she grew up. Caryn married Ronald D. Martin in August, 1966. Caryn focused on family out of high school.

Caryn got a late start on her education by first getting her Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education from Arapahoe Community College in 1983. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Teaching from Metropolitan State College in Denver.

Caryn was a teacher in Littleton Public Schools for almost nine years. It was during that time she obtained her Master's Degree in Counselor Education from the University of Phoenix. From there she became a

counselor with Englewood Public Schools for four years and then moved to Douglas County schools as a counselor at Cresthill Middle School and then an Assistant Principal at Acres Green Elementary after obtaining her Principal Licensure from the University of Phoenix in 1997.

Caryn served as principal at Alice Terry Elementary from fall of 2001 through the spring of 2003.

Caryn was a supervisor of student teachers for a brief period at Metro State College and then became an educational consultant for the Arizona Department of Education doing evaluations on schools with challenging environments.

Caryn is now retired and living in Arizona. She was recently widowed on Nov 12, 2024. Her husband Ron served in the military during the Vietnam Conflict where he was injured and declared 100% disabled in 1995 due to a traumatic brain injury. He also served for fifteen years at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office rising in rank to a Captain's position. Caryn and Ron were married for 58 yrs and shared three grown adult children, nine grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Kathleen D. Carothers
Principal from 2003 – 2009



Kathleen is originally from Waco, Texas. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Kathleen later received her Master's Degree of Education from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas.

UMHB is not part of Baylor University. However, it shares a historical origin as a female department of the original Baylor University. The two institutions separated in 1866.

After graduation from Baylor University Kathleen became the Director and Kindergarten teacher for the Austin Avenue Methodist Church in the heart of Waco, Texas. The church was established in 1900. In 1990 the church received state historical designation. Kathleen then became a teacher in the Waco Independent School District

followed by time in the Midway Independent School District in Hewitt, Texas, southwest of Waco. After Midway Kathleen became a preschool specialist for the Region 12 Education Service Center in Waco.

It was during a ski trip to Colorado that Kathleen found a job opportunity in Leadville. In 1998 she became the principal of "The Center" for the Lake County School District. The Center was the Early Childhood Center for the Lake County School District at the time. It was subsequently changed to an elementary school housing the head start and pre-K programs for Lake County.

Kathleen obtained her Principal's Licensure and Certificate from Adams State College (now Adams State University) in Alamosa, Colorado.

In the fall of 2000 Kathleen became the principal of the Sheridan School District Early Childhood Center located in the Ora Oliver school building. At that time, the ECC included preschool and Kindergarten for the Sheridan District. In 2003 a decision was made to move kindergarten to Alice Terry Elementary. Kathleen was given the opportunity to move with the kindergarten and to become the principal at Alice Terry Elementary. She spent the next six years at Alice Terry before retiring.

After retiring Kathleen returned to Waco, Texas. Kathleen is married, has two sons, and two grandsons. She enjoys traveling, crafting, reading, and singing with various choral groups in Waco, Texas. And of course she is an avid Baylor Bears fan.

Laura Lyn Bajaj
Principal 2009 - 2014



Lyn received her Bachelor's degree from Wichita State University in Elementary Education and Teaching. She received her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix at Denver.

She was a teacher at Emerson Elementary School in the Berkeley Unified School District in California for five years. She moved to Colorado and was a K-5 Instructional Coach and Interim Principal at Mark Twain Elementary in the Littleton School District for three years.

Lyn was the principal at Alice Terry Elementary for five years from 2009 to 2014. After Alice Terry she became the principal at Eugene Field Elementary School in the Littleton School District and then Coordinator of Excellence and Equity for Littleton.

She currently is an educational leadership consultant. Lyn is a consultant for SchoolWorks. She specializes in organizational development, school improvement, and equity initiatives.

She also serves as a Site Professor at the University of Colorado at Denver, she also consults for the Colorado State Board of Education, conducting quality reviews and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion assessments nationwide.

Joseph “Joe” Hayes
Principal 2014 – 2018



Joe received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Colorado Boulder in English Language and Literature. He subsequently received his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Colorado Denver. In 2012, Joe obtained a Principal Licensure/Title D in Educational Leadership and Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Joe was a Language Arts Teacher and Instruction Coach at Sheridan Middle School from 2004 – 2012. The assistant principal at Alice Terry from 2013 – 2014 and then principal from 2014 – 2018.

Joe Hayes left Alice Terry Elementary to become the Principal at Field Elementary School for the Littleton School District from July 2018 to 2025. In 2025 he became the Principal at Mount Carbon Elementary School in the Jefferson County School District.

Diego Romero
Principal June 2018 – 2023



Diego was born and raised in Nayarit, Mexico until he was 10 years old. His whole family then moved to Holland, Michigan. In high school, he was an outstanding student receiving a full scholarship to attend Hope College. Even though he had a scholarship, Diego still worked while he was in college as an Administrative Assistant/Security Officer. He also received training as a Personal Banker and was a Customer Service Representative for two years.

He received his Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Colorado at Denver. He continued his education at the University of Northern Colorado in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. He obtained his Principal licensure certificate from the University of Denver. Again, he continued working

during his post graduate studies.

His educational experience started with teaching Spanish. Later he was a Student Advisor, Administrative Assistant, English Language Acquisition (ELA) teacher & leader, and Assistant Principal all in Denver Public Schools. He then was an elementary school Principal in the Adams County School District 14 in Commerce City before becoming the principal at Alice Terry.

Mr. Romero left Alice Terry Elementary to become the Director of Human Resources at Adams County School District 14. He is also an Adjunct Instructor at Colorado Christian University.

In his spare time, Mr. Romero enjoys playing tennis, running, spending time with his family and being outdoors. He is married and has a one child.

Favorite Quote: “Tu eres el arquitecto de tu propio destino,” Unknown. “You are the architect of your own destiny,” Unknown.

Nicole Grommeck
Principal 2023 – Current



Nicole is originally from The Woodlands, Texas in the northern part of the Houston metropolitan area.

Nicole received her Bachelor's Degree at Colorado State University in Social Work. After graduating from CSU, Nicole served as the Director of the Boys and Girls Club in Larimer County, Colorado and Bellingham, Washington. "Appreciating the positive impact, she had in this role, she recognized that she could have a greater influence in the lives of children as a teacher."

Nicole returned to school at the University of Colorado Denver where she earned her Master's Degree in education.

Nicole taught second grade for Denver Public Schools for one year followed by four years teaching fifth grade.

Next was a year as an instructional coach and then eight and half years as an assistant principal for a total of fourteen and half years of experience at Knapp Elementary. Nicole completed her principal licensure program also at the University of Colorado Denver while at Knapp.

She became the assistant principal at Alice Terry in March of 2023. In July of 2023 she became the principal at Alice Terry. Nicole is married and has two children. Her family enjoys spending time in the mountains; camping, hiking, and skiing.

The Principals by Dates

Isabelle Bogard Murphy	1958 – 1961
Louis "Dan" Telk Jr	1961 – 1972
Richard "Dick" A. Watkins	1972 – 1979
John "Jack" Gordon	1979 – 1995
Steven Kennedy	1995 – 1998
Ann "Annie" Wills	1998 – 2001
Caryn Martin	2001 – 2003
Kathleen Carothers	2003 – 2009
Lyn Bajaj	2009 – 2014
Joseph Hayes	2014 – 2018
Diego Romero	2018 – 2023
Nicole Grommeck	2023 - Current

Notable Faculty

Chapter 6

Lulu Glendole Tweten (nee Perkins) 1958 – 1987, Second Grade

March 22, 1929 – July 31, 2020 (91)



Lulu Glendole Perkins was born on March 22, 1929 to Raleigh W. Perkins and Lulu Glendall Hanks in rural eastern North Dakota. Glendole was the first of three children with sister Mary born in North Dakota and another sister Phyllis born in Minnesota. Raleigh, Lulu, and Glendole are shown in the 1930 census in Fargo, North Dakota.

Sometime before Glendole started school the family moved to area around Bagley, Minnesota. Glendole attended Mahnomen Secondary School southwest of Bagley while her mother taught at Erbo School west of Bagley. Glendole's father died in 1937 in Bagley, North Dakota. The family is shown on the 1940 census in Popple, Minnesota five miles west of Bagley with her mother and the three daughters.

Glendole studied Elementary Education at Bemidji State University which was then Bemidji State Teachers College. The college at that time had 458 students. In 2025 it serves almost 5,000 students. Glendole was found on the 1950 census in Solway, Minnesota (between Bagley and Bemidji) a boarder and “grade teacher [at] public schools.”

On October 18, 1952 Glendole married her husband Stanley Bernard Tweten in Beltrami, Minnesota. Glendole had three children while in Beltrami from 1953 to 1956. In 1956 they lived in Bemidji east of Bagley.

The reason Stanley and Glendole relocated to Colorado between 1956 and 1958 is unknown. However, we know that three of the largest (out of eleven Indian Reservations) in Minnesota surrounded Bemidji, Minnesota. There were high demands for teachers in the area. However, “In 1950, female teachers in the Bemidji, Minnesota area faced significant challenges, including strict rules of conduct, marital status discrimination, unequal pay, and gender-specific workplace expectations.” It was evident opportunities were better in Colorado. Of note was that Glendole’s mother, also a teacher, moved out of the area and “moved to Oregon 1951 to finish her teaching career.” Her mother only returned after retiring in 1965.

Glendole came to Alice Terry Elementary in the fall of 1958 and was one of the original teachers when the school first opened. She retired from Alice Terry and teaching in 1987. She put in twenty-nine years at Alice Terry out of her total of thirty-four years teaching.

After retirement Stanley and Glendole did twenty-seven plus years of RVing in both a fifth wheel and regular RV. In 2015 she said, "The last 26 years we have been traveling around this beautiful country of ours." Glendole was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015 and battled for it for the remainder of her life.

Glendole wrote about her time at Alice Terry on Facebook. "A memory from my first year teaching at Alice Terry school. Many of the children went home for lunch (those were the days)." Another time "I went to let them in before the Halloween party and there stood a little black boy. I was ready to say, "You must be at the wrong door" and then realized he was one of mine. That mom had done a beautiful job."



And for her former students she said "This is for all my former students. Do you remember that on Feb. 2nd I always had you write a story "If I were a Ground Hog I would."

Glendole passed away on July 31, 2020, just four and half months after her husband Stanley. She is survived by her children: Stanley Jr (wife Deb); Todd Richard Tweten, and Ross Wesley Tweten (wife Alicia).

John A. Vaglienti

1960 – 1967, Sixth Grade at Fort Logan and Ora Oliver.
1967 – 1987, Fifth Grade at Alice Terry.



John was born on November 23, 1931 in McDowell County, West Virginia to Paul Vaglienti and Mary Kuffner. John was the fourth of six children. His father was born in Italy.

John first dated Patricia Ann Combs in high school in Logan, West Virginia. John went on to attend Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia and played football. He was known as the “Northfork Flash.” During the height of the Korean War, John joined the Army. After his service he briefly returned to his home in West Virginia. His next stop was Fort Leonard Wood south of Jefferson City, Missouri. It was there by chance that he once again met up with Patricia Combs. Patricia was also serving in the Army. In 1954 at a nearby Catholic Church, John and Patricia were married.

John and Patricia had both considered reupping (reenlisting) in the Army. But an opportunity would change both of their lives. John was offered an athletic scholarship to play football at

Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. He played half back and full back on the football team. In the fall of 1954 the football team won its first conference championship in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. The college is now Western State University. With the scholarship and the assistance of the GI Bill, John obtained his Bachelor’s Degree.

John’s first teaching assignment was at Telluride High School. He coached football, basketball, and volleyball. John worked a short while in Dillon teaching sixth graders before moving to Sheridan. John has lived in Sheridan since 1960. He joined VFW Post #9644 in 1962.

John first taught sixth grade at Fort Logan in 1960 and then at Ora Oliver. He then began teaching fifth grade at Alice Terry in 1967. He also held the positions of Administrative Assistant and Assistant Principal while at Alice Terry.

Patricia Vaglienti also worked as a secretary for the Sheridan School District. Patricia passed away on May 21, 1997.

John married his second wife Carla Jean Garcia on December 27, 2003. Carla passed away on December 19, 2020.

John is ninety-four years old. He served as the Grand Marshal in the Sheridan Celebrates parade on September 27, 2025. Vaglienti said, “I was really surprised. With the amount of time that I have lived in Sheridan, it’s nice to be honored.” John carried the American flag in the Celebrates parade for several years as part of the color guard from VFW Post 9644.



John served on the Sheridan City Council from 1968 through 1969 and was a member of the Sheridan School Board from 2003 through 2007.

Ronald Keefe
1978 – 1979, Physical Education

June 25, 1950 - October 10, 1979 (29)



Ronald D. Keefe was the physical education teacher from 1978 through October 10, 1979. Ron also coached the boys and girls soccer teams at Sheridan High School.

Ron passed away at the October 10, 1979 at the end of the fall soccer season from an apparent heart attack. Coach Keefe played baseball at Metro State, lettering three years. His death came just before the birth of his only child.

Mr. Keefe was a sergeant in the Marines for four years and served in Viet Nam. He is buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery. Ronald was born on June 25, 1950 and was only twenty-nine years old when he passed away.

Eleanor Elizabeth Watkins (nee Swalley)
1971 – 1981 Third Grade at Petersburg.
1981 – 1990 Third Grade at Alice Terry.

January 21, 1935 - August 29, 2020 (85)



Eleanor Swalley was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma, the daughter of W. Wayne Swalley and Elizabeth Abbott. She lived there for several years before moving to New Mexico, and then to Delta, Colorado. She graduated from Delta High School in 1952.

She then went to Oklahoma to attend Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University). Her great passion during this time was baton twirling, and she was a majorette at both Delta H.S., and Oklahoma A&M. A special memory of hers was twirling in the Cotton Bowl. After two years at Oklahoma A&M, she moved to Boulder, Colorado, and got her degree in Elementary Education.

Eleanor married her first husband James W. Nylund on September 1, 1956. Their children were Sally Nylund (Cameron), Jim Nylund, Zachary Nylund, Matthew Nylund, and Amy Nylund (Dryer).

She taught for 25 years, most of it in Sheridan School District. It was while working as a substitute teacher at Petersburg Elementary School that Eleanor met her second husband Richard Watkins. They were married on December 29, 1974. Eleanor later taught at Alice Terry Elementary School.

She absolutely loved teaching, and bestowed love upon all her students, who now, in their 40's 50's and 60's, had continued to keep in contact with her, telling her how special she always made them feel.

After she retired, she nannied for a wonderful family. One of those children, now an adult, said this of "Mom, she loved us so much, and her care for the three of us really shaped our character and how we treat others. We loved her." Her step children were Rick Watkins and Steve Watkins. Upon complete retirement, her passion was working with the homeless population at the Broadway Assistance Center, Jeffco Action Center, and Habitat for Humanity. Eleanor was affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and taught Sunday school, and enjoyed volunteering in a variety of ways.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her loving husband, Richard Allen Watkins, son, Zachary Wayne Nylund, brother, Wayne Abbott Swalley, and sister-in-law, Ruth Ann Swalley. She is survived by daughters, Sally Cameron (Tom), Amy Dryer (Ron), sons, Jim Nylund, and Matthew Nylund. Eleanor is buried at Hampden Memorial Estates in Denver next to her second husband Richard Watkins.



Patricia Ann Wallingford (nee Johnson)
1968 – 1969 First Grade at Petersburg
1972 – 2000 First and Fifth Grade at Alice Terry



Patricia was born in Mullen, Nebraska in “the heart of the Sandhills.” Pat was the youngest of six children of Chester and Pearl Johnson. Patricia graduated from Mullen High School in 1958 and then attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1962.

She was honored by being the President of her sorority Chi Omega; President of Panhellenic; President of Association of Childhood Education and was selected “Miss Cornhusker” among her other honors.

After graduation, Pat was married (and later divorced) and taught at Lincoln Public Schools for one and half years before moving to Denver. She worked in public relations at the Denver Hilton and a temporary position in an advertising agency in New

York City. After returning from New York Pat started substitute teaching in the Sheridan School District. During the 1968 - 1969 school year she was a full time teacher at Petersburg.

After a break, in 1972 she returned to teach first grade at Alice Terry. Pat taught first grade for sixteen years and then switched to fifth grade for the balance of her career at Alice Terry. Pat also taught summer school. She retired in 2000. While teaching in Sheridan, Pat earned her Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Northern Colorado. She did this attending night and weekend classes.

Pat was a past president of the Sheridan Educator’s Association and always active in school activities. In 1977 Pat was a Right-to-Read Director planning motivational reading projects and in-services.

When Pat learned that many of her fifth graders had never experienced our beautiful mountains, she started planning a one day Nordic ski trip to Snow Mountain Ranch near Winter Park and parents were invited to attend. Now, many years later when she sees a former student they mention the fun they had that day.

Pat keeps busy in her retirement years traveling, volunteering at the Denver Art Museum, attending Women’s Investment Club meetings which she help started thirty-four years ago; church activities, and past President of Chi Omega Alumnae. Pat most of all enjoys her daughter Jayne, J. Jay and grandson, Sam; and her adopted son Robert and grandson Thomas.



Adrian Vigil
1996 – 1997, Fifth Grade at Fort Logan Elementary
1997 – Current, First Grade at Alice Terry Elementary



Adrian was born in Colorado and grew up in Sheridan where he attended Sheridan schools from kindergarten through high school. He graduated from Sheridan High School in 1989. While in high school he participated in the Early Childhood Education Program at Arapahoe Community College. He also worked at the Rocking Horse Child Care Center in the Sheridan Recreation Center while in high school and in college.

He attended both Arapahoe Community College and Metropolitan State College with full scholarships. He received an Associates of Arts and Science Degree from Arapahoe Community College. He received Bachelor's Degree with an English Major and Reading Minor from Metropolitan State College. He also received an Elementary Education Degree from Metropolitan

State College.

Adrian completed his student teaching at Fort Logan Elementary School in 1996. He then taught fifth grade at Fort Logan during the 1996 – 1997 school year. He transferred to Alice Terry in the fall of 1997 and has been there ever since.

He was the chair of the community committee in support of the 2006 bond election. He also participated on the community committee supporting the Mill Levy Override Election of 2018. Adrian has served as a member of the District Accountability and Advisory Council and has served as its chairman. Adrian's mother Evelyn was the Health and Attendance Aide/Clerk at Fort Logan Elementary School for several years.

Student Memories

Chapter 7

Steven Leal: I attended Alice B. Terry fall-spring 1963-1964 as a five year old kindergarten student, I remember my teacher a very grandmotherly figure Mrs. Adamson. She took us to the turkey farm on a field trip, we gathered feathers and made Indian bonnets for a Thanksgiving program in the gym. I remember the sand box right beneath the window of our classroom because I hit my head on the steel of an open window frame. My most vivid memory is the day President Kennedy was murdered, our teacher trying to conceal her tears putting black crepe paper on the American flag in our room.

Sherie Lehman: Even though I went to Sheridan schools from first to twelfth grade, I only attended Alice Terry in second grade in 1962 into 1963. I think the memory that will always stand out for me that year was the day that John F. Kennedy was assassinated and the impact that it had on the teachers and staff.

Scott Zuege: I moved there in 1964. Mrs. Card was my third grade teacher. Dwight Swinney was in our class. Kids that went home for lunch were let out a minute or so before those going to the lunchroom.. On that day, we marched down the hall to the lunchroom, but Dwight was in a group that had left a minute before. Unfortunately, he tripped running down the hall and hit the plate glass window adjacent to the exit doors. We had to march right by him as teachers administered to him as he lay on his back. Ambulance had been called but he was bleeding profusely from a dozen cuts to his face. I had never seen so much blood. Deep red blood and a lot of it. He returned to school a couple of weeks later but was scared. I quit running in the halls.

Sheri Gregory: Dan Telk was the principal at Alice Terry during the 1960's. Being his step-daughter, I heard many of your stories at our dinner table, attended numerous functions at your school and was asleep with my brother and sister in the nurse's office the night Mr. Telk opened the school for flood shelter in 1965. Yes, he had a wooden paddle in his office and yes, according to stories, he would use it.

William Cooper: Did not know that Mr. Telk was at Alice Terry, but he certainly was at Ora Oliver 1961 thru 1963. We all liked him a lot. He had one of those airhorns on a freon can and when he had come wheeling by the playground he would hold it out the window and let it rip. I always heard about the wooden paddle but never saw it.

Cheyrel Gosnell: I went to Alice Terry from Kindergarten through third grade. My favorite Teacher was Ms. Young, first grade, who got married in the middle of the year. I remember a bomb threat, and they sent us all home, I had to walk over two miles and across Federal Boulevard when I was only about eight years old. My parents freaked!

Barbara Ruppert: I liked going to Alice Terry. Dan Telk was my principal, and he was amazing. And not because he was good friends with my parents but because he cared.

Jeannie Jones: I attended Alice Terry in 1964 in kindergarten with Mrs. Adamson. I remember reading books behind the piano in her classroom. Does anyone remember Mrs. White reading us Charlotte's Web and her voice got high when she read the parts of Charlotte the Spider? My favorite childhood book! Fourth grade with Mrs. Hagge - I was good friends with her daughter Cindy, who passed away in 1992. Then Miss Gillespie, who I remember telling our class that she would be the toughest teacher we would ever have, but we would look back and thank her someday. She was tough and to this day I still remember her saying that and thank her for teaching us to be respectful ladies and gentlemen. Wonderful school and Mr. Telk was the best principal ever!

Sue Kaberline: I went to school there from K - 5 from 1963 - 1968. Mrs. Conn (sp.) [Kahn] in kindergarten. She passed away when my brother had her as a teacher in 1965. I do not remember my first grade teacher. Second grade was Mrs. Roberts. She was my favorite teacher at Alice Terry. I cleaned the black board erasers after class and then she would drive me the one-half block home. Mrs. White for third grade, Mrs. Hagge for fourth grade, and Mr. Vaglienti for fifth. Does anyone else remember the pointer stick he had with a jacks ball on the end of it? He would whack kids on the top of their head if they were acting up.

Patty Tsosie: I attended from 1970-1976. My favorite teacher was Mrs. Adams (Sherol Roy). My most memorable time was in fifth grade when we made the bicentennial quilt during our music time. That quilt is still on display. I show my own children my square when I see the quilt in Alice Terry's FB posts! My mom, Betty Slewitzke was the kitchen manager and cooked at Alice Terry! She came when I was in fifth grade, it was so cool to have my mom at school!

Patti Ahrendt Moore: I have seen the changes. I miss the sandbox next to the kindergarten classroom. Many memories. The big kid playground. The little kid playground. But they changed it all.

Bill Quintrall: I went to fifth grade there in 1970 and lived at what was the new homes on Dill Road one block away. Miss Gillispie was the teacher remember the lunch room was in the gym grades 3 thru five was the north wing.

Greg Miller: I remember on the first Earth Day in 1970 that they took all us students at Alice Terry outside and we picked up trash in what was at that time a vacant lot north of the school. It was a small act, but something that has stuck with me all these years. I appreciate the admin and teachers at the school who made that happen. Does anyone else have any memories of that or other Earth Days?

Kristin Hargett: I attended 1977-1982. I had a lot of favorites, but Margie Jackson was my all time favorite. I had her in first and again in third grade. I used to come back and grade papers even after I left for the military. Had two principals Mr. Gordon and Mr. Watkins who died - still have his death announcement. Ralph was one of the janitors. He was so much fun.

Sarah Grover: I went there from third to fifth grade. My third grade teacher was Mrs. Jackson, fourth was Mrs. Pennington. I remember when our gym teacher passed away [Ronald Keefe, October 10, 1979]. I had Mrs. Paraschos for band. I remember later when we were in middle school that we scraped Alice Terry and got it ready to paint for money for a band trip.

Sherol Roy (Faculty): When I was teaching at Alice Terry, we had a merry-go-round in the front. A girl was on it spinning around and laughing and had her lunch money in her mouth. She swallowed it and choked. She stumbled over to me, blue in the face, I performed the Heimlich maneuver, and she spit out the quarter and promptly threw up on my shoes, lol. I had to go barefoot all day. Wish I could remember her name. I taught at Alice Terry from 1970-1977. I taught fifth grade; fourth grade and 5 years in third grade. I had a lot of wonderful kids and memories from my time there.



Appendix 1

Alice Terry Elementary School in Sheridan, Colorado Teachers from Fall of 1958 through Spring of 1979

This list was compiled by the Sheridan Historical Society from available class pictures and school board minutes from Fort Logan District No. 75 and Sheridan School District No. 2. This is not a complete list. This list reflects the years these teachers were at Alice Terry. Other schools have been indicated if known. Several minutes from the boards do not indicate which school the teachers were assigned. It is possible the start and end dates may not be correct. Two original teachers from 1958 are missing due to their own "bad penmanship."

Start	Finish	Other Schools	Name	Grades Taught
1974	1979	FL	Adams, Eleanor	Third Grade
1958	1969		Adamson, Loraine	Kindergarten
1969	1976		Barrett, Karen	Kindergarten
1962	1979		Beebe, Thelma	Third Grade
1968	1970		Bertram, Karen	Second Grade
1960	1962		Butler, Betty	Fourth Grade
1958	1962		Bowman, Thomas	
1964	1967		Card, Patricia	Fourth Grade
1962	1964		Carter, Olvite	
1964	1965		Dalglish, Jane	
1974	1977		Dillon, Margaret	First Grade
1973	1978		Ehler, Kathy	Second Grade
1960	1962		Farber, Odeliah "Dede"	Second Grade
1960	1964	FL	Farrington, Betty	Physical Education
1970	1975		Finger, Sherol	Fifth Grade
1961	1966		Forsythe, Genevieve	Kindergarten
1964	1967		Franklin, Patrick	Sixth Grade
1962	1964		Fuller, Betty	Third Grade
1958	1965	OO	Garton, Helen	Third Grade
1962	1993		Gillespie, Sandy	Fifth Grade
1965	1981		Hagge, Annie	Fourth Grade
1963	1967		Hardy, Jan	Speech Therapy
1969	1972		Heinrich, Kathy	Second Grade
1961	1966		Hope, Ruth	
1977	2002		Jackson, Margaret	Third Grade
1967	1969		Jauch, Susan	Special Education
1958	1968		Jefferies, Cleta	Kindergarten, First Grade
1958	1964		Jones, Dolores	First Grade
1958	1966		Kahn, Elizabeth	Kindergarten
1969	1973		Kean, Nancy	E.H.
1971	1977		Kingery, Dian	Elementary Music
1969	1973		Klinger, Margaret	First Grade
1974	1992	PB	Knudson, Marillyn	Kindergarten
1964	1965		Miller, Sandra	Fourth Grade
1958	1963	HS	Morgan, Dorothy	Fourth Grade
1968	1969		Mullins, Lynn	First Grade
1968	1980	FL	Pennington, Madeline	Fourth Grade
1958	1973		Roberts, Martha	Second Grade
1958	1963		Rogers, Irvin	

Start	Finish	Other Schools	Name	Grades Taught
1958	1962		Serra, Carol	Third Grade
1969	1973		Sullivan, Joan (Jean?)	Third Grade
1968	1968		Thomas, Sandy	Fifth Grade
1958	1987		Tweten, Glendale	First Grade
1967	1987	FL, OO	Vaglienti, John	Fifth Grade
1958	1965	OO	Vance, Nell	Second Grade
1972	2002	PB	Wallingford, Patricia	First Grade
1960	1965	FL	Wenger, Janet	Third Grade6
1960	1979	OO	Wharrier, Elizabeth	Physical Education
1960	1961		Whilden, Margarett	First Grade
1958	1969		White, Stella	Fourth Grade
1963	1965		Williams, Harriet	

Other Schools (if known):

FL – Fort Logan

OO – Ora Oliver

PB – Petersburg

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This compilation was extracted by the Sheridan Historical Society from yearbooks (annuals), directories, school board minutes, and other sources for Alice Terry Elementary School. This is not a complete list. Other schools in the district have been indicated if known. It is possible there may be errors in the from and to dates.

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Name	From	To	*	S	District Schools	Faculty	Staff
Acheson, Shirley	1979	1980					Library Aide
Aiken, Raquel	2008	2018		FL		Second Grade	
Allen, Karen	1990	2008	*				Kindergarten Aide
Albin, Susan	2024	2026				Second Grade, Third Grade	
Alvia, Tamatha	2025	2026				Third Grade	
Astone, Gretchen	2009	2014					
Avgerinos, Tracy	1997	1998					Reading Para
Bacon, Melanie	2022	2026				Special Education	
Bailey, Lisa	2004	2012				Kindergarten	
Baity, LaDawn	1985	2002				Special Education, First Grade, Fifth	
Bakke, Laura	2012	2013				Kindergarten	
Ballin, Ms.	1998	1999				Permanent Subsute	
Bajaj, Lyn	2009	2014					Principal
Baker, Patti	2005	2005		DW			Custodian
Bamberry, Lynn	1996	1998					Reading Specialist
Bancroft, Samantha	2023	2025		NG		Music	
Bane, Jeanne	2015	2016					Classroom Para
Barber-Kieffer, Kimberly	2011	2012					Receptionist/Health Records Clerk
Barbian, Karen	2004	2021	*			ELA Teacher, First Grade	
Barfoot, Janay	2001	2002					Technology
Barnes, Amy	1985	1990					Aide to Miss Brookins, Special Education Aide, Kindergarten Aid
Barnes, Denise	1997	1999					Para
Baros, Joe	2009	2012					Custodian
Bartels, Molly	2018	2019					Special Education Para
Baskall, Melissa	1996	1999				Permanent Subsute	
Bearden, Cristina	2011	2012		ECC			Special Education Para
Beege, June	1979	1981				Third Grade	
Bennett-Pelletier, Jaclyn	2016	2017					Cook
Berens, Bri	2013	2014					
Berke, Jennifer	2016	2017					
Berling, Quinlan	2009	2011					Special Education Para
Bernstein, Lea	2013	2014					
Blackard, Diane	1994	2002		S			Playground Aide, Music Para, Library Aide, Health Para
Blacker, Virginia	2021	2022				Art	
Blackington, Elizabeth	2006	2008		FL		Second Grade	
Blakeslee, Whitney	2007	2008					Special Education Para
Bloodworth, Jennifer	2001	2002				First Grade	
Bloomquist, Sue	2006	2011					Reading Specialist
Bomba, Jana	2006	2008				Art	
Bonne, Michelle	2004	2016	*				Reading Specialist
Bossert, Rebecca	2017	2018				Special Education	
Bottlemy, Nancy	2016	2019	*				Cook Manager
Boulanger, Anne	2005	2006				Second Grade	
Bradshaw, Susan	2019	2020					Instructional Support Assistant
Brookins, Miss	1985	1986					
Brookover, Elizabeth	2013	2014				Second Grade	
Brown, Megan	2023	2026				Kindergarten, Special Education	
Brunner, Pam	1997	2000					Nurse
Brunner, Virginia	1986	1987				Art	
Brusegaard, Pam	1985	2001	*			Fourth Grade	Library Media
Bruyere, Nicole	2016	2017				First Grade	
Bryant, Mrs.	1982	1983				First Grade	
Buckmaster, Kurstin	2022	2024				Kindergarten	Instructional Support Assistant
Bumpus, Scherry	2011	2012					Health/Attendance Clerk
Bunting, Chet	1986	1987				Physical Education	

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Burdick, Linda	2005	2006					Psychologist Intern
Burns, Holly	2012	2017			DW		Speech Pathologist
Butler, Katie	2025	2026			ECC		Special Education Para
Calero, Caroline	2007	2014	*		DW		Special Education Para
Camacho, Amanda	2003	2004					Kindergarten Para
Campo, Joe	2004	2005					Custodian
Cantrall, Jan	2009	2015			Second Grade		Reading Interventionist
Capps, Mauri	2011	2013					Counselor
Carothers, Kathleen	2003	2009					Principal
Carr, Page	2003	2004			Special Education		
Carroll, Erin	2012	2013					Special Education Para
Castillo, Rosa	2022	2026					Custodian, Building Manager
Castor, Rebeca	2024	2025					Special Education Instructional Support Assistant
Castro, Vaughn	2020	2021					
Caton, Reva	1994	2002	*		Chapter 1 Reading		
Cereceres, Carmen	2006	2007			HS		Spanish Liaison
Cereceres, Maria	2005	2006					Kindergarten Para
Chang, Tricia	2004	2005			Fifth Grade		
Ciado, Louie	2009	2010					
Christiansen, Laurie	1997	1998					Social Worker
Christiansen, Lettie	1987	2011			DW	Kindergarten, First Grade, Third Grade	Reading/Focus Room, Reading Specialist
Christopher, Lauren	2016	2016			DW		Speech Pathologist
Childers, Mrs.	1999	2000			Music		
Cilo, Abby	2012	2013					
Coatney, Carolyn	1990	1993			Physical Education, Special Education		
Cochran, Chari	2004	2010	S	DW	Fifth Grade		Librarian
Cochran, Clarence	1979	1980					Custodian
Coffey, Seth	2011	2015			Second Grade		
Collins, David	2022	2023					
Compoz, Jesse	2004	2005			DW		
Cole, Chiquita	2011	2012					
Cooley, Nancy	1985	1994			Fifth Grade, Special Education		
Cook, Deborah	2006	2008			FL		
Cook, Karen	1980	2002	*				Library Aide, Media Specialist
Cook, Kindra	2015	2017			Second Grade		
Cornier, Jeanette	1997	1999					Learning Specialist
Corson, Emily	2020	2021					Instructional Support Assistant
Coston, Nancy	1985	2002	*		Chapter 1 Reading, Second Grade		
Cramer, Stacey	2004	2006			Second Grade		Kindergarten Special Needs Professional, Special Education Para
Crowley, Jana	2005	2006			Art		
Cutjatl, Freddie	2013	2020					Librarian
Currell, Tabitha	2006	2007					Kindergarten Para
Deden, Penny	2005	2020	S	DW			Cook
Deidel, Barbara	1992	1994			First Grade		
Del Sordi, Carli	2008	2014			First Grade		
Derryberry, Paula	2020	2023			Art		
Diedrich, Sarah	2018	2023			First Grade, Second Grade		
DiLuca, Christina	2022	2026					Speech Language
Dixon, Pat	1997	2006			Special Education		O.T. Teacher
D'Onofrio, Susan	2019	2020			First Grade		
Domoto, Mrs.	1980	1981			Fourth Grade		
Domoto, Nancy	2004	2008			Kindergarten		
Duncan, Kristen	2017	2019			DW		Classroom Para, Special Education Social Worker
Duran, Rose	1985	1989					Secretary
D'Wolf, Rachel	2023	2026			Special Education		
Dyk, Kathleen	2019	2022					Instructional Support Assistant
Elkins, Amber	2024	2026					Assistant Principal
Elsner, Ashliegh	2018	2023			Second Grade		
Emery, Bonnie	1988	1989			Music		
Enright, Jennifer	2004	2006					Project Attend
Espinosa, Donna	1985	2006	*		DW		Cook, Special Education Aide/Para
Everett, Jill	1997	1998			Title 1 Reading		
Faber, Amelia	2011	2012					
Farjeon, Eleanor	1989	1992			Music		
Farnum, Patricia	2019	2020			NG		Instructional Support Assistant

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Fazio, Judith	1986	2011	*	FL		Special Education, Fourth Grade	
Fernandez, Desiree	2001	2002					Health Para
Flink, Hannah	2016	2018				Kindergarten	
Flores, Gabriela	2023	2024					Cook
Foley, Angela	2024	2026				Second Grade	
Forschee, Brenda	1997	1998					Social Worker
Freeland, Megan	2018	2023				Second Grade	
Freeman, Carissa	2022	2022					Assistant Principal
Freeman, Lisa	2018	2026				Kindergarten	
Fricke, Sheryl	2001	2002					Library Media
Fritz, Kathy	1997	1999					Health Aide, Attendance Clerk
Furman, Barbara	2004	2008		MS			Attendance/Health Clerk
Gallegos, Jessica	2024	2025					Special Education Para
Gahm, Shelby	2025	2026				Art	
Garcia, Derek	2011	2013					Custodian
Garcia, Jackie	1989	2002					Secretary
Garcia, Margaret	1979	1990	*				Kindergarten Aide
Garcia, Derek	2013	2014					
Gaudet, Jenny	2012	2013					Library Aide
Gaudet, Jenni	2020	2025					Library Para
Gerlitz, Catherine	2020	2021				Music	
Gielas, Diane	1993	1994				First Grade	
Gillespie, Sandra	1996	1998				Fourth Grade	
Gillespie, Sandy	1962	1993				First Grade, Fourth Grade, Fifth Grade	
Glanz, Amanda	2011	2012				Second Grade	
Glennon, Thomas	2019	2024				First Grade, Special Education	Behavior Support Teacher
Godec, Tammy	2012	2013					
Gogue, Vanessa	2008	2014	*	ECC			
Gomez, Lena	2005	2006					Spanish Liaison
Gomez, Sandra	2018	2019					Instructional Coach
Gonzales, Barb	2004	2011					Kindergarten Para
Gonzales, Meidy	2021	2022					Cook
Gonzalez-Reyes, Consuelo	2019	2019					Instructional Support Assistant
Goodwin, Shea	2009	2010					
Gordon, John "Jack"	1979	1995					Principal
Grabow, Shannon	2004	2005				Fourth Grade	
Graham, Kenneth	1994	2002	*				Computer Coach
Granados, Carla	2005	2026					Family Liaison
Granados, Julisa	2022	2024					Instructional Support Assistant
Green, Cecilia	1987	1988				Music	
Greenglass, Emily	2006	2008					Psychologist
Grommeck, Nicole	2023	2026					Assistant Principal, Principal (2023-Current)
Guajardo, Elza	2023	2024					Assistant Principal
Guerrie, Debra	1996	1997					Cook
Gutierrez, Linda	1996	1998				Science	
Hackert, Calvin	2022	2026				Physical Education	
Haggarty, Sharron	2012	2015					Health/Attendance Clerk
Hagge, Anne	1965	1981				Fourth Grade	
Hajka, Charleen	1992	2002				First Grade	
Haip, Diana	2004	2009					Secretary
Hale, Katherine	2006	2007					Special Education Para
Hall, Ami	2016	2016				Kindergarten	
Hall, Amy	2004	2014	FL			Performing Arts	
Haney, Sharon	2012	2013				Special Education	
Hatton, Kelly	2009	2010					
Hauff, Gertrude	1979	1983					Cook
Hausmann, Justin	2001	2006				Second Grade, First Grade, ELL	
Havens, Karen	1979	2002	*			Second Grade	
Hawley, Brett	2019	2020				Physical Education	
Haworth, Meredith	2022	2022				Kindergarten	
Hayden, Agnes	1985	1987				First Grade	
Hayes, Joseph	2013	2018	MS				Assistant Principal, Principal (2014-2018)
Helbig, Alexis	2017	2018					
Hemming, Shannon	2007	2014				Second Grade, First Grade	
Heredia, Rosa Torres	2023	2023	NG				Special Education Para

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Hernandez, Mariela Polanca	2022	2023				Instructional Support Assistant
Hernandez, Rebecca	2022	2025				Health/Attendance Clerk, Instructional Support Assistant
Hernandez Luna, Sonia	2018	2026				Health/Attendance Clerk
Hester, Cally	2009	2012				
Hibbs, Katy	2007	2008				Speech Pathologist Assistant
Hickerson, Andrea	2011	2014	FL		Resource Teacher	Interventionist
Hill, Debi	2004	2005				Kindergarten Para
Hills, Mrs.	1999	2000			Permanent Subsitize	
Hinckley, Penny	1993	2002	*			Speech Pathologist
Hirad, Elizabeth	2003	2008	FL		Third Grade, Second Grade, Literacy	
Hirsch, Sheridan	2017	2019	NG		Second Grade	
Hogan, Tami	1998	1999			Gifted & Talented Teacher	
Hohn, Connie	1997	1999				Cook
Holmes, Andrea	2019	2021				Instructional Support Assistant
Hopkins, Mrs.	1998	2000			Second Grade	
Hopkins, Shannon	2005	2006				Math Coach
Housman, Mary	2021	2023			Special Education	
Howard, Doug	2018	2025	HS			Building Manager
Howard, Elizabeth	2001	2001			First Grade	
Howard, Michael	1994	1995				Custodian
Howes, Diane	1992	1993			First Grade	
Huber, Else	1993	1994				Cook Manager
Husler, Patsy	2005	2006				Cook
Ice, Whitney	2005	2006				Homeless Liaison
Icke, Debbie	1991	1993	S	DW		Special Education Aide
Icke, Kristin	2004	2011	S	MS		Special Education Para
Isberg, Kelsey	2015	2015				Health/Attendance Clerk
Jackson, Callie	1992	1994			Music	
Jackson, Donna	2004	2008	DW		First Grade	
Jackson, Margaret	1977	2002			Third Grade	
Jamison, Julee	2008	2009				Special Education Para
Johnson, Barbara	1993	2010	DW		First Grade, Second Grade	Literacy Coach
Johnson, Deborah	1995	1997			Title 1 Reading	
Johnson, Hannah	2024	2026				Instructional Support Assistant
Johnson, Jessica	2012	2013			Special Education	
Josich, Felicia	2011	2012				Library Para
Juarez, Ralph	1979	2008	*			Custodian, Building Engineer
Junk, Elsie	1985	2002	*			Special Education Aide
Kalser, Jamie	2009	2010				
Kapushion, Blanch	2020	2021	DW			
Karner, Jorgelina	2007	2008				Family Liaison
Kazemi, Karen	2018	2019	NG			Interventionist
Kemp, Jennifer	2006	2008				Project Attend
Kendrick, Catherine	2017	2018				Counselor
Kennedy, Steven	1995	1998				Principal
Kerian, Kristi	1986	1987			Music	
Kharas, Abbi	1979	1981				School Nurse
King, Kali	2021	2025				Instructional Support Assistant
King, Kathryn	2007	2008				Speech Pathologist
Kinney, Karen	1996	1998			Special Education	
Kniss, Sarah	2015	2017			Kindergarten	
Knudson, Marilyn	1974	1992	PB		Kindergarten	
Kodis, Melinda	1994	2002			First Grade, Second Grade	
Kokozian, Jane	2023	2024				Instructional Support Assistant
Kosanks, Claire	2013	2014				
Kossic, Steve	1994	2002	*		Physical Education	
Kozma, Patricia	2019	2019				Behavior Support Teacher
Krause, Mr.	1998	2000			Title 1 Reading, Reading	
Krause, Stuart	2004	2005			Title 1 Interventionist	
Lakebrink, Andrea	2019	2020			Art	
Land, Lynette	2006	2007			Special Education Subsitize	
Langen, Britta	2015	2017	DW			Social Worker
Larson, Lisa	2018	2019				Interventionist
Larsen, Mary	2015	2019			Special Education	
Larson, Darlene	2018	2022			Kindergarten	

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Lay, Julie	2004	2004					Special Education Para
Leach, Shauna	1985	1986					School Nurse
LeDoux, Rebecca	2006	2008				First Grade	
Lehl, Alice	1985	2002	*				Cook
Lewis, Ashley	2015	2016				First Grade	
Liehr, Amy	2004	2008		FL		Third Grade, Second Grade	
Litke, Christina	2018	2018				Music	
Livingston, Jacqueline	2023	2025					Instructional Support Assistant
Lonson, Nicole	2025	2026				Special Education	
Loughran, Barb	1998	2007	*				Psychologist
LoPresti, Lupe	1994	2002	*				Custodian
Lordier, Martha	2006	2007				First Grade	
Lorenz, Rita	2006	2009		FL		Second Grade	
Lueck, Jeff	1997	1998		S			Title 1 Para
Luevano, Samantha	2024	2025					Instructional Support Assistant
Luna, Daniela	2020	2021					Health/Attendance Para
Luna, Sonia	2018	2026	*				Health/Attendance Clerk
Lundstrom, Teri	1997	2000					Para, Health Attendance, Nurse Aide
Lynn, Frank	1994	2002	*			Fourth Grade	
Lynn, Marti	1994	2002	*			Music	
Madrid, Gloria	2004	2006					Kindergarten Para
Maes, Natalie	2021	2023					Cook
Magee, Michael	2017	2019		S	DW		Custodian
Maestas, Goina	2004	2006					Literacy 1st/2nd Grade (Reading)
Maez, Gertrude	1992	1993				Kindergarten	
Maher, Erin	2023	2024					Interventionist
Mahoney, Kathryn	2015	2016					
Mann, Joyce	1993	1994					Computer Coach
Manske, Barbara	2020	2022					Instructional Support Assistant
Markley, Carol	1995	1998					Custodian
Marquez, Jodie	2017	2017			ECC		Special Education Para
Martin, Caryn	2001	2003					Principal
Martinez, Dennis	1995	1996					Custodian
Martinez, Julio	2024	2025		NG	Art		
Martinez, Linda	2019	2023					Social Worker
Martinez, Raymond	2011	2015			DW		Building Engineer
Martinez, Sonia	2017	2018					Severe Needs Para
Martinez, Yareli	2023	2023					Health/Attendance Clerk
MacCartney, Phyllis	2004	2005					Reading Interventionist
Massey, Amanda	2023	2024		NG	Art		
Mattox, Holly	2022	2023					Cook
Matuszynski, Michelle	2021	2026			Kindergarten		
Maurin, Hilary	2017	2018					Speech Pathologist
Maynell, Ken	2005	2008			Special Education		Occupational Therapist
McClure, Misti	2000	2001					
McCusker, Ms.	1998	1999			Speech Language		
McDevitt, Wendy	1985	1986			Music		
McDonald, Miss.	1982	1983			Fourth Grade		
McGee, Dana	2011	2012					Special Education Para
McGrath, Emily	2019	2020		HS			Instructional Support Assistant
McIntosh, Kelly	2006	2007					Special Education Para
McLoughlin, Barb	2005	2012	*	FL			Psychologist
McQueen, Linda	2016	2017					Cook
Medina Martinez, Linda	2019	2023					Social Worker
Mercer, Katie	2022	2023					Interventionist
Metz, Carolyn	2017	2018		DW	Performing Arts		
Miller, Macy	2022	2023					Instructional Support Assistant
Mills, Emma	2025	2026			Second Grade		
Miranda, Anita	1979	1980					Immunization Clerk
Mobley, Mary	2004	2021		FL	Kindergarten		
Moody, JoAnn	2023	2026			First Grade		
Moralez, Gertrude	1993	1994					Chapter 1 Aide
Morales, Gertrude	2018	2019					Special Education Severe Needs Para
Morales, Trudy	2004	2026					Kindergarten Para, Special Education Para
Moreno, David	2024	2026					Custodian

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Moreno, Sandy	2007	2008				Custodian
Moreno, Virginia	2004	2018	*		DW	Custodian
Morgan, Bridget	2018	2021			Special Education	
Morris, Rachel	2013	2014				
Morrison, Christine	2022	2022			Special Education	
Morse, Jeanne	1995	1998				School Psychologist
Munn, Alice	1977	1989			P.C. Teacher, Special Education	
Murillo, Migdalia	2003	2004				Family Liaison
Myers, Danita	1988	2002		FL	Kindergarten, Fourth Grade	
Myers, Valeri	2016	2018			Physical Education	Reading Interventionist
Newburn, Keira	2020	2020				Instructional Support Assistant
Neugebauer, Christen	2018	2022				Speech Pathologist
Nevarez, Daniela	2022	2023				Health/Attendance Clerk
Nevarez, Michelle	2017	2024			DW	Cook Manager
North, Kathy	2009	2019			Special Education	
Notz, Dorina	2005	2006			Kindergarten	
Noyes, Michelle	2016	2019		ECC	Kindergarten	
Null, Raelynd	2021	2021				Cook
Nylund, Jim	1987	1989			Physical Education	
O'Conner, Christine	2001	2011				
O'Dell, Cassandra	2021	2023				Psychologist
Ogawa, Lisa	2011	2013			Kindergarten	
Oppengard, Juanita	1985	1986				Psychologist
Orcutt, Debra	2004	2006				Cook
Ortega, Pearl	2019	2020		ECC		Instructional Support Assistant
Ortiz, Marbel	2012	2013				
Ortiz, Martha	2023	2026			DW	Cook, Cook Manager (2024-Current)
Osborne, Shannon	2013	2017			First Grade	
Otto, Caron	2006	2007				Special Education Para
Pachl, Sarah	2013	2014				Interventionist
Polanco Hinojosa, Mariela	2022	2023				Instructional Support Assistant
Paley, Robin	2004	2009		FL		Speech Pathologist
Palme, Randy	1979	1980				Ceta Aide
Parachos, Mary	1980	1981		DW	Instrumental Music	
Pason-Guy, Allison	2020	2025				Instructional Support Assistant
Passio, Christopher	2019	2021				Cook Manager
Patterson, Baylee	2023	2026				Social Worker
Patterson, Beverly	1989	2002	*		Physical Education, Fifth Grade	
Patton, Shannon	1997	1998			Second Grade	
Paz, Veronica	2008	2009				Health/Attendance Clerk
Pearlman, Mitzi	2004	2005				Librarian
Peguero, David	2022	2025				Custodian
Pennington, Madeline	1968	1980		FL	Fourth Grade	
Perrine, Jeanette	1996	1997			Special Education	
Person, Howard	1979	1981			Physical Education	
Petrie, Debra	2013	2016			Second Grade	
Piler, Jenny	2009	2010				
Pinedo, Nancy	2021	2021				Health/Attendance Clerk
Polinsky, Kelly	2011	2014			Special Education	
Portch, Melissa	2019	2019				Instructional Support Assistant
Pratt, Karen	2016	2017				Assistant Principal
Price, Brianne	2016	2017				
Price, Shannon	2007	2011				
Primm, Mrs.	1999	2000			Special Education	
Quinlan, Tammy	2006	2011				Cook
Radar, Adriane	2013	2016		DW		Speech Pathologist
Raemer, Shelly	1996	2001			Physical Education	
Ramirez, Elsie	1997	2000				Special Education Para
Rameriz, Hope	2005	2007				Custodian
Raver, Sandra	2023	2026				Instructional Support Assistant
Rawley, Barbara	1979	1981			First Grade	
Ray, Donna	1989	1993				Cook
Reber, Ellien	2016	2018			First Grade, Second Grade	
Richards, Noah	2021	2022				Instructional Support Assistant
Rieger, Kristen	2009	2012				Secretary

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Name	From	To	*	S	District Schools Faculty	Staff
Reinhardt, Tabitha	2004	2005				Kindergarten Para
Reister, Melissa	2017	2019			NG	Interventionist
Resler, Mary	2001	2002				Playground Para
Reynolds, Mrs.	1998	1999				Title 1 Reading, Reading
Ringquist, Laura	2011	2013		MS	Art	
Rivera, Veronica	1991	2014		NG	First Grade, Kindergarten	Chapter 1 Reading
Roberson, Stacey	1997	1998			Permanent Substitute	
Roberts, Justin	2013	2015			Kindergarten	
Robinson, Luz	2006	2008				Kindergarten Para
Rohret-Navin, Genevieve	2011	2018		DW	First Grade, Second Grade	Interventionist
Romero, David	2025	2026				Custodian
Romero, Diego	2018	2023				Principal
Romero, Sunshine	2015	2018		HS		Health/Attendance Clerk
Romero, Vickie	1987	1993	*			Cook, Kindergarten Aide
Roncoloto, Anthony	2019	2020			Music	
Rosales, Allison	2006	2006			Special Education	
Roy, Sherol	1990	1991		S	Third Grade	
Royal, Judy	1980	1987	*			Kindergarten Aide
Ruiz, Gabriela Flores	2023	2024				Cook
Rusler, Patsy	2004	2005			ASK ADRIAN	
Salazar, Rudy	2013	2014			ASK ADRIAN	
Samucha, Jessica	2025	2026			Kindergarten	
Sanchez, Gertrude	1979	1992			Kindergarten	
Salomonson, Kathy	1997	1999				Cook
Sanchez, Justin	2023	2024			Second Grade	
Sanchez, Sarah	2022	2023				Instructional Support Assistant
Sandoval, John	2011	2012				Maintenance
Saul, Kathy	1994	1995				Chapter 1 Aide
Saunders, Elizabeth	2009	2012	*	ECC		Special Education Para
Scheck, Erin	2005	2006		FL		Reading Specialist
Schmucker, Erin	2019	2020				Instructional Support Assistant
Schumacher, Mariah	2024	2025				Interventionist
Secrest, Esther	1979	1980				Attendance Officer
Selkirk, Marianne	2004	2005				Literacy Coach
Senchuk, Autumn	2013	2014			Special Education	
Severson, Kelly	1988	1989				Special Education Aide
Severson, Kelly	1994	2016				Cook Manager
Shannon, Lauren	2019	2019				Instructional Support Assistant
Sharpe, Suzanne	2021	2022				Audiologist
Shelaflo, Sandra	2015	2026	*	S	FL	
Shirey, Sylvia	1985	2002	*			Health & Attendance Aide
Shock, Carli	2009	2014			First Grade	
Shue, Thaddeus	2022	2022				Instructional Support Assistant
Siler, Jenny	2007	2011		FL	Special Education	
Skaife, Shannon	2004	2016			Kindergarten, Second Grade	
Sleeman, Sarah	2005	2010		DW	Special Education	Learning Specialist
Slewitzke, Betty	1979	1993				Cook Manager
Slewitzke, Nicole	2016	2016				
Smith, Alice	2004	2021			First Grade, Physical Education	Reading Interventionist, Technology Teacher
Smith, Debi	2004	2006				Kindergarten Para
Smith, Kim	2012	2013				Learning Specialist
Smith, Lynn	1997	1998				Computer Coach
Synder, Shannon	2017	2017		DW		Cook
Sommers, Xali	2011	2012				
Sohons, Mary	2009	2010			First Grade, Physical Education	
Soria, Connie	1979	1981				B.E.S. Aide
Soto, Anna	2003	2005		ECC		Health & Attendance Aide
Soto, Ana M	2011	2011				Lunch/Playground Monitor
Spots, Karen	2017	2019		HS	Art	
Stammler, Peter	2016	2018			Second Grade	
Stahl, Lynnette	1987	1993			First Grade	
Stanley, Jennifer	2007	2011			Second Grade	
Stevens, Sarah	2019	2021				Instructional Support Assistant
Stevenson, Melanie	2022	2023			Special Education	
Stiles, Shannon	1996	1998			Art	

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Stock, Heidi	2012	2013					
Streeter, John	1993	1994			DW	Physical Education	
Stutz, Debbi	2015	2016					
Subia, Lance	2019	2021					Instructional Support Assistant
Swanson, Annie	2005	2011			FL		
Swatek, Katrina	2014	2017				Special Education	
Tafoya, Leslie	2023	2024					Instructional Support Assistant
Tafoya, Lorena	2024	2026					Instructional Support Assistant
Tafoya, Shannon	1994	2002	*			Second Grade, Third Grade	Literacy Coach
Termear, Nicole	2019	2019			ECC		Instructional Support Assistant
Tessmer, Mary	1989	1990					Resource Room
Terrazas, Vicente	2017	2022			HS		Custodian
Thomas, Ms.	1998	2000				Special Education	
Thomas, Linda	2004	2012				Special Education	Learning Specialist
Thompson, Douglas	2004	2006				Second Grade	
Thuerk, Ms.	1998	1999				Second Grade	
Thurman, Ximena	2009	2011					Family Liaison
Torres-Heredia, Rosa	2018	2021					Classroom Para, Instructional Support Assistant
Tranberg, Karen	1990	2002	*				Cook
Traxler, Peter	1993	2002	*				Psychologist
Trent, Emma	2022	2025				First Grade	Instructional Support Assistant
Trujillo, Cecilia	2004	2012					Kindergarten Para
Trujillo, Hope	1979	1983					Secretary
Trujillo, Mary	2004	2005					Translator/Interpreter
Trujillo, Sylvia	2004	2021					Kindergarten Para, Instructional Support Assistant
Tuerk, Michelle	1997	1998				Second Grade	
Turpin, Mikayla	2022	2023					Instructional Support Assistant
Tweten, Glendale	1958	1987				Second Grade	
Tyler, Sue	1997	1998				ESL	
Uecker, Cindy	1979	1981				Vocal Music	
Urata, Mrs.	1998	1999				Art	
Vaglienti, John	1967	1987			FL,OO	Fifth Grade	Administrative Assistant (79-80), Assistant Principal (80-81)
Valdez, Shanna	2017	2018				First Grade	
Vander Leest, Mr.	1993	1994					Staff
Vaughn, Ashley	2006	2008	S				Kindergarten Para
Vaughn, Judy	2004	2016	*		FL	Physical Education	Computer Coach
Vespoli, Kelan	2021	2022				Physical Education	
Vigil, Adrian	1997	2026	S	FL		Fifth Grade, First Grade	
Vigil, Evelyn	1988	1989	S				Kindergarten Aide
Vigil, Jacqueline	2022	2022					Cook
Vigil, Kylene	2009	2026			HS		Registrar, Secretary
Villa, Maribel Ortiz	2012	2013			FL		Special Education Para
Vines, Willie	1985	1993					Custodian
Vodehnal, Marsha	1998	2005	*			Performing Arts, Fourth Grade	
Wade, Janel	2019	2022				Special Education	
Waechter, Stacy	2004	2021				Kindergarten	
Wagner, Caryn	2015	2016					Assistant Principal
Walker, William	2019	2020					Instructional Support Assistant
Wallace, Allison	2021	2026					Instructional Support Assistant
Wallingford, Pat	1972	2002		PB		First Grade, Fifth Grade	
Walter, Emily	2023	2024				Second Grade	
Walz, Kimberly	2004	2005					Kindergarten Student Teacher
Wandel, Mary	2004	2015				Kindergarten	
Wasburn, Mr.	1982	1983				P.E. Teacher	
Waters, Jody	2015	2018					Reading Interventionist
Watkins, Eleanor	1981	1990		PB, OO		Third Grade	
Watts, Donna	1979	1981					School Psychologist
Weber, Lisa	2008	2011		FL		Art	
Weber, Taylor	2022	2023					Instructional Support Assistant
Webster, Jennifer	2017	2020					Assistant Principal
Wenaas, Cher	1995	1997					Title 1 Aide
Wennas, Debra	2020	2021					
West, Mary	2004	2005				Kindergarten	
Wheatley, Jessi	2012	2014					Psychologist
Wheeler, Paula	2004	2021					Kindergarten Para, Instructional Support Assistant

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White, Michelle	2018	2019			DW	First Grade	
Widdifield, Sarah	2004	2012	*		DW	Kindergarten, First Grade	
Wiezen, Gina	2006	2008					Special Education Para
Wilhelm, Kay	2015	2017					Interventionist
Williams, Kay	1987	2002				Chapter 1 Reading, Third Grade,	
Willis, Ann "Annie"	1998	2001					Principal
Wilson, Shea	2009	2012			FL		
Winter, Tracie	2021	2025				First Grade	Instructional Support Assistant
Wolfe, Katherine	2011	2015				Kindergarten, Resource Teacher	Interventionist
Woolfolk, Michael	2019	2021					Custodian
Wynne, Carolyn	2008	2008					Kindergarten Para
Wynne, Raelee	2025	2026				Second Grade	
Yang, Jerry	2023	2024					Instructional Support Assistant
Yarberry, Marjorie	1994	2002				Special Education	
Ybirla, Natalie	2021	2024					Instructional Support Assistant
Youngs, Kaitlyn	2013	2017	*		FL	Art	
Zabala, Paula	2001	2002				Special Education	
Zachary, Adriene	2013	2013					
Zimmermann, Wanda	2006	2007					CELA Assessor
527	529	529	40	12	86	214	299

Red font indicates there is a question if this is the same person?

Yellow highlight indicates there is a prior year when an annual was not available. Unknown if this person started this year or the prior year(s).

Pastel yellow indicates this may have not been this person's last year at Alice Terry.

Turquoise highlight indicates a person with twenty or more years of service

* Indicates a break during the years listed. This is more than likely from omissions from annuals, other records, or this person worked somewhere else in the district.

S Indicates this faculty or staff member was a graduate of Sheridan High School.

District Schools indicates other schools this person worked in the the district: ECC - Early Childhood Center, FL - Fort Logan Elementary, HS - High School, MS - Middle School, NG - Northgate, OO - Ora Oliver, PB - Petersburg, DW - District Wide

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