



American Heritage Academy

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Meet the Teachers

Leslie Crafton

Leslie Crafton is the proud wife of Bryan Crafton. They have 6 children and 5 grandchildren (and 2 on the way). She is the daughter of Ed and Martha Bench of Oakley Idaho. She is the third child of thirteen children. Leslie's parents were very positive and wonderful parents. They encouraged her to reach out and pursue any dream. Leslie has always been surrounded with music which inspired her to use it as her second profession. Her first being a wife and mother. She has had many wonderful teachers who have guided her through her teaching career. Dr. Mei Zhong of Ball State University in Indiana, who is her present teacher, has inspired her to pursue her latest dreams, which are starting a music camp, writing a book and opening a web page. It's been very exciting and wonderful to see these dreams coming true. I have such a great love for music and what it can do for the souls of men. I live for the success of my family, students and friends. Leslie has extensive education and experience in music pedagogy and will be an excellent addition to the faculty of American Heritage Academy.

Stephanie Jeffs: Irish Dance, Bagpipe Band

Stephanie Jeffs was raised in Washington state and moved to Orem, Utah where she graduated from high school. She then attended and graduated from Utah State University with a degree in music. She is a professional violin performer. Following her graduation she became interested in Irish music and dance. She plays five different instruments: Irish bagpipe, Irish whistle, fiddle, concertina, bodhran, and sings. She was taught Irish step by a certified teacher in Idaho Falls. She continues to study with teachers from Portland who come in to Boise. She has competed and won many awards including first place award in Irish traditional music. She has taught children and adults of every age and believes anyone can learn Irish step. She is also an artisan and sews authentic Irish costumes. Stephanie is excited to bring the strength, sound and beauty of Irish Step to American Heritage students in Burley! She is married, has two children and resides in Murtaugh.

Dr. Josh Olsen

Dr. Josh Olsen is a chiropractic physician, practicing in Burley. He grew up in Montana and Idaho and attended only three years of public school. He began community college at age 16 and almost completed a bachelor's degree before his mission. After serving a mission he started graduate school and graduated from Chiropractic school at the age of 26 and has been practicing since. He specializes in the spine with an emphasis on pediatric chiropractic. He is an avid outdoorsman, is married with three children and lives in Kimberly.

LuAnn Young

Mrs. LuAnn Young took piano lessons from Don Royster for fourteen years. At nine years of age she was the organist at church. In her college years she performed for the governor of Utah. Majoring in business, she attended both Steven Henagar College and Weber State College. She has taught private lessons in both guitar and piano for the past sixteen years. She is married to Troy Young and they have two children. Her oldest plays both the piano and guitar and sings. He is leaving for BYU-I this fall. Their daughter is seven. They have had many foster children through the years, several with special needs.

Brian Tibbets

Mr. Brian Tibbetts was born in Omaha, Nebraska but reared in Kaysville, Utah. He is married to Carrie Bird from Ogden, and they are the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters. Brian's outstanding quality is enthusiasm. He has many hobbies and interests. To put himself through college he played in a band called "Colors". They made five C.D.'s and traveled the country. While he graduated from Utah State in Communications and Public Relations, he excels in cinematography, computers, photography, building and making things from wood, science, singing, guitar, biking, reading and loves to study freedom. He is excited to teach our younger students the love of learning through science.