



### **Kim Flewallen Biography**

#### **Teaching Background:**

Bonjour! Je m'appelle Kim Flewallen. I teach 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I have taught at quite a few different schools over the past 16 years. My first year as a teacher, I taught at Oquirrh Hills Middle School in Riverton, UT teaching Algebra and Geometry. From there I spent a year at North Cache Middle School in Richmond, UT teaching Pre-Algebra and Algebra. After that I taught for three years in Ogden School District--two years at Ben Lomond High School teaching Geometry, Trigonometry and Algebra, and one year teaching Adult Ed at the Ogden-Weber Technology Center.

After moving to Utah Valley I took a few years off public school teaching and taught private music lessons from home. I really enjoyed the extra time with my kids! In 2005 I went back to teaching math at Mountain Ridge Jr. High in Highland and realized how much I had missed teaching. There I taught Algebra and Geometry for two years. While teaching at Mountain Ridge Jr. High, an opportunity came up to teach at UVSC as a developmental math teacher for a MAT920 course. I continue to teach at UVU part time as a developmental math teacher teaching both MAT950, MAT 990, and MAT 1010 depending on the semester. Towards the end of the school year in 2007 we moved to Provo to be closer to my husband's work. I took a new part-time job teaching Adult Ed at the State Hospital and we enrolled our kids at Freedom Academy on the recommendation of the people we bought our new house from.

We loved Freedom Academy, and at the start of the 2007-2008 school year I volunteered to be the activities director for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders that the school had just been expanded to include. I had gotten to know the school pretty well as the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade activities director when a part-time French teaching position opened up. I had been working over the past year on getting my French Teaching Endorsement and was in the right place at the right time to take over the French class at Freedom in February 2008.

Since that time I have been lucky enough to continue teaching at Freedom Academy and have loved every minute of it. I've been able to teach French, Geometry, Algebra, Course 2 and 3 as well as a little CTE, guitar and general music. I have even gotten to keep working as the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade activities director. I still love it here at Freedom Academy and plan to continue here at Freedom as long as they'll have me.

#### **French Background:**

My French background comes from my family. My grandmother's family came from the Montreal area of Quebec. A place I grew to love even more when I served an LDS mission there.

**Educational Background:**

I received a BA in Secondary Math Education with a minor in Music Education from Utah State University in 1995. I completed my ESL teaching endorsement in May 2007 and am currently one test away from getting my French Language teaching endorsement. In December of 2009 I received my Master's in Education from Argosy University with a degree in educational leadership.

**Personal Background:**

Growing up I lived in Provo, UT; Santa Rosa, CA; Orem, UT; and Ogden, UT. After graduating from Bonneville High School in South Ogden, I left for Utah State University in Logan, UT. My sophomore year I was lucky enough to be accepted to BYU-Hawaii and enjoyed a year in the fun and the sun there. I took a break from school after that to serve 18 months on a mission to Quebec, Canada. Upon returning I finished my college degree at Utah State, married and had two beautiful little boys during my first years as a teacher.

Not long after my second child was born, I found myself a single mom trying to raise two children by myself. In 2000 I met and married my husband Steve who also was trying to raise his daughter and son alone. When we married we basically became the parents of two sets of "twins." At the time our children were 4, 3, 2 and 1 years old! Three years later we added another son to the mix. Currently we have two eleventh graders, two eighth graders and one 8 year old who will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this year here at Freedom. It has been quite an adventure but we continue to enjoy every minute we can and love doing things as a family.

**Hobbies/Interests/ Hero/Favorites:**

One of my favorite hobbies is teaching music. I am a certified music teacher and taught piano lessons for 12 years, flute lessons for 5 years, and currently teach beginning guitar lessons. I love to dabble with music technologies of all kinds and have recorded some of my own music on a CD with my sister.

I grew up playing soccer and have enjoyed coaching several teams for my children. When I was younger I enjoyed gymnastics, softball, marching band, hiking and mountain biking.

My hero is my husband. He is amazingly patient, loving, and kind and would do anything for anyone to help them out.

My favorite children's book is Anne of Green Gables. My favorite food is Olive Garden's Italian Salad and my favorite treat is The Great Wall of Chocolate at PF Changs!

**Goals for students:**

I want my students to learn while having fun, and come to know how good it feels to set and reach goals. I want my students to look back at the end of the year and see the benchmarks they've set and surpassed with a great feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction at a job well done. I hope they will take what they've learned in my class and apply it in their future classes and in their lives and that if nothing else, I hope they will learn to love learning