

# Elk Ridge Happenings

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Celebrating  
25  
years

## Thank You Mr. Wyatt Bentley!

We wish you the very best on your next education adventure!

We wanted to give a huge shout out and thank you to Mr. Wyatt Bentley, the principal at ERMS from 2014-2019. He was appointed as the Secondary Administrator in Human Resources for Jordan School District. Here's just a few things that Mr. Bentley did for Elk Ridge that made a difference.

- He made an effort to get to know each student by their name. And as a result, the students felt respected, safe, and liked being at school because they knew the administration was there to help, even when there was a need for discipline.
- He inspired the teachers and staff to be better through education, teacher coaches, team collaboration and support from the administration. In other words, he supported the staff and had their backs. He made sure the staff felt appreciated and valued in all they did.
- He created a unity, not often found in schools, between the teachers and staff, parents, PTSA board members, and SCC members.
- In School Community Council, he presented leadership tools and connections for all concerned to know what it would take for the students to not only be engaged in classes, but master the subjects being taught. Then he implemented these ideas with teacher support.



Curtis Jensen and Mr. Bentley

We will all try to do our part to keep the "community" culture strong that Mr. Bentley worked so hard to create here at ERMS!

We also welcome our new Principal, Mr. Jensen, and look forward to the strengths he will add to our school and community.

**Mr. Curtis Jensen** grew up in Cache Valley. He has 5 children ranging in age from 1-12 years. His hobbies include reading (his favorite author is JK Rowling), playing board games and lawn games.

He started his educational career as an English teacher at Logan High School. In 2013 he accepted the position of principal at Preston Junior High in Idaho. He moved to Preston High School as principal in 2018. And in Jan. 2019, he and his family moved to Utah to support his wife in her career change, as well as allowing them to be closer to family. He now comes to ERMS as principal for the upcoming year. **Welcome, Mr. Jensen, to our school!!**

## We also want to Welcome, Shelly Gottfredson, Asst. Principal

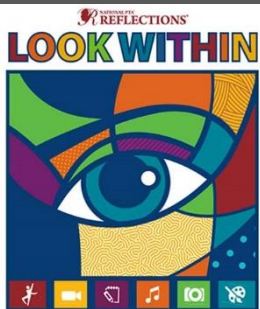
Ms. Gottfredson is currently engaged, has 4 children, 1 step-daughter, 4 sons-in-law & 12 grandkids! She grew up in Logan, UT and raised her kids in Ephraim, UT.

She loves to travel, take road trips, is an avid reader, loves to knit & crochet, have lunch with friends and LOVES Shutterfly memory books.

She went back to school when her kids were in school. She started at Snow College and earned her Bachelors from SUU along with her Masters. She earned her Admin from USU. She was a classroom teacher for 17 years and has now worked in admin. for 10 years. Middle school is one her LOVES and is happy to be here at ERMS. **Welcome, Ms. Gottfredson!!**



# Reflections 2019-2020



Entries due Oct. 10



Memory books  
available for  
purchase  
\$25 until Dec. 31,  
2019  
\$30 Jan 1, 2020  
or anytime after



## PTSA Executive Board

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being on the PTSA  
board or volunteering  
for activities, please  
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## Meet this years Ambassador Advisors

### Kimberly Rider

- Grew up in Ivins, UT
- Enjoys reading the Lord of the Rings series by JRR Tolkien
- Likes reading, hiking, drawing and cooking

### Emily Dayton

- grew up in West Jordan
- enjoys reading mysteries, biographies and autobiographies
- Likes horse riding, shopping, watching basketball, and chasing her 1year old son around!

Applications for PTSA Ambassadors can be found in the main office  
Due date for the application is Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> in the main office

## Upcoming Events:

- **25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary** – more info to come later
- **Sept 4** – PTSA Ambassadors applications due
- **Sept 25 & 26** – Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Oct. 10** – ERMS Reflections entries due
- **Oct 14-18** – Ribbon Week
- **Oct 14** – Spirit Night Chic-Fil-A
- **Oct 31** – Goblin Chase (morning) & Fall Festival (afternoon)

Elk Ridge is celebrating it's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!  
More details to come....

shirts and other paraphernalia available in the office for purchase