Dear Parents,

I am excited to introduce myself to you! I'm Ms. April Anderson and I have been asked to replace Mrs. Christiansen as your student’s 7th grade Science teacher for the rest of the school year.

Your student is already familiar with me because I have worked in the classroom with Mrs. Christiansen every Tuesday since the beginning of the school year as a Practicum Student for Dixie State College. I’m in the process of finishing the secondary education requirements for a teaching license and will have completed these courses in December.

Monday and Wednesday afternoons from now until December 5, 2012, I will still be required to attend my classes at Dixie State College. A substitute will take my place for 5th and 6th periods on these two days while I attend my classes. When my course work is completed in December, I will be in the classroom with all students for all periods until the end of the school year.

Prior to Fossil Ridge I worked with ELLs (English Language Learners) at Tonaquint Intermediate in all academic content areas. However, my academic and professional career has been in the sciences. I received my Bachelor’s Degree in Biology (minor in Chemistry) from California State University, Long Beach. After graduation, I worked for several analytical testing laboratories in California and Utah. Before moving to St. George I worked for a global environmental, consulting engineering firm in Salt Lake City for 10 years.

I have two sons, ages 15 and 12. In addition to working at Tonaquint, I've worked with adolescents for many years while volunteering for PTA, scouting, and other community youth activities. I also enjoy traveling, gardening, and running.

I’m anxious to become more familiar with your student. My goal is for them to achieve scientific literacy as we explore, discover, and learn together in the classroom and the laboratory.
I’m also very anxious to meet you. You can contact me via email, aanderson@fossilschool.org or by calling Fossil Ridge Intermediate directly by phone.

Thank You,
Ms. April Anderson