

"I AM LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE WITNESSED A PORTION OF SANDO'S JOURNEY AS A STUDENT AND COWORKER, AND I WILL

TREASURE THE MANY SPECIAL CONVERSATIONS AND EXPERIENCES I SHARED WITH HIM." **LINDSEY SOLANO, ENGLISH**

"SANDOVAL IS THE ONLY OTHER OLD MAN IN THE BUILDING. WITH HIM GONE, NOW EVERYONE WILL PICK ON ME." **MIKE BROWN, SOCIAL STUDIES**

WE TOOK A HIKE

(and loved it)

Robin Dillon and Anita Gentile travel to Scotland



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OVER WINTER BREAK OF 2022, Anita Gentile, social studies teacher, and Robin Dillon, English teacher, flew to Scotland to complete a 96 miles tour called West Highland Way.

"We both enjoy walking and hiking so we decided that it would be an adventure to see Scotland," Gentile said. "We were able to walk roughly 15 miles a day. We got to see so much on our journey that each day felt so calming and relaxing for each of us."



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The hike included old military roads, cattle paths and a walk over the Devil's Staircase into Kinlochleven.

"We were only in Edinburgh for a short period of time," Dillon said. "We really enjoyed seeing the Scottish Highlands and all of the wildlife. The Highland Coos were some of our favorites."

On July 6, the ladies reached their final stop and headed back home.

"We met some fantastic people, saw some beautiful places and realized just how small our everyday world and life really is. I'm glad I got to have it with Anita," Dillon said.

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yeah, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE A BULLDOG



Patrick Sandoval retires after 30 years in education

PATRICK SANDOVAL, SCIENCE TEACHER, WALKED INTO THE HALLWAYS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL as a freshman in 1978. After graduating in 1981, he went to Adams State College where he earned his teaching degree in science.

Christian Athletes and started a Friday Bible Study.

"Winning the conference title in football and then playing against Cherry Creek in the playoffs as a coach was a highlight for me. What's funny is Ski [Tyler Andrejewski] was on their offensive line when we played them," Sandoval said. "I remember we had a big firework show and during the national anthem, I had chills."

Sandoval got married to his wife, Joni, and began teaching at Denver High School. With the community impacted by gang violence, Sandoval made his way back to Brighton teaching science at the high school in 1999.

According to Sandoval, he will miss BHS because he has worked with the best educators.

Over the years, Sandoval has coached football, boys wrestling, girls and boys golf and boys tennis. He also sponsored Fellowship of

"I don't know what's next. Maybe I'll be a barista at Starbucks. Maybe I'll be security at the Denver Zoo. I may work with Pat Tabor or I'll sub. The ultimate thing is moving to Kit Carson where my grandsons and daughter are," Sandoval said.



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WAY HE GREETES ME AS HIS 'FAVORITE SINGING IRISH LADY.'" **MEGHAN FRENZEL, SCIENCE**