



Jamie Newman

shares how she is inspired



Profile in Excellence:	
FUSD Schools Attended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Randall-Pepper Elementary School ▪ Fontana Middle School ▪ Fontana High School
Higher Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cal State University, San Bernardino - Bachelor's in Liberal Studies ▪ Azusa-Pacific University - Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and Master's in Education
FUSD Career Experiences:	Teacher at Porter Elementary School
Who were the FUSD staff that affected you most as a student?	<i>I was very fortunate to have some of the best teachers in Fontana. At Randall-Pepper my 5th grade teacher Mr. Dinise was a wonderful teacher that liked to challenge me. He made learning fun and that is what I strive to do for my 5th grade students. At Fontana Middle, Mr. Dennett taught me how to love math. I really enjoyed all of the time that is spent with my math and science teachers at Fontana High. Most importantly my mom, Terrie Deitz, who held me accountable to her and my dad's high expectations.</i>
What did you dream of growing-up to be as a child that would lead you to your work with FUSD?	<i>For as long as I can remember I have always wanted to be a teacher. During high school I was interested in becoming an accountant, but after a field trip to an accounting firm I decided that there was not enough interaction with people. I have always loved children so teaching is the right place for me to be.</i>
Since you've joined FUSD as staff, what experience(s) have you been most proud of?	<i>Being there to help Porter exit out of Program Improvement and continuing our work to help all of our students become proficient. I am also very proud of the work the 5th grade team has done to give our students the opportunity to attend Outdoor Science School.</i>
What keeps you up at night about your work for FUSD?	<i>There is never enough time in the school day. I lay awake thinking about what I am going to do differently tomorrow and asking myself if I am doing everything possible to reach my students.</i>
What do you think is the biggest misconception the public has about our work?	<i>It bothers me when I hear people say that teaching is an easy job and that our work is a Monday thru Friday morning bell to dismissal bell job. Our work is not easy and our job is never done. We work in the evenings when we get home and on our weekends because we care about our students and we want to be ready to give them the education they deserve.</i>

What can the community do to strengthen public education?	<i>We need the support of parents to make sure their students are in school every day, provide a place for their child to complete homework and communicate with the school staff when there are problems.</i>
What inspires you to give your very best for the students of FUSD?	<i>It sounds redundant, but it is the students at my school that inspire me to do my best. I can't wait to be invited to their high school and college graduations.</i>
What might staff or students be surprised to learn about you?	<i>I was an awful speller in school and I really dislike speaking in front of an audience.</i>

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