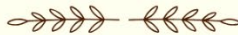




A TASTE OF TUSCANY

2026 SERVICE RECOGNITION



MAY 8 | FRIDAY

Northland Power Curling Centre
623 Carlton Trail #2 North Battleford, SK

HOSTED BY:

Living Sky School Division No. 202
Board of Education



LIVING SKY SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 202
BOARD OF EDUCATION

WELCOMES YOU!

Social & Cocktails – 5:30 pm

Blend Restaurant & Bar

MC's

Tonya Lehman, Deputy Director
Christine Gibson, Superintendent of Learning
Lindsay Charabin, Superintendent of Learning

Prayer

Jeanette Bugler, Elder
Red Pheasant Cree Nation

Welcome – 6:30 pm

Ronna Pethick, Board Chair
Brenda Vickers, Director of Education

Grace

Glen Leask, Board Trustee

Dinner – 6:45 pm

Blend Restaurant & Bar

Program – 7:30 pm

Anne-Marie Merle Service to Children Award
Presented by Superintendents

Service Recognition Awards

Presented by the Board of Education

Retirement Recognitions

Presented by the Board of Education

ANNE-MARIE MERLE SERVICE TO CHILDREN AWARD

The Anne-Marie Merle Service to Children Award is presented each year to individuals in the Division who have gone “above and beyond” in their service to a child. Anne-Marie liked to recognize those she felt had done something well or special and this award is a way to perpetuate that tradition. Staff, parents, and students are encouraged to nominate someone they feel has demonstrated an extra effort or kindness.

This year’s deserving award recipients are . . .

Aimee Laventure

Teacher, Leoville Central School

Brittany Cairns

Educational Assistant, Luseland District School

Candice Benson

Principal, Leoville Central School

Jessica Labman

Counsellor, Lawrence Elementary School



5 YEAR SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

BATTLEFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Kaytlyn Geissler – Teacher

CENTRAL SERVICES

Adria Runge – Speech & Language Pathologist

Greg Hill – Technical Analyst

Kelsie Valliere – PR/Advancement Specialist

Kristy Sydoruk – Service Associate

Mike Richards – Tradesperson

Val Mysko – Accounts Receivable Clerk

CUT KNIFE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Deanne Miller – Secretary

Rachel Poff – Teacher

HAFFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Jesse Cook – Caretaker

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Junghee Kim – Teacher

LUSELAND DISTRICT SCHOOL

Kelly Stang – Teacher

Vanessa Faubert – Teacher

MACKLIN SCHOOL

Samira Wildeman – Teacher

MAYMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Devan Baird – Teacher

MCKITRICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Brooke Horner – Secretary

MEDSTEAD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Joshua Hill – Teacher

NORTH BATTLEFORD COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Graydon Stebanuk – Teacher

Karun Mann – Teacher

Katelin Rathje – Teacher

Shelby Buell – Teacher

SPIRITWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Mark Bamba – Caretaker

UNITY COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Kyra Wood – Teacher

Shanyne Kostyna – Teacher

UNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Shelley McCullough – Bus Driver

10 YEAR SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

BATTLEFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Madison Pederson – Teacher

BREADY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Brynn Tatchell – Teacher

CENTRAL SERVICES

Aaron Melnyk – HR Administrator

Arla Potratz – Administrative Assistant

Leah Hildebrand – Occupational Therapist

Lindsay Charabin – Superintendent of Learning

KERROBERT COMPOSITE SCHOOL

Jeff Semilet – Caretaker

Bob Heigh – Bus Driver

LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Brad Dyck – Caretaker

LUSELAND DISTRICT SCHOOL

Alicia Gardeski – Vice Principal

Lorna Deck – Bus Driver

MACKLIN SCHOOL

Linda Dabbs – Caretaker

Taylor Braun – Teacher

MCLURG HIGH SCHOOL

Tami Sittler – Secretary

NORTH BATTLEFORD COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Amber Nelson – Secretary

Kaelee Forgrave – Secretary

UNITY COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Natasha Krips – Teacher

UNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Robert Cey – Vice Principal

15 YEAR SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

BATTLEFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Hannah McTaggart – Teacher

BREADY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lindsay Munroe – Teacher

CENTRAL SERVICES

Brenda Vickers – Director of Education

Lindsay Zubiak – Speech & Language Pathologist

Lori Burnett – Accounts Payable Clerk

CONNAUGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Erna Profiri – Educational Assistant

Monica Pehudoff – Teacher

CUT KNIFE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Angela Collins – Bus Driver

Brenda Belanger – Library Assistant

HAFFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Tara Welsh – Principal

KERROBERT COMPOSITE SCHOOL

Brittany Welter – Teacher

MACKLIN SCHOOL

Amy Berezitzky – Educational Assistant
Carolyn Sieben – Teacher

MCLURG HIGH SCHOOL

Andrea Kotzer – Teacher
Shawn Whyte – Teacher

MEDSTEAD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Brigitte Johnson – Teacher

NORMAN CARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bob Weber – Bus Driver
Tracy Schwebius – Bus Driver

NORTH BATTLEFORD COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Andrew Mudge – Caretaker
Janelle Klassen – Teacher
Kyle Palmer – Counsellor

UNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Renea Eichenlaub-Kratchmer – Educational Assistant

20 YEAR SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

BATTLEFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Michelle Hayes – Secretary

CENTRAL SERVICES

Jennifer Harder – Service Lead

CUT KNIFE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Karen Rutley – Teacher

HAFFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Charlene Wintonyk – Secretary

HARTLEY CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Gail Franson – Secretary/Library Assistant

KERROBERT COMPOSITE SCHOOL

Troy Snider – Teacher

LEOVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Michele Purdy – Vice Principal

LUSELAND DISTRICT SCHOOL

Michael LeMay – Teacher

MACKLIN SCHOOL

Suzette Hillis – Teacher

MAYMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Krista Nickell – Teacher

Marion Fehr-Stead – Bus Driver

Ryan Nickell – Teacher

MEDSTEAD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Lynn Moore – Educational Assistant

Tara Haryung – Teacher

NORTH BATTLEFORD COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Barry Graff – Head Caretaker

Evan Reid – Teacher

Jeremey Verity – Teacher

Renee Storgard – Vice Principal

SPIRITWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Wendy Brewer – Secretary

UNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Janelle Tyler – Teacher

25 YEAR SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

BATTLEFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Jenifer Kahl – Principal

BREADY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Heather Macnab – Teacher

CENTRAL SERVICES

Angie Moser – Administrative Assistant

LEOVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Aimee Laventure – Teacher

MACKLIN SCHOOL

Darcie King – Teacher

Paul Munro – Teacher

MEDSTEAD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Lisa Knot – Teacher

NORTH BATTLEFORD COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Sherry Hicke – Teacher

Tammy Kachmarski – Teacher

SPIRITWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Paula Goller – Teacher

UNITY COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Kelly Partington-Headrick – Teacher

UNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Sandra Morin – Educational Assistant

30 YEAR SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

BATTLEFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Arlene Nikiforuk – Educational Assistant

CUT KNIFE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Tracy Anseth – Teacher

MACKLIN SCHOOL

Jane Lock – Educational Assistant

NORTH BATTLEFORD COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Jeff Gibson – Teacher

35 YEAR SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

MACKLIN SCHOOL

Donna Fischer – Teacher

RETIREMENT RECOGNITIONS

ANITA PRESCESSKY

Educational Assistant, Maymont Central School

I began working with Living Sky School Division as a substitute Educational Assistant in 1999. In 2001, I was offered a full-time position at Maymont Central School, where I remained until my retirement. Throughout my career, I was grateful to support students and work alongside staff who made each day meaningful.

What made you choose the career you did?

I chose this career because I love working with children. Supporting students and being part of their learning was very rewarding for me.

What is your favourite memory from your time with LSKYSD?

There are too many memories to choose just one. I have many great memories of the students and staff I worked with over the years.

BARB MUTCH

Teacher, Lawrence Elementary School

I have worked my entire career with Living Sky School Division, beginning as an itinerant music and band teacher at Bready and Connaught, later travelling between Bready and McKitrick, and eventually Lawrence and McKitrick. While teaching at McKitrick, I worked out of the stage area, far from the classrooms, and became known as the elusive Mrs. Mutch.

I had the opportunity to teach at NBCHS for a semester in 2004-2005, which I remember fondly. In fall 2005, I returned to Lawrence School full time, where I have spent the past 21 years. Originally, I taught music, band, and visual arts. In 2018, I

transitioned into a Grade 2 classroom role, where I embraced new challenges and built close relationships with students and families.

What made you choose the career you did?

I have been learning and performing music my entire life, so it felt natural to continue that journey after high school and share it with children.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

While I plan to substitute teach next year, I am really looking forward to having the flexibility to travel, spend time doing fun things, and make my own schedule. And I can't say I'll miss writing report cards!

BRENDA CUBBON

School Liaison Worker, Connaught Elementary School

I began working with Living Sky School Division in 1991 as an EA. Throughout most of my career, I worked in speech and language support, helping students develop skills that would support them both in and beyond the classroom. In the last five years of my career, I had the opportunity to serve as the School Liaison Worker at Connaught School, an experience that offered me a fresh perspective and renewed appreciation for work within the division.

One of my proudest accomplishments was learning how to write grants – and being successful with many of them. Over the years, I worked in every elementary school in North Battleford and experienced four amalgamations. Through it all, the connections I made with students, families, and colleagues were the most meaningful part of my work.

What made you choose the career you did?

I always wanted to work in education, but life took me on a different path at first. I returned to school when I was 30, which was a major challenge after being away from the classroom for so

many years. I started working at McKitrick School that fall and have never regretted my career choice.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

In retirement, I'm looking forward to travelling within Canada, especially eastern Canada, and spending some winters on the west coast, where two of my brothers live. I'm also excited for full-time lake life in the summers. I'm incredibly grateful to Living Sky School Division for 34 great years!

CAROLYN LOADMAN

Educational Assistant, Unity Composite High School

This year marks my 31st year with Living Sky School Division. Throughout my career, some of my biggest challenges came from keeping pace with the ever-changing diversity of student needs and the supports required to meet them. My greatest accomplishment has been rising to meet those needs — continuing to build meaningful relationships and providing consistent support to students in my community, even when that meant driveway visits during COVID.

Looking back, my biggest success has been the relationships I've built over the years with both students and staff.

What is your favourite memory from your time with LSKYSD?

There isn't one single memory that stands out — each year brought new challenges and the gift of long-term friendships with colleagues. One moment I've always cherished, though, is watching graduation alongside fellow staff members. Seeing the students we've worked with walk across the stage with pride is something that never gets old.

What made you choose the career you did?

I wanted to work with the youth in my community, but I've never been comfortable speaking in front of large groups. Teaching felt a little too far outside of my comfort zone, but becoming an EA felt like the perfect fit. It allowed me to support students in a meaningful way while building strong, one-on-one connections.

DALE DILLABOUGH-YOUNG

Teacher, North Battleford Comprehensive High School

I began substitute teaching in the fall of 1993 and was fortunate to work at Battleford Junior High, Alexander Junior High, Bready Elementary School, and NBCHS. Throughout those years, I taught mostly Grades 7 and 8 (and a teaspoon of Grade 9) across elementary, middle, and high school settings. While each had its merits, placing this age group properly within the school system is no small task. After many years spent in middle school, I sometimes fear my mentality and humour may still be stuck at age 13. Still, I'll be glad to retire certain phrases like "6-7", "yeet" and "skibbity brain rot".

What is your favourite memory from your time with LSKYSD?

I know I'm probably supposed to say something here about time with students – and there were so many moments where my students and I found a groove, weaving laughter and life into the learning. But honestly, my favourite memories involve staff. Working together through constant change, unexpected challenges, and tough times required us to lean on one another in meaningful ways. I'll miss the laughter in the halls and staff room, the inside jokes, the gentle pranks (no ransom notes, gift-wrapped classrooms, rerouted calls, or missing Christmas trees – definitely no monkeying around!). I'll miss that strong team spirit that kept us going.

What advice do you have for anyone just starting out in their career within the division?

My advice is to learn to find work-life balance early. Teaching is not a 9:00-3:30 job and saying no to extracurriculars or clubs can mean missing out on some of the best moments of the profession. At the same time, life outside of school is incredibly important and shouldn't always be put off for "another year."

DONNA FISCHER

Teacher, Macklin School

I began my teaching career in 1991 at Macklin School, where I remained for my entire career. Over the years, I was proud to be deeply involved in school life and student experiences, including creating the local Senior Buddy program that paired students with nursing home residents for reading and social connection. I also enjoyed planning special events such as Remembrance Day programs, Christmas stores, and field trips. Above all, my greatest focus and accomplishment was building positive, trusting relationships with my students each year.

What advice do you have for anyone just starting out in their career within the division?

My advice is to show genuine love and care for all of your students, while also teaching them accountability, perseverance, and resilience. Do not only teach students their school subjects, but also how to be a good person.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

I am looking forward to a more relaxed pace of life, including travel, socializing, gardening, subbing, and volunteering. I am also excited to enjoy a leisurely coffee in my pajamas on wintery school mornings.

DEBBIE BONSAN

Educational Assistant, North Battleford Comprehensive High School

Over the past seven years with Living Sky School Division, I have had the opportunity to work at multiple schools, most recently being NBCHS. Throughout my time as an Educational Assistant, my focus has been on building strong relationships with students so they feel comfortable trusting me, confiding in me, and completing their work as independently as possible. Supporting students in this way has been both my greatest challenge and greatest accomplishment.

What is your favourite memory from your time with LSKYSD?

Every day when I leave the classroom, the students say goodbye to me, and they greet me with a good morning when I arrive. Sometimes it's the simple things!

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

Spending more time with family and friends at the lake.

JEFF GIBSON

Teacher, North Battleford Comprehensive High School

After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan in 1995, I spent my first year substitute teaching in Saskatoon. In the summer of '96, I moved to North Battleford to begin a permanent teaching position at Alexander Junior High, where I taught Science, Physical Education, and Health. I later transferred to Lawrence Elementary School, where I taught Grades 4 to 8 Physical Education along with Grades 7 and 8 homeroom.

In 2002, my wife Christine and I moved to Vancouver Island for a year, where I taught Grade 4 part time, before returning to the Battlefords the following school year. I continued teaching at Lawrence until 2013, when I transferred to North Battleford Comprehensive High School to teach primarily Physical Education. Over my 30 years with Living Sky School Division, I have cherished the friendships with colleagues and the relationships built with students, I am thankful for my time with the division.

What made you choose the career you did?

I idolized my uncle, Bill Gordon, when I was young, and we became very close as I got older. He was what I would describe as a master teacher in Saskatoon. When I visited his Grade 8 classroom, he had kids laughing, learning, and loving school, and I thought he was amazing at his job. He eventually convinced me to quit trucking and go back to school to become a teacher. He was such a great mentor over the years, I will always be thankful for his guidance.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

I'm truly looking forward to slowing down... oh, and spending more time on the golf course!

KARI GOYAN

Educational Assistant, Maymont Central School

I spent 33 years driving school bus for private contractors and 20 years working as an Educational Assistant with Living Sky School Division. Throughout my career, one of my greatest accomplishments was building connections with students, especially those who needed it most.

What made you choose the career you did?

This career actually chose me. I asked to become a spare bus driver, and while driving bus, I was then asked if I'd be interested in becoming a substitute EA. Both roles quickly became full time, and I soon grew to love working with students and spending time with my coworkers.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

In retirement, I am most looking forward to spending more time with my grandkids and having the freedom to travel any time of the year.

KEN PARKER

Vice Principal, Unity Composite High School

Over my 33 years in education, I have had the opportunity to teach in a variety of roles, including adult education, middle years, senior high, and administration. One of my proudest accomplishments came in 2004 when my bid to host the Boys' Volleyball Provincials was accepted, marking the first time Unity Composite High School hosted a SHSAA provincial event. Since then, UCHS has hosted several additional provincial championships in volleyball, badminton, and curling, and I am proud of the strong reputation our school has built in hosting

these events. High school sport has played a significant role in my career and has truly changed my life for the better.

What is your favourite memory from your time with LSKYSD?

Many fond memories have been made with colleagues and students over the years, but I will especially miss the long bus rides home after volleyball tournaments. There is something about kids singing on the bus that warms my heart. It does not matter if it is the choir girls or the crackling boys, it is all good.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

I look forward to a September, October, and November where I am not trying to cram my personal life into a single Sunday each week. I am even getting a shirt made that says, "Is it Wednesday or is it Sunday?"

KIM COTTINI

Teacher, Lawrence Elementary School

My journey with Living Sky began in 1998, when I joined the Battlefords School Division as a part-time Grade 7 teacher at Battleford Junior High. Over the years, I've had the opportunity to teach in several schools – collecting mascots and school clothing along the way like some people collect stamps: Timberwolf, Bobcat, Bulldog, Cougar, and Wildcat. I also spent time working at Central Services, where I'm still not quite sure what mascot would fit. The challenges throughout my career were sometimes plentiful and overwhelming, but they pushed me to grow in ways I didn't always appreciate at the time. Looking back now, the hardest days were often the ones that taught me the most.

What is your favourite memory from your time with LSKYSD?

There are countless moments I treasure from my career, but one early memory has always stuck with me. In my first year of teaching Grade 7, a student told me her brother claimed that teachers only remember the bad kids. With all the confidence of a brand-new teacher, I told her that wasn't true – that we remember the good ones. Well... turns out I was wrong. Very

wrong. And I learned that lesson faster than any curriculum outcome I ever taught.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

I'm most looking forward to exploring the world. In many ways, I feel like a Grade 12 graduate all over again – excited to begin something new, but also aware that stepping into the unknown can be a little intimidating. The difference now is that I have experience on my side. I know the unknown isn't something to fear; it's where the best stories come from.

KYLA SNELL

Student Services Teacher, Unity Composite High School

After two years teaching in Glaslyn with Northern Lakes School Division, I joined LandsWest School Division in 1998 as the Special Services Teacher at Unity Composite High School. The following year, I became Coordinator of Special Services, where I spent four years traveling throughout the division supporting students, staff, and families with inclusionary practices and transition planning. During this time, I completed my Master's Degree in the Education of Exceptional Children and helped develop I-STEP, an individualized transition program that allowed young adults to remain in their home communities while building independence. In 2003, I returned to UCHS as the Special Education Teacher, where I have remained ever since, bringing my total service with LandsWest and Living Sky School Divisions to 28 years.

What is your favourite memory from your time with LSKYSD?

Creating student-centered initiatives such as I-STEP, UTEC, and the UCHS Hot Lunch Program are accomplishments I will always be proud of, as they supported successful transitions for our students. I also have many fond memories of hosting provincial SHSAA events and taking students on memorable field trips, including one early trip to search for arrowheads and teepee rings south of Unity, where we shared a picnic and enjoyed hiking the hills. Those moments truly brought learning to life.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

I am looking forward to spending time with my husband, Ward, traveling during the low season, cooking, reading, subbing, and making fewer decisions in a day. If by midafternoon I have only made three decisions—what to read, what to cook, and whether or not to have another cup of coffee—I will consider it a productive day. Ward may have to remind me what day it is, but honestly, if it is not a workday, does it matter?

LORI MAY

Teacher, Unity Public School

After earning a Bachelor of Education from the U of S in 1992 and completing a Library Technician certificate at SIAST, I began my teaching career in 1994 in the friendly quaint town of Cut Knife at Cut Knife Elementary School. That first contract involved teaching Grade 5 and serving as the teacher-librarian. This marked the beginning of a 32-year career, eight of which were spent at CKES, followed by 24 years at Unity Public School

While many things changed over the years, one constant remained: teaching Grade 5 for 31 years. This year, stepping into the role of Classroom Complexity Teacher allowed me to once again work with a wide variety of staff and students. I have been incredibly fortunate to work alongside such amazing staff and students at both schools.

What made you choose the career you did?

My path to becoming a teacher was shaped by a few meaningful influences. As a teenager, I worked as a Ukrainian dance instructor, which helped me realize that I enjoyed working with a wide range of ages. My dance supervisors were teachers themselves and were very encouraging, and I was fortunate to have impactful teachers throughout my own education. Together, these experiences inspired me to pursue a career in teaching.

What advice do you have for anyone just starting out their career within the division?

This is a career that is not for the faint of heart. It requires a great deal of energy and commitment, as well as the ability to model good character and strong work ethic. It is important to remain open to your own learning and change. You will be shaped not only by professional development, but also by what your students teach you, including humility, patience, understanding, empathy, self-control, charity, respect, honesty, and truth. You are never finished growing as a teacher or as a person.

MICHELLE SACK

Teacher, North Battleford Comprehensive High School

I began my teaching career in 1993 at Rivier Academy in Prince Albert, where I taught for five years before moving to Battleford Junior High for three years. In 2001, I joined North Battleford Comprehensive High School, where I have remained ever since. Throughout my career, I have been fortunate to teach a variety of math courses, including those within NBCHS's International Baccalaureate (IB) program.

What is your favourite memory from your time with LSKYSD?

While teaching at BJHS, I was able to accompany students on Outdoor Education trips to Matheson Lake. Former students and staff still talk about the Interest Groups at BJHS and those Outdoor Ed trips. As a teacher in the IB program, I also had the opportunity to attend national and international conferences.

What advice do you have for anyone starting out in their career within the division?

Teaching is a challenging career wherever you may be, but the kids are worth it. Be invested in your school and your students, and you will be rewarded.

RHONDA GARTNER

Teacher, Unity Composite High School

I began my teaching career in the fall of 1994, teaching Grade 4 at Rendall Park Elementary School in Lloydminster. After one year, I transferred to Barr Colony Elementary School, where I taught K-6 Core French for two years. In the fall of 1997, I accepted a position at Unity Composite High School, where I have proudly remained for the past 29 years.

During my time at UCHS, I taught a wide variety of subjects, though my greatest passion has always been math, teaching students in Grades 8 through 11. One of my proudest accomplishments is having taught every grade level at some point in my career – from kindergarten through to Grade 12. In addition to the classroom, I was heavily involved in coaching, particularly volleyball and track and field. These experiences brought me great joy and have left me with lasting memories.

What advice do you have for anyone just starting out their career within the division?

The most important advice I can offer is to prioritize building positive relationships. I have always valued strong connections with my students and colleagues, and I believe meaningful growth is rooted in mutual respect and trust. Building those relationships takes time, but the impact is well worth the effort.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

I am looking forward to spending more time with family and friends, reconnecting with activities I enjoy, and exploring new interests. I am especially excited for more opportunities to travel and attend live music and sporting events. I am also ready to enjoy a slower pace of life, with more time to relax and appreciate each day.

ROCHELLE BULLERWELL

Educational Assistant, North Battleford Comprehensive High School

I began working with Living Sky School Division in September 2006 at North Battleford Comprehensive High School. I remained at NBCHS for the duration of my career until retiring last year.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

In retirement, I am most looking forward to spending time at the lake with family and friends.

RUTH WEBER

Superintendent of Learning, Central Services

My teaching career began in 1986 at St. George School in Wilkie, followed by two years at Handel School in the Biggar School Division. In April 1990, I was called to substitute teach at Norman Carter School, and from that point on, I worked for what would eventually become Living Sky School Division. What started as a short-term opportunity grew into a wonderful 36-year career with the division.

Throughout my time with Living Sky, I had the privilege of working with incredible students, colleagues, and families. I am grateful for the many experiences, challenges, and opportunities that allowed me to grow professionally and personally over the years.

What made you choose the career you did?

I have often joked that teaching is a “hereditary condition” in my family. My maternal grandmother, parents, and two of my three siblings were teachers, and one of my four children also chose the profession, so there is definitely a pattern. I knew from a young age that I wanted a career where I could make things better for people. Teaching offered me the chance to use my creativity to design meaningful and engaging learning experiences, and it quickly became where I felt most at home

What is your favourite memory from your time with LSKYSD?

It is difficult to choose a single favourite memory. I was fortunate to work with so many wonderful people – students, colleagues, and parents – who were sources of advice, learning, mentorship, and humour. These relationships will continue to bring many smiles, and perhaps even a few tears, when I look back on my years with the division.

SANDRA LARGE

Educational Assistant, Maymont Central School

I began working with Living Sky School Division in December 2006 at Maymont Central School, where I have worked as an Educational Assistant for 19 years. During my time in this role, I have enjoyed supporting students in their learning and found it especially rewarding to see them experience those important “ah ha” moments.

What advice do you have for anyone just starting out in their career within the division?

Find a strong support system.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

Sleeping stress free!

SUZETTE HILLIS

Teacher, Macklin School

My teaching career started in 1989 in Provost, Alberta, where I taught Grade 5 for three years. I then stepped away from teaching to become a stay-at-home mom to my four boys. After 10 years at home, I returned to the classroom in 2006 at Macklin School, where I have spent the past 20 years teaching Elementary P.E. as well as Grade 4 Science, Social Studies, Art, and Health. Over the years, I have also enjoyed coaching junior curling, badminton, and volleyball, and meeting the challenge of adapting to many changes in education, especially in technology.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

I am looking forward to having more free time to spend with my family, especially my grandsons.

What advice do you have for anyone just starting out in their career within the division?

My advice to a new teacher would be to take it one day at a time, enjoy the little moments that make you smile, and not dwell on the not so positive times.

RETIREES CONTINUED:

Barb Plews

Bus Driver, Cut Knife Community School

Derek Wilkinson

Teacher, North Battleford Comprehensive High School

Eldon Schwab

Bus Driver, Norman Carter Elementary School

Jackie Kroczyński

Teacher, North Battleford Comprehensive High School

Janette Downing

Principal, Scott Colony School

Ken Chartier

Caretaker, St. Vital Catholic School

Kim Harvey-Schafer

Educational Assistant, Bready Elementary School

Marine Peterson

Educational Assistant, Battleford Central School

Sheriese Chorneyko

Teacher, Cut Knife Community School

Terry Kosolofski

Caretaker, McLurg High School



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TONIGHT'S SILENT AUCTION SUPPORTS THE INSPIRED EDUCATION
PILLAR THROUGH THE STUDENT ART GALLERY PROJECT

ENHANCING STUDENT EXPERIENCES

The Living Sky Innovation Fund is dedicated to advancing equity and enriching student opportunities by supporting initiatives and experiences that fall outside regular school funding.

Students will have better access to enriching, transformative experiences that enhance their learning and belonging. To accomplish this, the Innovation Fund works is guided by three foundational pillars:



EARLY LEARNING

Creating a strong foundation for future growth

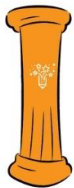
- Literacy
- Pre-kindergarten - learning readiness
- Full Day Kindergarten



WHOLISTIC WELL-BEING

Helping support students in a balanced way so they are ready and able to learn through:

- Nutrition
- Extra-curricular activities
- Health through the lens of the four domains: physical, mental, social & spiritual



INSPIRED EDUCATION

Shaping the future of education through thoughtful innovation through:

- empowered, innovative staff shaping the future of education
- advancing equity across the division
- culturally relevant and meaningful education

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STUDENT ARTWORK INITIATIVE

Inspired Education in Action



Launched in 2023 by two Central Services team members, the Student Artwork Initiative celebrates the creativity of our students beyond the classroom.

Each year, selected pieces from the Service Recognition Student Art Show are thoughtfully framed through a combination of in-house efforts and the support of our community partner, Artrageous, before being displayed throughout Central Services. After one year on display, the framed artwork is returned to the students, a lasting reminder that their creativity is valued, celebrated, and inspiring others every day.

Together, let's help bring student creativity into the spotlight.

THANK YOU!

SILENT AUCTION

Silent Auction items were generously donated by our schools and Central Services.

All proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the Living Sky Innovation Fund Inspired Education Pillar.

DOOR PRIZES

Tri-West Teachers' Association
CUPE Local 4747
LSKYSD Board of Education

REFRESHMENTS & CATERER

Blend Restaurant + Bar

DESSERTS

Janice Staff & NBCHS Team

COCKTAIL TABLES

Thank you to the Dekker Centre for generously providing cocktail tables.

STUDENT ART SHOW

Thank you to all our LSKYSD students for allowing us to display their wonderful artwork.

Special thanks to NBCHS for lending us easels.

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