

THE FW INSIDER

DR. PARKINSON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



Please join me in congratulating Dr. Kimberley Parkinson, who has announced her retirement effective June 30, 2024! I share this news with mixed emotions—excitement for Dr. Parkinson as she prepares to write her next chapter, and sadness to lose such a valued colleague from our District. In every interaction and throughout every project, Dr. Parkinson brings creativity, problem-solving skills, humor, and an emphasis on caring relationships. She began her career in Flowing Wells as Assistant Principal at Flowing Wells Junior High School, and she then served as Principal at Sentinel Peak, Principal at Flowing Wells Junior High, and for the past seven years, Assistant and then Associate Superintendent for Human Resources. She has transformed the District's social media presence, has modernized our recruitment and marketing efforts, and has brought her eye for design to every project. Additionally, Dr. Parkinson established our districtwide protocols for lockdowns and threat assessments. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Dr. Parkinson, and I will miss her collaboration, wisdom, and sense of humor. We will post the position of Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources later today, with the goal of recommending a candidate to the Governing Board in January. This will provide time for training and support before the formal transition on July 1, 2024. We will keep you informed as we move forward. Congratulations, Dr. Parkinson! Flowing Wells is grateful for your service, and we wish you all the best!

Dr. Kevin Stoltzfus, Superintendent

ELEMENTARY STEAM POSITIONS

Just reminder that postings for the new six elementary STEAM teacher positions close on Monday, December 11th at 5pm. These positions are for internal applicants only. If you plan to apply for a STEAM position, please submit your application in Applitrack through the Flowing Wells District website before the deadline. We look forward to bringing comprehensive science, technology, engineering, and art to our elementary specials rotations!

LOTTERY SYSTEM FOR EMELC ENROLLMENT

Calling all future Teddy Bears! Emily Meschter is developing a waiting list for the 2024-25 school year for all interested FW employees who have a child age 3 or 4 by September 1, 2024 and are interested in enrolling in the tuition class. Through a lottery system, students will be chosen on January 19th and those selected will be guaranteed enrollment for the following school year if the parent or family member continues to be a district employee. Please call EMELC at 696-8909 or email Christian Ortega (christian.ortega@fwusd.org) if you are interested in enrolling your child or have further questions.

CHECK OUT THE JORGENSEN BROOKS APP

Did you know that Jorgensen Brooks, our employee assistance provider, has a mobile application? The app gives you access to over 5,000 articles, resources, and links to a searchable database. In addition, the app allows you to access a live response from professionals 24 hours/365 days, creating an "always open" mental health service. The app gives instant access to resources for parenting, adoption, child care, education, aging well, personal health, grief and loss, mental health, relationships, family life, legal questions, pets and much more! Best of all, the Jorgensen Brooks assistance program is free to all Flowing Wells employees. Download the app today at www.jorgensbrooks.com/app. The Android app is available on Google Play or you can download it using the Apple App Store by searching **EAP/Assist** and finding the mobile application called **JBG**. When prompted, the Employer number is *Flowing Wells USD* and the password is *JBG* (not case sensitive). Call Stacie Stuart if you have questions.

CONSIDERING RETIREMENT OR A CHANGE?

If you are considering retirement or thinking about making a change and leaving the District at the end of this school year, please have a conversation with your principal or director as soon as possible. While we will be sad to see you go, it is helpful for us to have as much advance notice as possible so we can have time to look for and hire a suitable replacement. Thank you in advance for communicating to let the District know of your plans. Also, feel free to contact Stacie Stuart if you have additional questions about retirement dates, ASRS, COBRA, or anything else related to retirement or resignation from FWUSD.

