

EDUCATION

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New faces at Falls Elementary School

Paul Peterson – Falls Elementary School special education teacher

Peterson is originally from Centuria, Wis. His favorite subject in high school was history. Peterson received his special education degree from Mankato State University where he worked for two years after graduation in multiple capacities. In his spare time, Peterson enjoys reading a good book on his Kindle and working with computers. He is currently working at Falls Elementary School in special education.

Laura Hayward – Falls Elementary School kindergarten teacher

Hayward is originally from Warroad. After high school, she went to one year at Rainy River Community College, then transferred to Bemidji State University where she graduated with

an elementary education degree with a preprimary specialty. Hayward's past experience includes teaching preschool in Bemidji and Minnetonka. She was also a substitute teacher in Bemidji and a paraprofessional at Falls Elementary School. Hayward enjoys going for a run in her spare time, along with baking desserts, and spending time on the lake with her husband and dog. One thing that Hayward has found about International Falls is "how friendly and down to earth people are here." She is currently teaching kindergarten at Falls Elementary School.

Kristie LaVigne – Falls



Paul Peterson



Laura Hayward



Kristie LaVigne



Brittany Bolstad



Jill Morrison

Elementary School kindergarten teacher

LaVigne was born and raised in International Falls. Her favorite subjects in high school were science and art. LaVigne received her child and family studies/early childhood education degree from St. Cloud State University. After graduation, she taught early preschool at Primrose School of Eden Prairie for four years. She is currently teaching kindergarten at Falls Elementary School. LaVigne

enjoys camping time on Rainy Lake with family — her husband, Wyatt, and their 18-month-old son, Emmitt. When not camping, she enjoys cooking and playing tennis. After coming back to live in International Falls, LaVigne is still amazed at how generous the local stores are when it comes to giving back to the community.

Brittany Bolstad — Falls Elementary School first grade teacher

Bolstad was born and

raised in International Falls. Her favorite subject in school was reading. After high school, Bolstad received her early childhood education degree from Bemidji State University, where she also received a coaching certificate. She enjoys her coaching experiences and the winter and summer outdoors where she fishes, hunts and camps whenever she can — as long as she's on the lake. One thing that Bolstad thought interesting was "how many people enjoy visiting our beautiful area." Before coming to teach first grade at Falls Elementary School, she taught three years of preschool at St. Thomas School.

Jill Morrison — Falls Elementary School Title 1 teacher

Morrison was born and raised in International Falls. Her favorite sub-

ject in school was reading. After graduating from Rainy River Community College, where she received her associates of arts degree, Morrison earned her bachelor of science degree in elementary education with a specialty in communication arts and literature from Bemidji State University. Morrison is in her 11th year of teaching. She was previously at St. Thomas School, where she taught art, computers, middle school English, and kindergarten. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her 17-month-old daughter, reading, doing crafts, camping, and spending time with family. Morrison is surprised and amazed at how this community is so generous and supportive. She says, "This is a wonderful place to live and work."

AUTHOR VISITS



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Author Diane Bradley came to Indus School Sept. 12 to talk about her book, "Wilder's Edge," which was released in June. The book is a historical fiction publication based on Rainy Lake. It is Bradley's first novel. In the book, the author, who grew up in northern Minnesota and began writing at age 11, weaves the history of Rainy Lake into an adventure which includes hunting for gold. Bradley discussed writing with elementary students, several of whom have won writing contests at the International Falls Public Library in the last year. The author is pictured discussing her novel with Indus elementary students, and encourages them to write.

Local student could win college funds

Peter Graham Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary Post 2948 announces the kick off of this year's VFW and Auxiliary Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay competitions.

Students in grades 6 through 8 have the opportunity to compete in the Patriot's Pen competition. The subject of this year's essay is "What Patriotism Means to Me." This essay must be type-written and be

no less than 300 words and no more than 400 words.

Students in grades 9 through 12 can compete with the Voice of Democracy. The subject of this year's essay being "Why I'm Optimistic About Our Nation's Future." This essay should be typed and also recorded on a CD. The length of this essay should be between three and five minutes in length.

Entry forms can be found

at www.vfw.org/community/PatriotsPen and www.vfw.org/community/voice-of-Democracy or contact one of the chairmen of these programs.

Students qualifying for these essays can attend the public or private schools or be homeschooled. Deadline to the local VFW is Nov. 1. Each year, Voice of Democracy students compete for a chance to win up to a \$30,000 in college scholar-

ships and a four-day trip to Washington, D.C. Patriot's Pen students compete for a chance to win up to a \$5,000 college scholarship.

Parents and teachers should contact VFW Post 2948 at 218-283-8777 or the chairmen of these programs for more information. Post chairman is Terry Randolph, 218-286-3099, and auxiliary chairman is Linda Chezick, 218-240-1415.

LEWIS RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT



Lois Lewis, Indus School ProStart instructor, at left, is pictured with Maria Lewis, the second Indus student to achieve National Restaurant Association recognition. She earned and recently received a NRA Certificate of Achievement. Lewis, a 2013 Indus graduate, completed two years of restaurant management and culinary arts classroom instruction, passed certification examinations for both years with high scores, and completed 400 hours of work-based learning in both volunteer and paid settings. Her internship was served at Coffee Landing Cafe, International Falls. Lewis is currently attending the University of Wisconsin-Stout, majoring in hospitality and tourism.

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