### **Delisle Composite School**

January 2022

### **Happy New Year!**

We would like to welcome everyone back to DCS after a wonderful, restful break! We are starting a new year with hope that 2022 will be a year filled with joy, good health, activities, and of course learning! We are right back at it with courses winding down and final assessments a couple of weeks away for many of senior students. We encourage you to reach out staff with any questions that you may have about where your child is at, or if there is any support that you feel they need.

Please know that the office door is always open and we encourage you to contact us with any questions that you may have regarding the school!

Kirk Schlosser, Principal

Edla Landry, Vice-Principal



### FIND US ON:

### Twitter, Instagram, FaceBook

Delisle Composite has several social media avenues to stay connected!

The SLC (Student Leadership Committee) has an **Instagram** page where they keep us up to date on spirit days and other activities. They are at: **dcs.slc** 

The school **Twitter** account shares about the great learning happening in classrooms. **@DCS\_Rebels** 

The SCC has a FaceBook page and Twitter account with events and other important dates. Find them at:

Delisle Composite High School on FaceBook, and

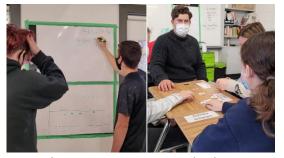
@SccDcs on Twitter

### **SCC News**

It took us a little while to coordinate getting a meeting time, however the SCC is back on track. Our next meeting will again be virtual on **January 12 @ 4:30.** We always welcome new parents to join in. If you are interested the link will be posted on the DCS Facebook page. Feel free to join us.

We thank all our staff and students for their hard work so far. Looking forward to more great things in 2022.

Lori Neault, SCC Chair



### School Goals 2021-2022

This year we are working toward three school-wide goals: outcomebased assessment, mental health/emotional regulation, and Reconciliation.

In our first goal in outcome-based assessment, as a staff we continue

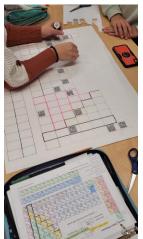
to work on incorporating multiple areas in outcome-based assessment such as clearly posting outcomes in PowerSchool gradebooks, exploring alternative assessments such as portfolios and interviews, and incorporating all aspects of triangulation in our assessment (observations, conversations, and products).

A second focus is on mental health and emotional regulation. Our staff mental health literacy team is leading this work for both staff and student wellness, and several staff members took Zones of Regulation training before the break.

A final goal is to work toward Reconciliation in both our learning about First Nation and Metis history, and in concrete action. Each staff meeting includes information and reflection on residential schools and its societal effects. Our daily announcements now include a land acknowledgement and this has been continued outside the school before football games as well. We have started an Indigenous Student Group that meets weekly and includes our DES neighbors in gr5/6. Finally, a joint DES/DCS Reconciliation committee has been created and is open to (and looking for) parents and students to join in the conversation.











The Rebels Football team had a very successful season that culminated in a second place finish at Provincials. The team beat Indian Head 43-6 in the quarter final, and beat Tisdale in the semi-final 42-21. The team had a tough final match against Martensville, coming up just short in a 32-22 loss, but bringing home a Provincial Silver Medal. The team also hosted a "pink" football game to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research, with parent Danielle Bourque sharing her powerful story. The winner of



the 50/50 donated their prize back, so a total of \$755 was donated. Congratulations to coaches Mr. Pylypow, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Lesperance, Mr. Karokachuk, Mr. Major, and manager Mrs. Kielo on an amazing season.





The volleyball teams also had successful seasons. The Senior Girls travelled to several tournaments in the fall, and qualified for Regionals in Rosetown. Two tough losses to Maple Creek and Unity meant the end of the season for them. Congrats to Mr. Fischer, Ms. Simonsen, and Ms. Meyer for coaching! We had a senior boys team, the first in several decades, and the team did quite well. They also competed at Regionals, losing close matches to Shaunavon, beating Rosetown, and then in the deciding match against Biggar, lost 16-25, dug in for a 26-24 win to force a third set, but lost that one and the chance to compete at provincials. Next year! Thanks for Mrs. Landry for coaching and Mrs. Kielo and Ms. Meyer for helping out with early morning practices!





The Indigenous Student Group started this fall, and met weekly afterschool. Our goal is to provide a space for First Nation and Metis students to meet and explore culture. Making bannock and beading have been our two main activities, and we welcomed Amanda Nelson from the Division Office for a visit as well. Ms. Nelson is the Strategic Facilitator for Indigenous Perspectives, Partnerships, &

Outcomes for PSSD. She gave us some guidance and some bannock help too. The group includes our DES neighbours from grade 5 and up as well.

The 2020-2021 yearbooks arrived this fall. Editors Kate Wright and Samantha Adams created a fantastic book of memories of a very memorable year! Considering there were no extra-curricular events and only virtual events, they started an Instagram page to collect photos from students, and put together an amazing yearbook. As Kate and Samantha are graduating, we will be looking for new students who are interested in photography and design to work on next year's book!





The cross country group was small but mighty this year. Led by Mrs. Kielo, students trained through the fall, and competing at CVAC districts in Langham. Grade 10 student, Will Coates qualified for Provincials with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish, and a good run in Humboldt placing 36<sup>th</sup> out of 80 and a personal best time.

"My Prairie Spirit Classroom is diverse in world view, culture, language, gender identity, ability, and interests and this is how we learn together." At Delisle Composite, we celebrate what makes us

diverse and respect the diversity around us. At the start of this school year, several Jr DCS students requested that we start a gender and sexuality alliance (GSA) to better support our gender and sexually diverse students and their allies. When we know better, we do better! Thus, the Jr GSA started up in September. Once a week, the Jr GSA meets to learn about LGBTQ+ issues, find ways to make DCS a safe space for queer students and their allies, and spend time together in a like-minded and supportive community. Since September, we've spent time learning about LGBTQ+ flags and identities, have dedicated time to learning more about trans issues and how we can be better allies to our trans friends, and have explored the ways that identities that can come together to make us who we are using the Genderbread Person. We've also made 'safe space' posters and have plans to put up a GSA bulletin board in the hallway come January. The Jr GSA is a safe space for LGBTQ+ students and their allies - all are welcome! Our Senior GSA has been hard at work to spread positivity and

informative messaging regarding gender and sexuality inclusivity. As a group, we plan to enhance representation of LGBTQ2+ issues and information in our school and community. We meet monthly, and welcome all members of the LGBTQ2+ community, their allies, and anyone who would like to know more about these topics.

Junior GSA: Ms. Curtis Senior GSA: Mr. Knapman



The Student Leadership Council has been hard at work this year, with the goals of enhancing student spirit and

experience at DCS. We want our school community to thrive, and we are working on celebrating excellence in order to put a spotlight on our achieving Rebels. Our school spirit at Delisle Composite has never been stronger, and we are honoured to be a part of such a wonderful, driven community. The SLC group put on a great virtual assembly to start the year, had several dress-up spirit weeks, had a Halloween door decorating contest, an amazing Deck The Halls hallway decorating before the break (there's a video tour on a school Twitter post) and set up a display in the Pike Lake Festival of Lights. In the coming months, the SLC hopes

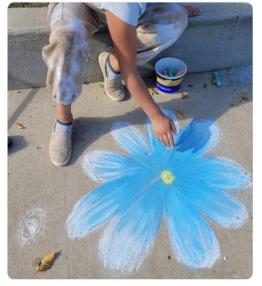


to build on our momentum and start to implement some small, positive changes in our building.





Grade 7s brightening up our front sidewalks with art and positive messages!!



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Link to our virtual Remembrance Service:

https://youtu.be/0V2HP0ISGXM



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Thanks to the grade 9 classes (Mrs. Wirz and Mr. Pylypow) for organizing food collection for the Delisle Angel Tree food hampers before Christmas! Your efforts are really appreciated!! Great job also to our LifeSkills students who took part of their field trip day to Saskatoon, and handed out free coffee vouchers downtown.



Congratulations to Mr. Knapman on receiving a grant from the Book Love Foundation (through literacy educator Penny Kittle) which meant lots of new books for our students and classrooms! Mr. Knapman's ELA class was also fortunate to have a writing workshop presented by the Saskatchewan Writer's Guild as part of their Windscript student magazine. And several students had their writing published in the December issue of the RM Review. Great work!!

Congratulations to Kate Wright, who was selected to the Saskatchewan Youth Honour Band. This group is made up of the best high school musicians in the province and will practice and perform in the spring. Congrats Kate!

Congratulations also to Amy Vandenameele who won the Mary Davies Empowerment Scholarship through the SIEC. Well-deserved!!



Our Life Skills group had a great field trip on Monday, including handing out coffee coupons and spreading some joy downtown in Saskatoon! #pssdprideandjoy @HaleyBartsch



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We are so excited to be selected for a Windscript writing workshop this morning! Thx to @SKWritersGuild for the amazing opportunity!! Windscript deadline for student writing is December 15. #mpscpssd #pssdwrites



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Thanks and farewell to our fall interns: Ms. Taphorn, Ms. Shaw, Mr. Henley!

Congratulations to the following PSSD employees on their years of service with Prairie Spirit! Katie Curtis at 5 years, Cherryl Schumacher at 5 years, Shawna Wirz at 10 years, Nathaniel Danielson at 15 years, Erin Hill at 15 years, Kirk Schlosser at 15 years. Four of our bus drivers reached milestones as well: Cheryl Gerard at 10 years, and Leslie Cross, Leanne McKenzie, and Dana Norris at 15 years (although that only reflects their preamalgamation time...there are a lot more years of driving between them!) Congratulations everyone!!

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# The Writer's Corner

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# Review

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These are just some of the many creative writings from Grade 10 students at Delisle Composite School - Thank you all!

#### Prettier in the Snowy Light By: Pieter Schmid

This is a beautiful winter's night swirls through the air, moving with Yet she's prettier in the snowy light.

The blowing wind, the tiny flakes of sno This is a beautiful winter's night.

Her hair is flowing, about to take flight, Her ruby lips are luscious, like merlot, Yet she's prettier in the snowy light

The cold slaps, like a shot of espresso, This is a beautiful winter's night.

Her smile can only be described as bright, In awe, she emanates a stunning glow Yet she's prettier in the snowy light

The beauty of this soir, I can't write, I embrace her, who I want? Now I know This is a beautiful winter's night, Yet she's prettier in the snowy light

### The Saskatchewan Winter We Kn By: Ashlyn Gessell

Here, it is cold and a tad bit snowy Here, it is awful, the wind way too blowy. That's what you'd think if you didn't know, That all kinds of fun can be had with the snow Sledding, and skiing, and snowboarding too, Hockey as well with friends many or few! Soothing hot chocolate goes with see fishing fun, An old pair of snow-shoes make for a good run. Don't forget snow forts and hits in the head, With a "miss-thrown" snowball that someho With a "miss-thrown" sitowhall that somehow hit you in So know that you're wiser, go give us a shot. You're sure to like us-we're quite a great lot! And even if you don't well, you can't say we didn't try. Thank you anyway, and I'll bid you goodbye. This land is too special to be liked by most. Thank you, Saskatchewan, for being quite the host! Thomas wower frostble throws a your middle. If you dare for a challenge, try to make us leave: We love you so much we would never concede!

The boy—Johanty, is his name—pads to the window in the living room, careful not to wake his sleeping father, reclined in the leather armchair. It's late, and the only sounds in the house are Johanty's quiet footsteps and the bong of the grandfather clock in the hall striking eleven. are Johnny's quiet footsteps and the bong of the grandfuther clock in the hall striking eleven. Johnny raises his stuffed mose to the window and whispers in its our "Snow today?" He rubs a circle in the frost and peers out, hopeful. A bleak sight meets his eyes—the moon illuminating only baie grass and brown trees. Johanny sighs. "Tomorrow," he whispers. Then he tiptoes back to his room the whole time, but Johnny is four. Three winters have come and gone, but he remembers none of them, only the blazing summers and the bleak cold that reigns now. The youngest of four brothers, Johnny has heard them talk of snow excitedly—they can't wait, and naturally, neither can he. So Johnny crawls out of his room, three long hours after his bedtime, and checks the ground, hoping for one thing. It doesn't come. Only the whoosh of cold air that slides across the floor in winters, and the sharp secun of pine needles enmanting from their withering tree.

sters, and the sharp scent of pine needles emanating from their withering tree The next evening, he inspects the sapling—or rather, the presents underneath it. Four, he counts, four presents. He doesn't know if there's one for him—he can't read yet. But he counts anyway, four presents. Sometimes he checks the onaments. There are five of thos two made by each of his brothers except Jamie, who had shattered his second on the way home from school. And then Johany stands again at the window, places two little hands on the glass and stares out, willing the clouds to open up and dump their load in his yard. They don't, and he finally allows himself to be dragged, defeated, to bed. At quarter to eleven his eyes snap open. He pushes his blanket aside and shuffles down the hall, moose in tow. An unexpected sight greets him as he steps into view of the living room. His father kneels by stockings that are evidently less empty, and his mother nearly runs him

over leaving the room.

"Johnsyl" she yelps. "What are you doing?" He looks up to answer, but as he opens his mouth she shakes her head. "Never mind You go to bed now," she adds quickly, and as she shepherds him out, he catches a glimpse of the frost-covered window. Johnny lets out a small to the first through the catalogs against the control of the catalogs and a small control of the catalogs are catalogs and a small control of the catalogs are catalogs and the catalogs are catalogs and the catalogs are catalog bed. When finally he stumbles into the living room, he grins, laughs, and he runs to the window. He passes the tree lined with gifts and the stockings stuffed full, and Johnny con to a stop in front of a windowpane lined with snow, framing a landscape covered by snowdrifts and edged in frost, and he throws back his head and laughs into the silvery air.

#### It's Just Around the Corner By: Marshall Kapeller

It's been a long day at work but it's finally Christmas break. The best time to spend with family, William Gold walks through the front door of his house as his 2 kids 8 5 year old Olivia and 8 year old Johnny, "I know I've been kinda busy but It's my week off now so it's time to focus on my wonderful

smiles at Will when she spots him, "Hello honey, your home quite early! You happy that you're off work for at least a bir? gosh it's been forever since you've had a break. What was it, the last Christm break you had?"

'Yeah but you know why that is with the whole promotion and the boss giving me busically the shortest deadline known to man on that presentation this week. But to answer your question, yes I am happy to finally spend some time with my family. Especially tonsorrow being Christmas Eve" Will gives his wife deadline known to man on that presentation this week. But to answer your question, yes t air finally spend some time with my family. Especially tomorrow being Christmas Eve" Will give a sime that tells her how much he truly loves her. Will helps Amanda set the table and they call down the kids for dinner. The kids rush downsta

for their gullets to be stuffed. "Watch Out here comes the ham!" Amanda sets the most incredible look

for their gullets to be sturted. "Waten to run note comes me harm." Annual was an interest in a grounded harm on the table and everyone starts to dig in.
"Now kids I know It's been a month since dad's new promotion and I've been working really hard to where I sometimes put it ahead of you guys, but I just want to say that starting this week, My eyes and ears will be at full attention to you guys. I want to make it up to you guys," Will gives his kids the same smile he gave his wife just minutes earlier.

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The whole family has their mean, [telling stories about their day, laughing, and having the best time of their lives. After dinner they all gather into the living room for their traditional family movie night to mark the start of their holidays. They choose to watch the movie Elf. They have a blast watching it, quoting their favorite scenes, and overall just loving the time they now have together. Finally after hours of laughter the kids start to grow sleepy. Will carries Olivia who's already dozed off while Johnny follows to their bedroom: "Dad?" Johnny Joks at his dad with intent.

"Yeah Johnny?" Will knows the question his son will ask, as he asks it every year since he's been 5.

"Who gives Santa presents if he's the one who gives them to everyone."

"Well we do Johnny. It's our way of saying thanks to Santa for giving our wonderful children such amazing gifts," with that question all cleared up, Will tucks his son into bed, turns the light off and gets ready for Christmas Day the next morning.
Will hobbies back downstains and noticing the T.V. in the living room has been turned off, be decides be

might as well head off to bed as well. However when he passes the kitchen he notices that the milk and cookies his kids had left out have now vanished without a trace, leaving just an empty plate and glass sitting on the island. Will starts to grow suspicious, his wife would not eat them and he hasn't been in the kitchen since supper. He slinks around the corner trying to be oh so quiet, and right as he can see the the kitchen since support. He slinks around the corner trying to be oh so quiet, and right as he can see the whole kitchen in his view a large red figure dips around the other corner and off to the front entrance. Will quickly bolts back around and makes a b-line for the front door. He bursts it open, turns around, looks up at the roof and sees him. He sees the face that every child has warded to see at least once in their life. He sees Santa. Will and the good of Saint Nick just sit there and stare at each other for a fittle thi, before Santa gives Wilbur Gold a soft smile and says, "Oh Will. You were the best one of them all." Will doesn't respond immediately. He's just so amazed that he's just now seeing this childhood here eye to eye for the first time. All Will can do in response is to smile back. "Thank you Santa..." And like that, Santa was off. The reindeer whisted him away as he let out one finally hardy "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas to all! And to all a good night!"

William Gold was left standing in front of his house, trying to process any little bit as to what just h sened. But just as he thought he made sense of it, he realizes that this was not any sort of insane luck But instead was planned by Santa himself, the entire time. The next morning Will, his wife Ammanda, and their two children sit in the living room in their pajamas. The fireplace is nice and warm, and presents filled the room both under the tree and in their stockings. Everyone was so happy, especially Will who now has a whole new look on the spirit of Christmas.

Happy Holidays Everyone

#### Winter Story: The Bitter Man's Winter By: Sophic Rose

Why, oh why, did winter have to be so miserable and cold? People always say, "The spirit of Christmas is in the air!" and "Oh, it isn't as had as you make it out to be." But they never say anything about he ice on the roads that cause people to crash, or the insurmountable snow storms that trash the perfectly cut grass of my yard, running my image. Eve tried to understand the 'joy in the sir' before, and at one point I might have agreed with everyone, but after the loss of my wife, I cannot see what could possibly be so joyful about su a wicked season.

for her impossibly warm hugs or delectable cooking. I made sure to express my hatred for witter every time it came around, so then the Earth knew how much I hated it for taking away the love of my life.

I barely got out anymore, only appearing from my house (too big for only one person), to get

groceries or sometimes a bite to eat.

Today was one of those days that I decided I could handle social interaction, if only for an hour
or so. The Round Robin was my wifes favourite place to eat at, so I made sure that was the only
restaurant I ever went to.

It seemed as if tonight was going to be busy, there had been an hour wait just to be sat, and af it seemed as it ionigint was going to re usus, timer hand once an nour want just to be sat, and after that I ended up waiting what fell like even longer for a server to come around. "Hellot there! My name is Stacy, I will be your server tonight, is there anything I can get you started with?" The woman beliping me held such a striking resemblance to my wife, as if the universe were mocking me for my anger at it.

Incoded the but stare, the clatter of utensils and talking suddenly going quiet as if this mo-ment was fated to happen. Stacy was not my wife, she never would be. She would never cook as well as my wife had, her bugs would never feel warm enough, but, maybe, this winter would be more bearable: Maybe, I could love again.

"Sir, are you okay? Do you need me to call som and the sounds that had previously been muted, filtered back into my ears, "I'm fine, I just

couldn't help but wonder how such a beautiful woman like you ended up working in a place like this. "The words slipped past my lips as easily as taking a breath. Stacy let out a heartfelt chuckle that made my hones tingle, "Why, you are so nice, aren't you sit. I do like kind men. But if you're feeling okay, is there anything I can get you?" As I went to pay my bill, I noticed a number written on a scrap of paper tucked behind the bill. Call me! (333)-123-4567

The next day I visited my wife's grave and told her all about her doppelganger. How she re minded me of the love that once filled my heart and how I finally felt ready to move on. I told minded me of the love that once filled my heart and how I finally felt ready to move on. I told her how she would always be my first love, and, as if she were listening to me from above, I heard a whisper from the wind, And you were mine. THE END

### Meet the staff!

### Katie Curtis Teacher



I am the youngest of five kids two half-siblings and two biosiblings. I grew up with my Mom, Dad, brother, and sister. I am Auntie Katie to 3 nieces and 6 nephews.

I spent most of my childhood in Humboldt after moving there from Quill Lake. I lived in Humboldt from grade 4 until I graduated from high school. I graduated from Humboldt Collegiate Institute and moved to Saskatoon the following fall for University. I have a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Regina and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Saskatchewan. I can often be found spending time with my friends and family, reading a good book (I read 134 books in 2021!), or on the mats training Muay Thai and Brazilian Jui Jitsu.

and Brazilian Jui Jitsu. Fun fact about me? A few years ago, a friend and I converted a minivan into a camper van (we named the van Beluga!). I now spend my summers travelling around finding awesome places to camp, bike, hike, and read in my hammock. My favourite trip so far was a 40-day trip to the Yukon and Alaska!

#### Diane Busby Admin Assistant



My family consists of husband Neil, son Brodie (wife Mariesa) and 4 grandchildren. Leyton, Mason, Houston and Vaya.

My early years were spent growing up in Hillmond and later years were spent on a family farm at Spiritwood.

Elementary education was at Hillmond and secondary years at Spiritwood. After graduating high school I attended 2 years of College at Reeves Business College in North Battleford.

My favorite hobby (of course) it watching my grandchildren play hockey and ball and when not watching them I love working outside in my yard.

# Kirk Schlosser Principal



My family...
I have three wonderful kids, Nikia, Eli and Mattias. We also share our house with a dog name Jasmine.

My childhood... I grew up in Luseland and then took Bachelor of Education Degree at the University of Regina. I completed a Masters' of Education Degree from San Diego State University.

My favorite...In winter you can find me in a rink either coaching, watching or playing hockey. I love to run, play almost any sport, walk, hike and generally spend time outdoors. Another huge passion of mine is cooking!

Fun fact about me... According to my kids I am the worst Fortnite player out there!

Haley Bartsch
SERT (Special Education
Resource Teacher)



My name is Haley Bartsch and I live in Saskatoon with my husband, Dustin, and our two dogs, Jaxson and Pieces.

I grew up in Saskatoon with my mom, dad, and sister. Fun fact, my mom and dad were teachers and so is my sister! I have a diploma in Food and Nutrition Management, Bachelor of Education in Home Economics, a certificate in Special Education, and a Master's in Educational Administration from the University of Saskatchewan. I love travelling, camping, biking, boating, golfing, and cross-country skiing. My favourite sport is football.

#### Nathaniel Danielson Teacher



My family... Me, my wife Tracy, my daughter Nora, and my son Beckett

My childhood... I grew up in Birch Hills, SK

My education... graduated from high school in Birch Hills and did my Bachelor's and Masters of Education at the University of Saskatchewan My favorite...In winter I love playing basketball, cross country skiing, ice fishing and coaching my kid's basketball and soccer teams. In summer I hike, spend time boating at Turtle Lake, and coaching baseball and soccer. Whenever possible I travel as well, but those opportunities have been limited lately.

Fun fact about me... I can grow a respectable mustache in less than 9 days.



### Davin Fischer Teacher



Katarina, two kids, Kamryn (3) and Oliver (1) and we are expecting a 3rd at the end of February 2022. My childhood... I grew up in a small town in southern Saskatchewan called Cadillac My education... I graduated from high school in Ponteix and did my Bachelor of Education at the University of Saskatchewan and am currently enrolled in a Master of Education at the U of S My favorite... My favorite sports are curling, volleyball, and baseball. I have enjoyed coaching curling and volleyball at the school level. In the summertime we spend lots of time at Emerald Lake and at my family farm in Cadillac. Fun fact about me... I have an ice cream machine in my basement that I inherited.

### Nicole Gobeil Educational Assistant



I am Nicole Gobeil, an EA at DCS. I am from Nanaimo, BC and I miss the beauty of the Island but I have lived here for about 25 years. So Delisle, Saskatchewan is now my home.

I have been married for 25 years and we have 2 kids (one recently graduated and one still going to DCS) and 2 dogs.

I love reading, walking, working out, yoga and anything to do with crafts.

### Jody Colborn Educational Assistant



Who are you? My name is Jody Colborn and I am an E.A here at DCS My family is made up of my husband Darren and my daughters Jordyn (Brayden), Brooklyn and our 3 dogs My childhood (where I grew up) was Allan and Saskatoon. My education was at Allan, Walter Murray and SIAST. I enjoy camping, fishing, and travelling Fun fact about me, I have a second job where I trade working with students for working with 45,000 chickens.

#### Shelby Knapman Teacher



Who makes up your family?
I live with my husband,
Jonathan, and our one-yearold furry baby, Finn!
Where did you grow up?
I'm a local product. Attended
DCS after Vanscoy
Elementary. I grew up on a
chicken farm near
Grandora.

Where did you go to school?

After completing high school at Delisle Composite, I completed my education degree at the University of Regina.

Your favorite...?
I love to read and write, but I also enjoy blowing the heads off some zombies when I get home (Xbox therapy!).

Fun fact about me...
I was once literally touched by Beyonce.

## Edla Landry Vice-Principal



I grew up on a farm near Lucky Lake, SK and went to the U of S for a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. Later I completed a Masters in **Educational Design and** Technology from the U of S as well. My husband Bert and I have two children: Eliisa (22) and Réal (20) who are both at university. We have lived in the Delisle area for over twenty years. I enjoy reading and running, but also adventure like camping, rock climbing, and most recently, jumping out of an airplane as I tried sky diving.

#### Kelsey Lesperance Teacher



My family makes up of my Dad (Robert), my mom (Sharlene) and my older brother (Taylor) I grew up in the Lakeview neighbourhood, which is in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. I went to French Immersion at Ecole St. Thomas (I was the last french class to attend that school before they switched to english after I graduated grade 8 from there). I did my high school at Holy Cross (at this point I switched to the english stream) and completed my long but well worth it journey at the U of S with a bachelor's degree in Education as well as a bachelor's degree in Arts and Science (major in Sociology) My absolute favourite thing to do is watch movies. I absolutely love playing soccer and I love the Oilers! Fun fact about me... I am related to Edouard Beaupre AKA the Willow **Bunch Giant!** 

### Kirk Morrow Teacher



Hello my name is Kirk Morrow. I grew up in Saskatoon and graduated from Bishop James Mahoney Highschool. Following graduation, I chased one of my goals of seeing the world and backpacked parts of Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. My hobbies... 1) Golf! I love the challenges the environment brings on an already difficult game and finding creative solutions to all the trouble I find myself in. 2) I enjoy hiking and camping whenever I can get out to the mountains. 3) Football. Watching, coaching, playing and all else related to football brings me great joy. I have yet to find another game that demands the teamwork, discipline, and focus required in football. For that I appreciate it very much!

Fun fact: I won two national championships playing for the Saskatoon Hilltops with my little brother, Brant.

#### Ty Pylypow Teacher



My family consists of myself and my partner Anna, as well as our new addition on January 1st, our daughter Ellis Pylypow, and our dog Sally.

I grew up in Saskatoon, SK and completed my post-secondary education at the University of Saskatchewan. My hobbies include spending time outdoors (camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, etc.) as well as playing recreational sports. Fun fact: I worked at a remote fly-in fishing lodge in northern Saskatchewan for 3 years before becoming a teacher.





#### Linda Peters Counsellor



My name is Linda Peters, and I am the school counsellor for Delisle Composite School. I am also a parent to three wonderful kids/adults: Julius(23), Emily (21), and Kendall(17). My daughters Kendall and Emily still live at home with me and their father Art. My oldest son Julius is 23 and got married this summer, so now our family also includes a wonderful daughter-in law Joelle. I started working at Delisle Composite School in the fall of 2013 and am in the school 3 - 4 days a week. When I am not at Delisle Composite School, you can find me at Delisle Elementary School or Pike Lake School. I grew up in Saskatoon and attended both the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina for my post-secondary education. I love working in Delisle because of how awesome the staff and students are that I get to work with and learn from every day. I am a city girl through and through, but I have learned so much about rural living from your kids! In my spare time I love to read, write, and pursue other creative endeavours like painting.

#### Chelsea Rolston Educational Assistant



My family...My husband Blake, our son Brin (11), our daughter Avaya (9), our son Burke (5), and our Border Collie Tucker

My childhood... Delisle. Born & raised!

My education... Delisle Elementary, Delisle Composite, SIAST Wascana (Dental Assisting)

My favorite... Hockey (I help coach Burke's team, manager for Avaya's team and just love to watch hockey as well!)

Fun fact about me...
I've been married to
my high school
sweetheart (Blake) for
going on 13 years. We
had started dating
when I was in grade 8
and he was in grade 9!
22 years ago!!

#### Ken Byers Teacher



My family... My partner Jen, my daughter Makenna, and my sons **Declan and Everett** My childhood...I grew up in the west side of Saskatoon. My education... I graduated from high school at Mount Royal and did my B.S.P.E., B. ED and Master of Education at the University of Saskatchewan. My favorite... Being a Dad is my favourite activity. I coach my kids in Flag football, Volleyball, Wrestling and Baseball. I like being active camping, playing sports, etc. Fun fact about me...I have travelled to 32 countries in 6 continents. Teams that I have coached have won six SHSAA provincial championships.

### Cherryl Schumacher Educational Assistant



My name is Cherryl Schumacher and I am an EA here at DCS.

My family is made up of my husband Ken, my sons Nick, Zach and Jake. Jake is married and I have an awesome Daughter-in-law, Kristin and a beautiful grandson, Watson. Watson is 9 months old and so much fun!! Our son Zachs' girlfriend Katie is also a big part of our family. We have a beautiful golden lab named Ace. He is our gentle giant. We also have Sako and Mila (our sons' dogs) as part of our family.

I grew up in Saskatoon. I went to Brevoort Park for elementary school and Walter Murray for High School.

I enjoy camping. We love to camp in BC and the northern Saskatchewan lakes. I enjoy gardening, going for walks, reading, playing with my Grandson and going to watch any sports that my kids are involved in. Fun fact about me: I love, love, love being a Grandma!!

#### Taylor Simonsen Teacher



My family... I am the youngest child in my family of 4 and have 1 older brother.

My childhood... I grew up in Hanley, SK.

My education... I went to school in Hanley Sk. Then completed my Education Degree at the University of Saskatchewan.

My favorite...In the winter I love to play hockey and I have also recently started coaching hockey. In the summer I love to spend time at the lake with my family.

Fun fact about me... I have been bungee jumping over the Pacific ocean off the coast in Mexico.

### Sandra Traynor Educational Assistant



My name is Sandra Traynor and I am an E.A. here at DCS.

My family...My family is made up of my husband Ken and my sons Scott (Sherry), Corey (Brittany) and my daughter Jeanelle (Dayton).

My Childhood...Harris

My education...Harris Tessier Central High and SIAST

My favorite hobby or sport...I love gardening, yard work, camping and travelling

Fun fact about me...I have always lived on a mixed grain/cattle farm.

#### Shawna Wirz Teacher



I am Shawna Wirz and a little bit about me is I grew up in Saskatoon, Tumbler Ridge, BC and Pike Lake. I graduated from DCS and then went on to the University of Saskatchewan for Education. I have made Vanscoy my home and I get to teach right here in the community I am a part of. My family consists of my husband Mike and daughter Kira along with 2 cats and a dog. I certainly enjoy the warmer seasons and enjoy spending time at Diefenbaker Lake in the summer. My main hobbies include running, walking with my dog, boating, fishing and golfing.

### Erin Hill Teacher



Who are you? Erin Hill - Sr Science and Outdoor Ed teacher - currently on maternity leave My family... Tyler (my partner) and I welcomed our daughter Emrsyn in Feb 2021. My childhood... I grew up on a farm outside of Vanscoy. My education... After graduating highschool at Delisle Composite I attended the University of Saskatchewan for my Bachelor of Education. My favorite... I love to be outside and I am happiest when I am moving. Fresh air and activity are my jam no matter the season (hiking, skiing, snowshoeing). My adventures looked a little different this year but I look forward to sharing this passion with my daughter.

I have always loved the "aha" moments of learning in my students and now I get to witness them in my daughter daily, this is probably by far my favorite thing.

Fun fact about me... I am not a fan of heights but really think going skydiving would be cool.

#### Barb Kielo Teacher



My family... Me, my husband Doug (trainer at Nutrien), Meagan (2nd year pharmacy at the U of S), Eryn (1st year Kin at the U of S), Mitchell (Grade 10)

My childhood... Grew up in Canora, SK

My education... Completed my Bachelor of Education at the U of S in 1994, and my Masters in Educational Administration at the U of S in 2014

My favorite... spending time at the lake in the summer

Fun fact about me... I was in Miss Teen Pageant when I was in Grade 12.

### Nichole Beausoleil Custodian



Happy New Year to ALL! My name is Nichole Beausoleil. To let you know a little about me as I spend a lot of time with your children, I have been with PSSD for approximately 9 years. I have driven bus, was an educational assistant on a colony and am presently a caretaker at the High School. I do not live in Delisle but have a short 25 minute commute to get here every day. I am also a mother of 4 amazing kids. When I am not at work I enjoy working my part time business, riding horses and relaxing by the fire.

### Faye Mooney Custodian



I have two daughters two, son-in-laws, 8 grandchildren 1 great granddaughter 1 great grandchild on the way in February and one husband.

I grew up in Eldersley SK.

Took my schooling in Tisdale.

My favorite thing to do is work in my yard in the summer.

Fun fact about me is that I love to stay home.

### Hello my name is

Delisle Composite
Staff