

# NEW TEACHERS



Devin Nelson  
High School Ag Teacher

## Devin P. Nelson

Recently graduated from Utah State University in Ag Education, Devin was born and raised on a dairy farm where he has worked his whole life. He says “Being an Ag teacher and FFA advisor takes a lot of work and, if we are to succeed, then I’m going to need the community to do it!” His goal is to take Snake River’s Ag Program to the top!

Devin enjoys “huntin, diggin, wheelin, and most of all doing it with my family!” He says his beautiful wife, Emily, is his “heart and soul.” They have been married for 2½ years and had their first baby two weeks ago. “His name is Jens and he brings more joy to our lives than we could ever imagine. He’s got big hands that look perfect for milking cows!”



Todd Thorne  
High School Science Teacher

## Todd Thorne

“I hope to continue in the footsteps of the many talented and committed teachers I’ve met at Snake River,” says Todd Thorne. He graduated from Arizona State University and taught science and other classes at Sho-Ban High School for two years. He’s not a stranger to Snake River, having coached SRHS football for three years and girls baseball here for one year.

Mr. Thorne will be teaching science at the high school and he wants his students to exceed their own expectations and ask their own questions about the world around them. “Parents can help by encouraging their children to ask questions,” he says.

Todd’s special interests and hobbies include sports, hunting and fishing, and travel...and the occasional musical with his wife! He and his wife, Larisa, have been married for seven years. She is a high school Spanish teacher.

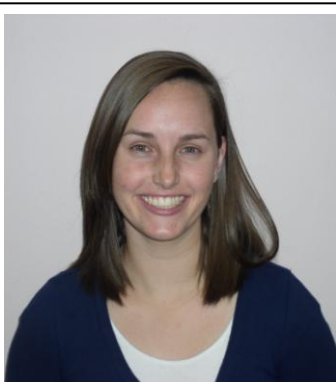


Athena Green  
Jr. High Science Teacher

## Athena Green

Athena Green will be joining the Snake River Jr. High staff this year as a science teacher. She is a recent graduate of BYU-Idaho with endorsements in Earth Science 6/12 and History 6/12. Athena “would like to help students develop a love of learning, not just for earth science, but for everything!” She hopes her students will remember that she was trying to teach them how amazing the earth is! Athena points out that, “The best way parents and patrons can help is to support and encourage students in their learning endeavors.”

As the oldest of four kids, she and her family have spent lots of time together having fun backpacking, shooting model rockets, and enjoying practical jokes and water fights. Athena likes to read, play the organ, bake, and she has a special interest in geology and ancient Greece.



Kelly Tolman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Riverside

## Kelly Tolman

The new 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Riverside with the big smile on her face is Kelly Tolman. She jokes that she hopes to make it through her first year with a smile on her face and she wants her students to remember the fun times and activities they participated in to help everyone succeed!

Mrs. Tolman graduated from BYU-Idaho last December with a Bachelor of Science degree and holds endorsements for Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Ed Blended and Birth-Grade 3. Kelly taught Head Start preschool last winter. She wants to “Keep open communication! If there’s anything I can help with, I’m here!”

Kelly loves watching and following hockey and doing anything outdoors (camping, hiking, fishing, etc.) She is the third child of five children. She has been married for 2½ years to her wonderful husband, Ryan.