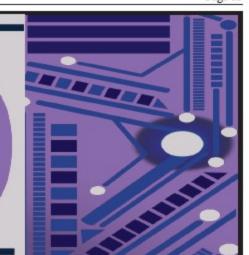


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BOERNE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PRINCIPALS

KRISTA POMEROY

Tell us a little about your business and how you became a part of it as either the owner or an employee. Please also give us some background about yourself, including your family.

Growing up, I always dreamed of being a teacher. From lining up my stuffed animals and dolls to serve as my students, to coaxing my younger brother to sit still long enough to read him a story, I loved "playing school." Little did I know back then that I would one day become the leader of a campus!

I have been an educator for almost 25 years, and currently serve as the principal at Cibolo Creek Elementary School (CCES). CCES is a wonderful community of learners where we value each individual. We strive to build relationships with our students, their families, and the community as we "build brains" and prepare students for the future. Not a day goes by without me recognizing the amazing contributions our teachers make to our students through rigorous and enriching engagement on campus. Leading CCES allows me to experience the power of education while watching little learners blossom with knowledge each day.

When I am not with my school family, I love spending time traveling, listening to live music, and taking long drives with no true destination with my husband Scott. We have two adult children who keep us laughing and learning, and serve as an example that strength of character and kindness are as valuable as a high quality education.

JESSICA SHULTS

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What's a typical workday like for you?

A typical workday as an elementary principal is ever changing. I can't really give you an hour by hour play of my day because each day is completely different. It is one of the parts about my role I enjoy the most because something new is always around the comer. If I had to narrow down some of the more consistent highlights, I would definitely say greeting students in the mornings outside and in the hallways. I love seeing students get out of the car, letting them know I'm so glad they're here today, and encouraging them to do great things. Another part of my day includes collaborating with staff. It's an incredible feeling to be surrounded by people every day that are here for a common purpose – to do what's best for students.

What are your secrets to maintaining both a successful business and family life?

Finding balance is definitely the key to having both a successful business and family life. My staff would tell you this is something I have been working on myself as well as encouraging them to do. I don't think I have a perfect answer, however, what I am finding is that in order to find balance, I have to also create and maintain certain boundaries. For example, I am learning to create a stopping point each day that works for me. When this time comes, I put my phone on silent and make sure I'm engaged with my family. I also have one day a week that I have no obligations after school. This is my "home day" where I go home after work and leave work at work. There are of course exceptions, but generally speaking this is my practice. I do the same when I am at work. As I continue to fine tune my boundaries between work and home, I have found it has made me a better principal and a better wife/mother/daughter, etc. I find that I am more present in these roles when I keep the roles separate.

BETH MILLER

What is your role with your company/business and how did you get started there?

I serve as Principal of Dr. Ferdinand L. Herff Elementary School in Boerne ISD. As an educator with over 22 years of experience, my mission is to lead students and staff members to achieve their fullest potential in an engaging, murturing academic environment. I started as an administrator in Boerne ISD as the Assistant Principal of Cibolo Creek Elementary in 2016 following a cross-country move from south Florida. In Florida, I served as an elementary school administrator for 5 years after teaching and leading from the classroom for 11 years. I have been devoted to serving students, parents, faculty, and staff my entire career always placing the best interest of student development at the forefront.

JENNIFER ESCAMILLA

Please give us some specifics about your company/business. What is it known for and how do you provide it?

Kendall Elementary is known for its high quality character development through our Knighting Ceremonies. As a legacy school, we have deep roots in the Boerne community and have educated generations of families. We are proud to offer a rich and robust Dual Language program and highly qualified staff members. We take pride in offering a family friendly work environment. As a Capturing Kids' Hearts campus, we believe that building strong relationships are the cornerstone of our success.

The traditions that we hold dear are rooted in the culture of Kendall. We appreciate the strong partnerships within our community and rely on them to achieve our goals each year. We work hard to ensure that each child grows to their maximum potential while supported by caring adults.

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What are your favorite things about your company/business?

My favorite thing about our school and school district is the people. All of the peoplethe students, teachers, instructional aids, specialists, cafeteria staff, custodians, SROs, bus drivers, parents, everyone! Each day I come to work thankful. Thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside such dedicated and passionate individuals, who pour their heart and soul into making a positive impact on our students. Thankful that our hallways are filled with smiling faces and our classrooms are filled with engaged learners. Thankful for our teachers giving everything they have to make each child feel successful and loved. Thankful that our school community is filled with parents and supporters lending their time and resources to further enrich our students lives and school experiences. There is no substitute for human interaction. We all need one another to be our best selves and I love that each day we have an opportunity to interact with a such great people. These interactions provide opportunities to make connections, build relationships, make an impact or even leave a legacy. My favorite thing is definitely the people!

KATHY CORNETT

What are the keys to being successful and what words of wisdom can you pass along to others, especially young women who may want to follow in your footsteps?

My advice to anybody, in any field, is to work hard, learn as much as you can, listen to feedback, always work to improve, and make sure you always stay true to your values. If you have a strong work ethic and a desire for excellence, there is no stopping your potential. If you have integrity and your coworkers know they can trust you then they will be willing to do their best for you and to give you honest feedback that you need to continue to improve. Never be afraid of a challenge and don't give up when you face an obstacle. I would encourage young people to find what they are passionate about and then work to become the best they can be in that field. I believe education is a calling and I love what I do. There will always be hard days and difficult decisions in any career. If you love what you do, it is easy to stay focused on what is important and find joy in your career. To all young people...don't stop until you have reached your goals

