

Mrs. Kim Thomas
MPS Nurse

Mrs. Kim Thomas is in her 17th year at Mitchell Public Schools. Mrs. Thomas graduated from Scottsbluff High School. She moved on to Western Nebraska Community College and Chadron State College. Mrs. Thomas majored in elementary education and eventually changed majors to nursing. She eventually graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Scottsbluff. Her Master's Degree was obtained through Clarkson College in Omaha. She is married to her husband, Kenny, for 22 years. Mrs. Thomas has two children that both live in Gering. Her daughter, Amanda Dietrich, works for Gering Schools and her son, Justin McAllister, is a lineman. Mrs. Thomas has three step children: Kevin Thomas, Kristen Charrier, & Megan Stuebe.

Why did you become a nurse?

"I considered becoming an elementary school teacher when I graduated from high school. I witnessed first hand a nurse's impact when my father became sick. I also saw my older sister become a nurse and that inspired me to pursue a career in nursing. I also have a strong desire to help people."

Who was the most influential person in your life?

"My dad. He was a hard worker that held us all accountable. He worked seven days a week. He worked until he absolutely couldn't anymore due to his health/cancer. He taught me morals and work ethic."

What event in your life had a huge impact on your being?

"Starting a family and starting a family with kids. Going from I to we was huge for me."

What is the most enjoyable thing about being a nurse?

"The relationships you develop and the working with various people."

What do you like most about MES?

"The relationships with kids and staff. The small things we all do to make a difference. It takes a village and I feel like I'm a part of this village."

What are your hobbies?

"Family. My family is the most time consuming thing in my life. It centers around our kids and grandchildren. I love to travel and we take a couple trips a year. I enjoy gardening and outdoor activities such as running/walking."

Where do you go to get your mind straight?

"I like to spend time with myself. I enjoy walking/running or going to the gym. I am a better person when I work out."

What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment?

"Raising my kids and being a big part of raising my grandchildren. Secondary would be receiving my Master's Degree."

If you could do anything else, what would that be?

"I would work at Disney - any Disney or its' organization. I would like to find a job where I could travel for a living, especially overseas. I think it would be great to combine something you love to do with traveling."

What is something you would be willing to share about yourself that few know?

"I have run five - half marathons. I also keep an inspirational quote written on my bathroom mirror with a dry erase marker. I choose a quote that pertains to something I am currently dealing with, need personally to work on, or something that inspires me. Currently the quote is "work before playing, earn before spending, listen before speaking, think before writing, try before quitting, and wait before criticizing."

What is something on your bucket list?

"I would like to run a full marathon, one in particular is a Rock and Roll Marathon in Las Vegas. I would also like to travel more outside of the country when I retire."

Favorites:

Food: Mexican Food

Place to Eat: Blue Shrimp at Puerto Vallarta

Music: Eagles - Anything Eagles. I like all sorts of music - poolside music.

Color: Yellow - it is an uplifting color

Animal: Definitely a dog. I lost my dog last November and may not get another one.

Book: Christmas with the Kranks - don't have a lot of time to read.

Movie: Love & Basketball, Pretty Woman

Place: Anywhere warm with my family.