

Glenda Noblitt, the principal of the Elementary Schools, is celebrating her 25th year with the Estancia Municipal School District. She began her teaching career in 1996, and taught 3rd and 4th grade students before becoming a principal in 2010. After serving as principal for eight years, Mrs. Noblitt returned to the classroom teaching 5th grade. It was at this time that she received an Exemplary Evaluation based upon her instructional practices and student test scores under the New Mexico Teacher Evaluation System. Mrs. Noblitt was also a Student Achievement Award recipient, honored by the Estancia Schools Board of Education. In addition to her teaching and administrative responsibilities, Mrs. Noblitt has served as the head Volley Ball Coach for a number of years, inspiring and supporting her girls both on and off the court. She returned to the principalship in 2019, and will be retiring at the end of this school year when she is moving with her family to Oklahoma. Mrs. Noblitt has impacted the lives of children, families, and staff in Estancia Schools for 25 years and leaves a legacy of excellence, caring, and dedication behind.





Mrs. Smith

Martha Smith is relatively new to the district, having been hired in 2019, but brings 24 years of experience to her classroom. She served the Moriarty-Edgewood School District as a business and computer teacher, and then followed in her brother Manuel's footsteps, becoming a Social Studies teacher when she came to Estancia. With her strong technology skills, Mrs. Smith has been able to bring a variety of resources and expertise to both her virtual and in-person teaching. She also took over the Middle School Yearbook, and successfully published her first yearbook during the Covid shutdown of school buildings in 2020. Mrs. Smith has become a respected staff member known for her instructional expertise, her soft-spoken voice, and her care and concern for each student in her classroom. She and her family are very active in our agricultural community, raising and showing lambs. Estancia Schools is fortunate to have someone of Mrs. Smith's caliber come out of retirement to join our school team.

Abbey Martin was the 1982 Estancia High School Valedictorian, and returned to the district as a teacher in 1992, teaching 2nd grade and more recently, kindergarten. Previous supervisors have used words like “wonderful,” “fun,” “encouraging, loving, and supportive,” “structured,” “respected and inspired,” “patient,” “dedicated, hard-working, caring, and very capable,” “joyful and enthusiastic,” “sensitive,” “poised,” and “creative” to describe Mrs. Martin and her classroom. Her expertise and experience have resulted in a classroom “alive with learning.” Besides her expertise in the classroom, Mrs. Martin has a strong background in Agriculture, and was the 1983 New Mexico State University Agriculture and Home Economics Queen! All of this makes her the perfect match for our community.

