

To the wonderful families of Aspen Elementary,

I am excited to have the opportunity to get to know your families and serve your children. After just two weeks, I have been impressed with the dedicated staff and the warm welcome of parents and students.

It may be helpful to have a little background about the new guy coming in to your school. I was a latecomer to the world of education. After spending 12 years with Safeway/Vons grocery stores, I felt that I wanted something a bit more challenging to fill my days. With the support of my wife, Kristie, I decided to go back to school. I left my job and moved to Orem to attend Utah Valley Community College. Yes, it was that long time ago! After earning my degree from UVCC, I entered the Weber State Elementary Education program. I graduated in 1996 with a degree in elementary education and an emphasis in science content.

I was hired by Dr. Mike Pratt the Saturday before school started that year as a 4th grade teacher at Valley View Elementary and worked with Mr. Davies. Over the years, I have taught 3rd grade, 4th grade, 4th grade specialties, 5th and 6th grade science, and a 5th/6th core class. During my year as a 5th/6th grade core teacher, I was convinced to explore administration. I applied to BYU's Leadership Preparation Program and was accepted. During my masters program, I interned at Lone Peak High School, Lakeridge Jr. High, and Santaquin Elementary. After graduation, I was assigned to Suncrest Elementary. I spent the last eight years at Suncrest Elementary before receiving my new assignment to Aspen Elementary.

I look forward to serving your children. I hope you will feel free to stop and visit with me as I begin to get better acquainted with the children, staff, and families at Aspen Elementary.

Mr. Freeman