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Bio:

Justin Chesebrough is in his 20th year as an educator. As an administrator, he opened Ocotillo Ridge Elementary in 2006 and served in that capacity for five years. Prior to becoming an administrator, Justin was a classroom teacher in the Vail School District.

He taught 5th grade at Mesquite Elementary for three years and 3rd and 5th grades at Desert Willow Elementary for four years. Justin left education a few years ago and was working as an executive for Target.com in Tucson. His love for education and working with students, teachers and administrators brought him back to the education field. Justin received a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education from Northern Arizona University in 1998 and a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University in 2002.

He is proud of serving as the principal of an Excelling school for five years, being selected as one of the “40 under 40” emerging leaders in the Tucson community in 2009, serving as the Arizona School Administrators (ASA) Pima County representative from 2009-2011 and serving as the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) Arizona State representative from 2010-2011. Justin is married to Elizabeth, a PE teacher in the Vail School District and has two daughters, ages nine and eleven.

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Megan Folkers

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Please reach out to Megan for assistance with BT logins, calendar customization, BT help desk, general BT website navigation, general curriculum questions, and BT implementation.

Bio:
Megan Folkers is in her 16th year in the Vail School District, and 17th year in education. She was raised in Prescott, Arizona by a family of educators who taught her the value and rewards of the education profession.

She began her teaching career in Prescott, teaching middle school, and then came to Vail where she taught third grade for five years at Sycamore Elementary. During that time, Megan received her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership with Principal certification from Northern Arizona University. She then became the Student Achievement Teacher at Sycamore, where she led and coached teachers on how to analyze curriculum and make data-driven decisions to help ensure that every student has the opportunity to learn successfully.

Megan has been acknowledged for her contributions to education on many occasions. In 2008, she was named Teacher of the Year at Vail's Sycamore Elementary School, and in 2004 she was the recipient of the Yavapai County Outstanding First Year Teacher Award. Megan was selected as one of the “40 under 40” emerging leaders in the Tucson community in 2013. It is also noteworthy that Megan was a teacher in an Excelling school for seven years as recognized by the Arizona Department of Education. In October 2010, Megan joined the Beyond Textbooks team, and is now the Assistant Director for Beyond Textbooks, where she greatly enjoys interacting with other educators who share the same passion for helping students succeed and be prepared for their futures. Megan is married to Kyle, a 4th grade teacher and they have two sons, Collin and Dillon.

Brent Edwards

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Please reach out to Brent for assistance with general BT website navigation, 6-12 BT implementation, or suggested topics for our monthly webinar.

**Bio:**

Brent Edwards is in his 18th year as an educator, all with the Vail School District. The first half of his career was as a math specialist, teaching high school math to qualified middle schools. In 2009 he moved into administration and has helped lead two highly performing middle schools in Rincon Vista Middle School and Desert Sky Middle School.

He is a proud Wildcat, with undergrad and Master’s degrees from the University of Arizona, in Educational Leadership. Even when serving as an administrator he was focused on student achievement and growth, and maintains his passion for highly effective instruction. This passion led him to be published by the National Council of Teachers of Math in 2005, to be selected as a national Raytheon “Math Hero” in 2006, and to be an invited speaker at the National Middle School Association’s national conference in 2010.

Brent is married to Jenna, a cardiac Nurse Practitioner in Tucson, and has three children: Andrew, Isaac, and Audrey.

Jennifer Estrada

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**Bio:**

Jennifer Estrada is entering her 14th year in the Vail School District. Born and raised in Wisconsin, she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree with Distinction in Technical Theatre from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay.

After several years of working with various regional and touring theatre companies across the country, Jennifer settled in Tucson to work for the Arizona Theatre Company. During this time, she also began working on her Master's Degree in Elementary Education with Northern Arizona University. Over her years as a second grade, fourth grade, and Student Achievement Teacher at Ocotillo Ridge Elementary, Jennifer continued to be drawn to curriculum, effective teaching practices, and the “backstage” aspects of education. She is especially proud of being a three time Teacher of the Year nominee at an Excelling school. Being a part of the Beyond Textbooks team is an exciting opportunity to engage and collaborate with teachers on one common goal, academic success for all students.
Chelsea Scopellite

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Bio:
Chelsea Scopellite is in her 18th year in education and her 12th year in Vail. Chelsea was raised in Tucson, Arizona, and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Secondary Education from the University of Arizona.

She began her career in California, where she was a Middle School Language Arts teacher for six years while earning her Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. Here, Chelsea served on numerous curriculum based committees and helped establish common formative and benchmark assessments for the district. Upon returning to Arizona, Chelsea taught at both Desert Sky and Rincon Vista Middle Schools, while continuing to grow in the areas of developing and implementing curriculum. She then served as the Student Achievement Teacher for Vail Academy and High School, a K-12 charter school within the Vail School District. She joined the Beyond Textbooks team in July of 2011, and deeply enjoys working with both teachers and administrators toward the common goal of increased student achievement. Chelsea is married to Mike, and has two children, Lilly and Zack.

Jonelle Bankemper

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Bio:
Jonelle Bankemper was born in Phoenix then moved to Kingman, AZ where she called home for 10 years and graduated high school. She moved to Tucson to attend the University of Arizona and graduated in 2009 with a
Bachelor’s degree in Sociology. Jonelle worked for a medical malpractice law firm for nine years and although she learned a tremendous amount, her heart always wanted to work for a school district after being raised with both parents and grandparents as educators.

She then found the Vail School District and became an HR Specialist, a role she served in prior to joining the Beyond Textbooks team. Jonelle has a true love for education and is grateful to have found a home with Vail. Jonelle has been married to her husband for almost 11 years and has two amazing children, Riley (3rd grade) and Cameron (age 4-preschool), who also attend school in Vail.

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Kristin King

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Please reach out to Kristin for assistance with adding a resource to the BT Website or questions about a resource.

**Bio:**

Kristin King was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona. After graduating from the University of Arizona South in 2005 and being honored with the Outstanding Graduating Senior award, Kristin began her career in The Vail School District. She taught fifth grade at Old Vail Middle School for one year, then transferred to Desert Willow Elementary where she taught grades 4 and 5 for six years. During this time, Kristin enjoyed several different roles in addition to being a classroom teacher, such as grade level team leader, instructional facilitator, Child Study team member, writing benchmark scorer, and member of the District Formative Assessment Team. Kristin especially enjoyed roles related to curriculum. In 2012 Kristin stepped away from the full time classroom as she took on the role of motherhood, and began working at Cienega High School where she taught one section of an Early Childhood Development class for the school’s JTED program. Kristin has enjoyed having the opportunity to work at all three levels of schools within the Vail School District. She was very excited to join the Beyond Textbooks team in 2013 and continue working in her area of passion, curriculum, as well as participate in an amazing collaborative effort to help educators succeed.

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