

Hidden Valley Elementary – Jennifer Bohr

During her time at Sky Oaks elementary, Jen was a 4th, 5th and 6th grade teacher. She was also a resource teacher, testing and assessment coordinator and Enrichment teacher. She was also a PLC facilitator.

She has been a BEA rep, a meet and confer rep, a math masters advisor, geography bee coordinator, and student council advisor.

Jen is currently at Hidden Valley and is a 6th grade teacher. She also chaired the Meet and Confer committee for the past two years. Next year she will take on the role of being one of the new Continuous Improvement Coaches.

Abby Ertly was one of the individuals who nominated Jen. She wrote: The greatest characteristic that separates Mrs. Bohr from other educators is that she is always figuring out a way to better her teaching practice. She is consistently reflecting on what she can do differently to improve student performance. She is always considering what she might change to reach more students. Nothing is routine for Jennifer. Even after 20 years of teaching, she is still looking for new and exciting ways to engage students and make learning a priority.

When asked to write about what she most proud of, Jen wrote about relationships with students. She went on to say, “Not only is it important to build relationships with the students I work with, but I also need to build relationships with their families. I enjoy getting to know the kids outside of the school day and support them in their sports or other activities. At these times, I can also get to know the parents better. It is important to me that parents know I am supportive of them and their child. I find that building relationships goes a long way to the support and respect I receive in the classroom from them.

Jen is also proud of the relationships she has built with staff throughout the district. She says, “I have taken on many leadership roles during my 23 years of teaching in Burnsville and enjoy getting to know a lot of different people. It is important to me to be able to both learn and have fun with my colleagues.”