

The Paolite Staff bids farewell to many

Just as school years come and go, so do teachers. The Paolite Staff takes a look at some teachers and staff the Paoli School Corporation will say farewell to.



Debra Stroud

Leaving this year is choir teacher Debra Stroud. Stroud has been teaching at Paoli for 36 years. After graduating from high school, Stroud attended Indiana State University to receive her bachelor's and master's degree. Since gaining her degrees, Stroud's only teaching job was here at PHS.

For the first ten years of her teaching career, Stroud was also the director of the Drama Club where they were over seventy members strong. Recently, Stroud has been the director of the Paoli Harmony Singers and the Singing Sensations.

Since beginning her teaching job at Paoli, Stroud has taught Varsity and Junior Varsity choir for high school students, seventh and eighth grade general music, and in the past has taught music appreciation. After retiring at the end of this school year, Stroud plans to do whatever she wants in her free time and enjoy herself. She plans to spend more time with her family and traveling.

"I will miss the students because they are so much fun. I have been fortunate to have such talented students," said Stroud.

Stroud also said that she would miss her colleagues because they have become her friends over the years.

"Who knows, maybe I will even take a small job," said Stroud.



Carolyn Stephens

Retiring from Throop Elementary this year is second grade teacher Carolyn Stephens.

Since receiving her diploma from Indiana University Southeast, Stephens has taught at Paoli for 23 years. In fact, Stephens is still

working in the same classroom that she began her teaching career in. Although Stephens is not currently the leader of a club, she also taught the High Ability class for a total of eleven years.

"I will miss my many friends. I will also miss the growth the students make from the beginning of the year to the end," said Stephens.

After retiring, Stephens plans to spend more time with her family, quilt and raise her chickens.



Sharon Tucker

Next year kids at Throop will come back to a new school year and a new principal. At the end of this year, principal Sharon Tucker will be retiring from Throop. Taking her place is Throop's current assistant principal Jan VanEmon.

After high school Tucker attended Butler University to earn her bachelor's degree. After Butler, Tucker earned her master's degree in Administration and Supervision from ISU.

Since graduating from college, Tucker has been involved in numerous jobs. Tucker worked at West Washington for seven years. During her years at West Washington, Tucker served as guidance counselor, assistant principal and as principal. Tucker was also the junior high social studies teacher at Indianapolis Public Schools for three years.

"I enjoy the people that I work with and the smiles on the faces of Throop's students that I see every day," said Tucker.

After retiring, Tucker plans on traveling with her father, teaching a college course at IUS and spending more time with her nine grandchildren.



Lois Buetel

Also leaving Throop Elementary at the end of this year is third grade teacher Lois Buetel. Since graduating high school, Buetel has attended Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana University and IUPUI to earn her bachelor's and

master's degree. Since graduating from college, Buetel's only teaching job has been at Throop. This year marks Buetel's fortieth year at Throop. Since beginning at Throop, Buetel has taught one year of second grade and thirty-nine years of third grade.

"I will miss my co-workers and staff. I will also miss seeing students learn and grow," said Buetel.

Although Buetel does not have any plans for her future, she is sure that she will do something along with relaxing and enjoying her time of retirement.



Kathy Seacat

Leaving Throop Elementary this year is sixth grade math teacher Kathy Seacat. Seacat has taught only at Throop throughout her teaching career. After graduating

from high school, Seacat decided to attend Indiana State University to receive her bachelor's degree. After receiving her bachelor's degree at ISU, Seacat went on to earn her master's degree at Indiana University.

When Seacat began her teaching career at Throop, she taught third grade for her first eight years. For the remaining thirty years of her career, Seacat taught sixth grade. She taught all sixth grade classes in a self-contained classroom. When sixth grade was changed to a departmentalization, she started out teaching reading and the finished off her career teaching sixth grade math.

For fourteen or fifteen years, Seacat was the co-sponsor of Just Say No. The club grew from having less than five members to over two hundred and fifty members at one time. For one year, Seacat was the assistant varsity cheer sponsor, and for one year was the junior high cheer sponsor.

"I will greatly miss both the children and the staff. I have been extremely blessed to have had the opportunity to work with so many students and their families over the past 38 years. Some of my dearest friends are at Throop and it will be very hard leaving on the last day," said Seacat.

After retiring Seacat hopes to be able to relax and enjoy each day that she has. She is looking forward to spending more time with her family and friends, and thinks that it will be very different being a retired person.



Linda Tomasallo

Leaving PHS this year is the Supplemental English and Modified English teacher Linda Tomasallo. After graduating from high school, Tomasallo attended college at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Tomasallo has been teaching twenty-eight years and only two of those years have been spent teaching at different school corporations. Since graduating, Tomasallo has had numerous teaching jobs. From 1970-1971, Tomasallo taught English for 11th grade, 10th grade accelerated English, 10th grade remedial English, and French 1. After teaching at Paoli, Tomasallo went to John Marshall High School in Indianapolis. From 1972-1974, Tomasallo taught 9th grade English. In 1980 Tomasallo taught Communications 1 and 2 for adults at Morraine Park technical Institute-WI. In 1987, Tomasallo returned to Paoli to teach 7th grade English. From 1993-2009, Tomasallo taught Language Arts for

7th and 8th grade. For the last two years.

Tomasallo has taught Supplemental English seventh and eighth, and Modified English with Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Tuell. Tomasallo has also been the coach of the Junior High Spell Bowl for twenty-five years.

"I will miss the students because I have always enjoyed working with students and helping them improve their English skills. Working with supportive colleagues and administrators has made my teaching here at Paoli very enjoyable," said Tomasallo.

After retiring, Tomasallo plans to spend more time with her family, especially her two grandchildren in New York and Wisconsin. As well as spending time with her family, Tomasallo also plans to spend more time on hobbies that she has neglected including: sewing, flower and vegetable gardening, genealogy, fishing, traveling and scrapbooking.



Jamie Ott

Leaving PHS at the end of this school year is English teacher Jamie Ott. After graduating from high school, Ott attended Indiana University Southeast to earn her bachelor's degree, and Indiana Wesleyan University to earn her master's degree. Before coming to work at PHS, Ott taught English at Clarksville Middle School. Ott has been teaching here at PHS for the past three years.

"I will miss the friendships of my co-workers, and the students that I've gotten

to know over the past three years," said Ott.

After leaving, Ott will be moving to Fort Knox, Kentucky with her husband, daughter, and baby on the way. When living in Fort Knox, Ott will not be going back to work as a teacher as she will become a stay-at-home mother.

"I am blessed to have the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom with my children," said Ott.



Scott Page

Leaving, but not retiring, from PHS this year is ICP and chemistry teacher Scott Page.

After graduating from high school, Page attended Purdue University from 1987-1992 to earn his bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering. After receiving his bachelor's, Page attended the University of Massachusetts from 1993-1995 and earned his master's degree.

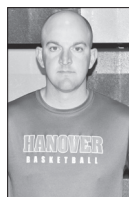
From 1997-1999 Page attended Indiana University Southeast to earn his bachelor's degree in Science Education. From 1999 to 2003 Page taught chemistry and physics at Tipton High School in northern Indiana. Page also taught algebra, algebra II, geometry, pre-calculus, calculus and physics for one year in Noxon, Montana.

After teaching at these different schools, Page came to Paoli where he has been teaching since August of 2004. While being here at PHS, Page has taught chemistry and ICP.

"I will miss a few people the most. They know who they are. I also feel the

support staff is excellent and I will also miss them," said Page.

After leaving Paoli at the end of this school year, Page will begin a teaching job in Hartsville, South Carolina at the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics. The school enrolls the best junior and senior students that apply to the school from South Carolina. Page will be teaching Chemistry and advanced placement Chemistry. After his first year, Page will possibly be in charge of teaching an advanced elective in engineering after that.



Jason Harrell

At the end of this year, PHS will say farewell to Jason Harrell. After graduating high school, Harrell attended Blackburn College to earn his bachelor's degree. Before teaching here, Harrell taught at South Callaway High School in Missouri and next door at Salem High School. For the past two years, Harrell has been teaching health and physical education at Paoli. Along with teaching health and P.E., Harrell has also been the head coach of the boys Varsity basketball team.

"I will miss certain students," said Harrell.

After leaving PHS, Harrell hopes to find a job that is close; however, he will take a job that is farther away if necessary.

The Paolite staff wishes these teachers the best of luck upon leaving our school.

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SOUND BITES

"Prostate? Isn't that the thing that holds your pee?"

Senior Trevor Aksom asking a question, meaning bladder (we hope).

"Wow Mark, you work so hard," said junior Gracen Dunn referring to freshman

Mark Miles.

"Ha-Ha-Ha it's funny because it's not true,"

said junior Sam Patton about Dunn's comment on Miles.

"You guys are looking at me like I'm speaking a different language."

Spanish teacher Rachel Wyatt said to her seventh period Spanish I class.

"That part in the story where you're like OH-MY-GOD."

Junior Breanna Daugherty said during English while talking about the climax of the story.

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IN THE NEWS:

Recently, there has been a confirmed case of "Mad Cow Disease" in California. "Mad Cow Disease," or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) is a neurologic disease of cattle that basically causes brain tissue to deteriorate. A lot can go wrong with the control of muscles and behavior. Humans can get this from eating infected meat. Although this case is said to not be very threatening to the public, it still raises some eyebrows.

If there is an outbreak of BSE, what do you think would be the best way to keep people calm?

Do you think that this case should caution consumers about their meat purchases?

Freshman
Ashton Leonard



Ensure them to check the beef before they eat the meat.

No, as long as there is food inspectors checking it then it's okay, if it's safe.

Sophomore
Andy Thomas



People are crazy anyway. How would it be different?

Nah.

Animal Science teacher
Cory Scott



I think they handle it better now than they used to. It is mostly about educating consumers and keeping them informed.

No. It was caught, studied and handled quickly.

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