

# HUSKY HIGHLIGHT DEANNA GOURNOE HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL



**1. What is your job with the district and what job site do you work at?**

OdysseyWare Instructor (computer-based credit recovery) mainly with HS students.

**2. How long have you been employed with the district?**

23 years (and I was a substitute teacher the year before I was hired!)

**3. What did you do before you came to Highland?**

Many things—I waitressed, worked at a movie theater, cashiered, was a warehouse employee at two different companies, ran parts for a diesel shop, and before my current position I was a librarian.



*My first year as a Highland staff member—Fall 1998!*



*Ms. Gournoe goes to prom 🥰*



<p><b>Favorite Color:</b> Blue (like many, many other people)</p>	<p><b>Favorite Book:</b> I am still a librarian at heart, so I am going with one of my favorite authors—Stephen King. I worked at the movie theater when his first book, <u>Carrie</u>, was made into a movie and I have been hooked on his writing ever since.</p>	<p><b>Favorite Restaurant/Food:</b> lobster – I only allow myself to have it once a year on my birthday, so I REALLY enjoy it when I have it.</p>	<p><b>Favorite Movie:</b> I am actually a sports-aholic, so my TV is usually tuned to an Avalanche or Nuggets game.</p>
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**4. What do you enjoy about working in the district?**

The students! They make every day a new day and every year a new year. I am extremely fortunate and ever grateful to be working here at Highland.

**5. Are there any special projects you're working on or implementing in your school?**

The Highland Dictionary Fund was something I started 22 years ago with the goal of buying hardcover dictionaries for our graduating seniors. The Fund was so successful (because our donors are so generous!) that it was expanded to include giving paperback dictionaries to the 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grades.



← This is a photo of one of the plaques we gave Dictionary Fund donors 2 years ago during the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fund.

*Favorite Season:*  
spring! I love growing  
flowers.

*Favorite Quote:*  
“Learn from the mistakes of  
others. You can’t live long  
enough to make them all  
yourself.”  
--Eleanor Roosevelt

*Favorite Place to  
Vacation:*  
My dream vacation  
would be Australia  
(someday!), but I  
usually go to the  
Chicago suburbs where  
my family lives.

*Thing to do on a  
rainy day:*  
Snuggle up with my  
dear Clem, read a  
good book and snack  
all day. 😊



I love growing flowers!

← Honeysuckle



Iris →



Clem Kadiddlehopper

Clem with the Big  
Head Toddler →

