

## 2022 CKSD Retirement Celebrations

### Joe Hardie - BR

Joe Hardie is at the heart of Brownsville as the head custodian for the past 7 years and the general custodian 14 years before that. Joe keeps our aging school in tip top shape. Starting the day with a good laugh and cup of coffee is a must for Joe. Joe can always think outside of the box to solve a situation and keeps our safety committee focused. Go Packers!

### Kristin Lax – BR

Kristin came to Brownsville from Seabeck Elementary. Working in the learning center, she is there for our students every single day. Especially during the pandemic, Kristin creatively reached her students online, in person and with home visits. Each student made academic gains and developed social and emotional skills. Her students and their families have benefited from having her in their lives.

### Janet Mueller – BR

Jan has been the master of many roles. She started as a PTSA member, then worked as a recess attendant, and finally joined our office as a clerk typist. Jan is our go-to person for pretty much everything at Brownsville. Her sense of humor and jamming tunes have made the workroom the best place to be. Jan will be greatly missed for all that she does for each person here at Brownsville.

### Philip Wetherby – BR

Philip came to us from Seabeck Elementary. He teaches so much more than just 4th grade reading; he teaches his class how to be a supportive family. He has taught students about artifacts like a rotary phone and skills like cursive handwriting. Our students and staff love to hear a Mr. Wetherby story, they certainly grab our attention and curiosity! He is a teacher with amazing student and staff relationships and will be greatly missed.

### Suzanne Wright - BR

Suzanne is an amazing speech language pathologist. If a child is lucky enough to work with her, you may see them playing games, singing songs, or using pictures to communicate. She has the trust and admiration of her families as well because she makes them feel a part of the team. We have all learned so much from sitting in on an evaluation or IEP meeting. Her patience and sincere ability to listen to others is greatly appreciated.

### Denise Baxter – CKHS

Denise Baxter has taught for over 32 years, and CKHS was lucky to have her as a Cougar for over 26 of those. One of her most vivid memories is the earthquake that happened in 2001. Denise was in the locker room supervising students, and she can remember seeing actual waves in the cement floors. When asked about her post-retirement plans, Denise says, "I am most excited about the daily choice to do whatever I choose with my non-bell schedule days."

### Bill Baxter – CKHS

Bill Baxter has been a team member in CKSD for 34 years, all at CKHS. His favorite memories are coaching the CKHS Baseball team for 27 years, leading the team to the State finals, and celebrating their hard-earned 3rd place finish. Staff will remember Bill for the way he motivated and inspired student

athletes in many ways. In retirement Bill is looking forward to relaxing and traveling with his friends and loved ones.

### Cindy Brokens – CKHS

Cindy Brokens has worked with CKSD for 27 years and the last 11 at CKHS. Her passion over the years has been working with autistic students, calmly meeting their needs, and respectfully understanding the obstacles they face daily. These are the greatest memories she will carry with her! Cindy's dreams for the future involve more time with her 7 grandchildren, traveling the world, and being able to hike, bike and fish whenever she wants to!

### Maureen Christian – CKHS

Maureen Christian was a constant in the CKHS student store for over 20 years. She was always thinking about new products and ways to improve the Cougar Den. She would get very excited about new products, and helping students learn about marketing, running the cash register, and making smoothies. Maureen is friendly with everyone and loved to talk with students about their pets and animals.

### Sarah Fisher – CKHS

Sarah Fisher has been a valued and foundational member of CKHS and CKSD since 1990. When people think of CK, student success, and dedication to excellence, they often think about Sarah first. Her favorite memories are hosting annual AP Gov Songs event each December. Technology has changed over time, but students are so creative; so many great memories of live performances and videos they created. Sarah is looking forward to traveling and time to think, read, and hike.

### Kathryn Freedman – CKHS

Kathryn has been with CKSD since 2003. She worked as a paraeducator at Tracyton and Clear Creek, and then for many years with special services supporting students in the transitions program. For the past two years, she has been at CKHS. She has some fantastic memories working at CKSD, it is difficult to just mention 1 or 2! In retirement, she is excited to finally be able to travel overseas and get together with family.

### Lars Jorstad – CKHS

Lars Jorstad's time in the classroom spans 36 years, multiple states, and a wide variety of courses. He has been a proud CKHS Cougar for 32 years and has many treasured memories. Lars performed CPR on a baseball player, took kids on a field trip to view human cadavers, and supported a generation of kids as a chaperone for the ski school. Days after school lets out, Lars and his wife embark on a year-long adventure biking across the U.S., skiing in Chile, and a grand tour of the EU.

### Chuck Moore – CKHS

Chuck Moore has worked for CKSD for 26 years. He spent time at CKMS, Fairview, and most recently 9 years at CK High School. He will take with him the memories of the staff and students he worked with and supported him in his journey. Chuck is looking forward to traveling without crowds and the freedom to travel and explore new experiences beyond the school calendar.

### Bill Wilson – CKHS

Bill Wilson has been teaching for 42 years, and the last 28 of those years were spent as a beloved member of the CK High team. One of his favorite memories as an educator was the class of 2006. In one

class, he had 45 students and they were packed into a tiny classroom like sardines-without lab space. That year his students turned out the best set of AP scores ever produced by a CK class. They worked hard and they loved learning and he will always remember them.

### Scott Borgmann - CKMS

Teaching is a second career for Scott Borgmann. After retiring from the Navy, Scott began teaching science at CKJH and has been with us for 20 years. Scott's calm demeanor and always pleasant personality is admirable. He genuinely cares about students and colleagues. Scott is professional to his core and consistently reliable. In short, Scott is the real deal. Never complacent, he is excited to take his talents in new directions. He will be missed.

### David Keller – CMKS

David Keller has been a school counselor for almost 30 years; 20 of them at CKJH and CKMS. David exemplifies what a great counselor should be. He is kind, patient, yet a fierce advocate for students. David's student connections go well beyond the classroom. He coordinated ski school for years and has been the head track and cross-country coach since joining us. David is enjoying time travelling, skiing, and being with family and friends.

### Tim McNett – CKMS

Tim McNett has been an elementary and middle school educator for over 23 years. Tim's work ethic has been second-to-none. He is an exceptionally well-organized teacher, a great communicator, strong math team collaborator, and teacher mentor. Tim came to work every single day wearing a tie, modeling the high standards he set for his students. Tim looks forward to spending more time with his family and building his future retirement home in Wyoming.

### Cathy Miller – CKMS

Cathy Miller joined the CKJH staff in 2013. How fortunate for us! Education was a second career for Cathy, having already had a distinguished career in government service. Cathy was an exceptional educator. She worked hard, she kept students focused on the tasks at hand, made connecting with students look easy, and she instilled in them a desire to learn. Cathy has been a tremendous asset to our school, and she will be missed.

### Julie Moore – CKMS

Julie Moore has been a career educator with over 37 years of service in public education. Julie can easily be described as a Renaissance woman. She has taught special education, electives, and was instrumental in our transition from junior high to middle school. Julie is a master at meeting students where they're at to help them succeed. She is an outstanding cook, loves world travel and socializing with friends.

### Rose Flynn – CO

Rose Flynn and has been with CKSD for 39 years, providing special services at many CKSD schools. Rose is also a leader for staff, mentor for SLPs in training, and advocate for children with special needs. She says her "proudest career moments are always when a child learns to say or communicate something they haven't been able to do before and then their little faces just light up!" Rose looks forward to spending quality time with her husband and traveling the world.

### Karla Gurley – CO

Students have benefitted from Karla Gurley's gift as a teacher for the past 34 years – 18 of those here in the Central Kitsap. Karla has been a general education teacher, art teacher, literacy coach and reading intervention teacher. She has been successful at every turn of her career because she finds a way into the hearts of her students and gains their trust and respect so that they gain the confidence to learn. We are going to miss her!

### Donna Bittner – CV

Donna has spent her career serving the families of Cougar Valley. She joined our staff 31 years ago and has been one of our treasures. She has taught 3rd and 4th grade students with joy, compassion, and grace. Her dedication to the profession is evidenced by her participation in numerous building committees as well as the district teacher mentor program. Donna is looking forward to spending time with her husband. She will be greatly missed by her students and colleagues.

### Penny Timm – CV

Penny Timm has dedicated the past 20 years to CKSD in a variety of roles. The last 6 years she has supported Cougar Valley as their student support specialist. Penny is greatly respected and loved by students, families, and staff. Her calm, kindhearted demeanor will be greatly missed as well as her delicious baked goods that she so often brought in as they always put smiles on everyone's faces. We wish her all the best as she begins the next chapter and may all her retirement dreams come true!

### Cindy Wilson – CV

Cindy joined Cougar Valley 31 years ago. She feels fortunate to have had the joy of teaching her own children, sharing her creativity, and inspiring a love of learning in all her students. She was a member of numerous building committees; most notably serving as chair of the social committee adding to the community spirit of our school. Cindy is looking forward to sharing retirement with her husband and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed!

### Jo Aiken – EH

Jo has been serving students in CK for over 30 years. During her time with the district, she has worked as a nutrition assistant at both the Central Kitchen and Esquire Hills. In all instances she is reliable and efficient. She truly puts her pride and joy into ensuring that all our students are taken care of. Jo plans to continue traveling with her husband and spending time with her kids and grandkids. We wish Jo the best of luck.

### Linda Beigh – GM

Linda's passion and care for supporting the Green Mountain learning community has shown from the beginning. She started as a support secretary when it opened in 1992. In 1999 she took on the lead as office manager and has not looked back since. Linda has devoted her professional life to Green Mountain, and we will never forget all she has given. She looks forward to working on her neglected honey do list, camping, and spending time with family.

### Danielle Britt – GM

Danielle has devoted many years to supporting the Central Kitsap learning community, most recently at Green Mountain. Not only has the district been a big part of her professional life, but also her family life. She grew up with her grandparents living across the street from Green Mountain and played on the land as a child. She graduated from CKHS and met her husband through work at Central Kitsap. Danielle looks forward to spending her time with family and dog, as well as enjoying hiking, camping, and traveling.

### Claudia Blazer – HEJP

Claudia has worked as a support secretary at Cougar Valley and as a paraeducator at HEJP. Her kindness and genuine care for students has made a tremendous positive impact on all who have had the pleasure working with her. Claudia is always seeking to find ways to care for others, and her talents for teaching elementary students will be greatly missed. Claudia loves music, and staying busy with her friends and family. We wish her all the best in retirement!

### Wendy Saxon – HEJP

Wendy joined CKSD in 1998 and started teaching full time in 2001 at Cougar Valley and at HEJP. Wendy is a valued colleague and she is always willing to share her knowledge and materials to help those around her. Wendy contributes greatly to a positive working environment at our school, spreading joy with our students and staff every day. Things just won't be the same without our amazing Mrs. Saxon! We wish Wendy a wonderful and well-deserved retirement.

### Diane Reichel – HS

Diane began working in CKSD in 2000 as a library assistant at Klahowya. In 2004 she took the position of secretary at Health Services and has been supporting the nurses ever since. She has been an integral part of our nursing team and has created many innovations to help increase our productivity. All the nurses will miss her dearly. Best of luck to you, Diane, on your new life chapter!

### Diane Clouser – KSS

Diane began her career with CKSD in 1998 as an English teacher and a librarian at Klahowya. Her husband, Doyle, was the Klahowya band director and Diane always supported the marching band when they went to competitions and parades. Since 1998, Diane worked at OHS, Green Mountain, CKHS and CKVA. She returned to Klahowya for her final year. We are grateful for Diane's contributions to our district. She helped make Klahowya into an amazing school!

### Lynn Krache – KSS

Lynn Krache began her career with Central Kitsap School District in 1997 as a special education paraeducator at Emerald Heights Elementary. In 2011, Lynn joined Klahowya and supported students in our district level program. Lynn had three sons, Brett, Kyle and Todd, who went to Klahowya. Lynn is enjoying retirement and spending time with her grandchildren. We congratulate Lynn on her retirement and thank her for her support!

### Trish Llewellyn – KSS

Trish started with CKSD in 1995 and supported students in the LITE House Program at CKHS. She also supported students in the KAP program. In 2005, she joined Klahowya and supported students as a Read/Write Paraeducator. While Trish is known for being quiet, she has a great sense of humor. In

retirement, she is looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren and travelling the country in her new RV. We thank Trish for her service to our students and school!

### Betty Worrell – KSS

Betty Worrell began working for CKSD in 1995 as a paraeducator at Hawk Elementary. In 1997 she supported Fairview and joined Klahowya in 2003. Betty is known for her wonderful personality and her distinctive laugh. Betty is so outgoing that she took first place in a local seagull calling contest! As she enters retirement, Betty is moving to Laramie, Wyoming to be near her daughter Whitney. We are grateful for Betty's service to our school and district!

### Julie Clark – OHS

Julie Clark began her service to our district in 2006. Julie is a paraeducator in our OHS Unity program. Julie enjoys working with her students, and especially values the team approach and her wonderful colleagues in the self-contained program. Julie is kind and compassionate and has a heart for kids. We have valued her work with our program and our students and staff. Julie is looking forward to ditching the alarm clock and lunch bag forever and is planning a trip to Hawaii in September!

### Rebecca Matz – OHS

Rebecca Matz began her service to our district in 2003 as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, after interpreting for others for over 10 years. In 2005 she accepted a position as ASL teacher and has taught thousands of students the techniques and love of American Sign Language. Several of her former students have gone on to be interpreters. We will remember the yearly sign language concerts that brought the beauty of sign language to our community. Thank you, Rebecca, for all your years of service to students and school!

### John Bishop – PI

John worked as a custodian in the Central Kitsap School district since 1989. He spent time at Hawk, Cougar Valley, Olympic, Fairview, and finished off his career at PineCrest. John was so much more than a custodian. We liked to think of him as our very own handyman who could fix anything! John truly cared about our school, and it showed. He had a heart of gold and was always finding ways to show his thoughtfulness to others. We wish John many days of happiness ahead!

### Patti Green – PI

Patti Green is an outstanding educator that has been going above and beyond for our students since 2009. She has worked in various capacities at Silver Ridge, Green Mountain, and PineCrest. For years she has taken care of our precious developmental preschool students. Patti has a way of making each child and family feel that they are her most important priority. PineCrest will miss Patti dearly and wish her all the best in retirement! You have earned it, Patti!

### Ann Kim – PI

Ann has worked in CK since 1998. She worked at Cougar Valley, Ridgetop Middle School, and subbed throughout the district. At PineCrest she took on various leadership roles, including hosting countless student teachers. Ann had an incredible work ethic and was one of the first to arrive every morning. She was happy to take on additional tasks that helped keep the building organized and moving forward. She went above and beyond to inspire and support students. Thank you, Ann, for your years of service.

### Mary Wetherby – PI

Mary Weatherby has been a Speech Language Pathologist with Special Services since 1992. Her thoughtful and conscientious approach was a gift to her students and families. Staff loved working with Mary because of the kindness, patience, and positivity she brought to every conversation and meeting. Mary was a strong advocate for our CK students and an important member of our staff. The impact Mary has had on students is immeasurable! We will miss Mary and wish her the very best in her much-deserved retirement!

### Billie Alcott – RMS

Excellence, high expectations and the power of belief. Three ideas that describe the life's work of Mrs. Alcott. She strives for excellence for herself and her students. She has high expectations for ALL and a high belief that she can get ALL to succeed. She takes their success personally. Year in and year out, she has amongst the highest student growth because of her commitment to excellence, high expectations and belief in her ability and student's capability.

### April Lagrow – RMS

April is a great example of consistency. She has been a part of our dedicated paraeducator team working hand-in-hand with the classroom teachers. This consistency has allowed her to seamlessly be a multiplier in terms of magnifying the effects of our foundational reading programs. She has formed deep and meaningful relationships with students and watched them show amazing growth. April is a leader at the Ridge.

### Mike Power – RMS

Mike has a deep passion for teaching math to students. He wants students to believe that they can succeed in math, and thus, can succeed in any endeavor. Mike has had many accomplishments, but he surprised himself in growing his own technology skills to the point where his math-tutorials can now be found and accessed for students to continue their own mathematical growth.

### Bruce Baldwin – SI

Bruce Baldwin has been working in CKSD for 23 years and found his home as head custodian at Silverdale Elementary. Bruce's commitment to a safe and well-maintained school are at the forefront of his work ethic. Beyond his custodial role, Bruce has been an integral part of our commitment to kids. He fosters student leadership with job squad, builds relationships during lunch, represents on school spirit days, and keeps the fun alive! We will miss you, Bruce!

### John Kingslight – TRANS

Bus driver John Kingslight started with Central Kitsap in 2011. In his time in the district, he has always thought of fun ways to help students stay safe while enjoying their time on the bus. In addition to his skills as a professional driver, John is a talented musician whose guitar prowess is appreciated by all. We thank him for his service and wish him the best as he transitions to a time of family, friends, and music.

### Margaret Konecny – TRANS

Since joining the CKSD team as a bus driver in 2005, Margaret Konecny has exemplified the highest standards of safety and driving excellence. In addition to positively affecting thousands of our students, Margaret went to school to become a State-certified school bus driver instructor. Everyone she trains,

from new bus driver to district administrator, extols the expertise and passion she shares. We wish Margaret the best in her retirement, which is sure to be full of sewing, travel, and time with loved ones.

### Dawn Menger – TRANS

Dawn Menger was hired as bus driver in 2004. For nearly 20 years she has shared her terrific sense of humor with students and staff alike. She strives to provide a supportive, safe, and fun environment for all students who ride her bus, regardless of their need. Dawn has always gone out of her way to show appreciation for her coworkers, especially the fleet services team. We wish her a wonderful retirement full of family, frivolity, and relaxation.