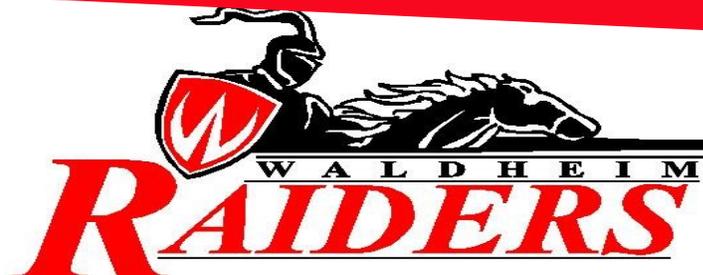


September, 2016

## WALDHEIM SCHOOL

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### From the Administrative Team

Welcome back Waldheim School Community! It is wonderful to see all of the students, staff, and parents around the school. Holidays are so much fun, but the start of a school year is so exciting. The students are excited to see their old friends and meet new ones. They are curious about what their new teacher is going to be like. Often they have some new clothes or school supplies. The teachers are full of energy and they are eager to get to know their students. It is a wonderful time of year.

Our school goals this year will once again center around literacy and student engagement. We have already had a staff meeting and we have started our learning journey. We are intent on working hard this year to improve how we teach to improve our students' learning. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff who are so passionate about building relationships with our students and providing the best possible learning for our students.

Our school now has a Twitter account. We will occasionally post events and activities that are happening at the school. Our account is @waldheim\_school. We will ensure that we follow the media coverage policy. Please feel free to follow our account. If you have any questions about our Twitter account please contact Mr. Mason or Mr. Mellesmoen. We are looking forward to seeing all of our students and parents at our meet the staff barbeque on Thursday, September 15. The food will be ready at 5:00. The teachers, E.A.s, and other support staff will be at the school and they are looking forward to meeting you or saying hi again. The proceeds from our barbeque will help us purchase books for our classroom libraries. Thank you in advance for coming out!

We would like to remind all students to use the crosswalk this year. We have 28 eager crosswalk guards signed up for this year. We have had some near misses over the past few years with students running across the street at other locations than the crosswalk. We train crosswalk guards to keep our students safe. Please help us keep all the students safe.

We want to remind everyone that all the doors to the school will be open in the morning starting at 8:40. This is also when our supervision begins. Our exterior doors will be locked throughout the school day. The only door that will be unlocked will be the door by the office. We require visitors to our school to check in at the office. We enjoy when you stop in and say hi and connect with us.

Chris Mason, Bruce Mellesmoen

#### DATES TO REMEMBER!

Sept 1 - First day of Classes!

September 5 - Labour Day, NO CLASSES!

September 14 - First day of Kindergarten (1/2 day)

September 15 - "Meet the Staff" barbeque (5:00-7:00)

September 16 - Prep Day for Teachers, NO CLASSES!

September 19 - Picture Day!

October 7 - Prep Day for Teachers, NO CLASSES!

October 10 - Thanksgiving Day, NO CLASSES!

October 20 - Elementary Carnival (4:30—6:30)

October 28 - Picture Retakes!



## 2016 – 2017 Waldheim School Staffing

Kindergarten 1 Kindergarten 2	Mrs. Kitchen Mrs. Fong		Industrial Arts	Mr. Friesen
Grade 1	Mrs. Smith		Home Economics	Mrs. Laskowski
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Lehmann		Home Economics	Mrs. Waugh
Grade 2/3	Mrs. McKay		Middle Years/High School SERT & Music Prep Coverage	Mrs. Lapierre
Grade 3	Mrs. Gaudet		Vice Principal	Mr. Mellesmoen
Grade 4	Mrs. Strasky		Principal	Mr. Mason
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Hardy		Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Corinne
Grade 5/6	Mr. Heidt		Educational Associate	Mrs. Redekopp
Grade 7	Mr. Shockey		Educational Associate	Mrs. Derksen
Grade 8	Mr. Block		Educational Associate	Mrs. Hinz
High School	Mrs. Plosz		Educational Associate	Ms. Klein
High School	Mrs. McLaren (Kirkup)		Educational Associate	Mrs. Fehr
High School and Learning Facilitator	Mr. Kitchen		Custodian	Mrs. Boschman
Elementary SERT and Learn- ing Facilitator	Mrs. Wilton		Assistant Custodian	Mrs. Hack

## Hours of Operation 2016-2017

### Div 3 & 4 (grades 7-12)

8:55 – 9:55

10:00- 11:00

11:05 -12:05

12:05 -12:45 NOON

12:50 – 1:55

2:00 – 3:04

### Div 1 & 2 (grades K-6)

8:55 – 10:30

10:30 – 10:45 Recess

10:45 – 12:05

12:05 – 12:45 NOON

12:50 – 3:04

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## When to Call Your Child's Teacher

It used to be that parents and teachers had set days and times for parent-teacher conferences, and communication outside the conference was rare. Thanks to e-mail, school websites and social networking sites, parents and teachers can communicate with each other more easily and frequently. Despite that, some parents are still reluctant to contact their child's teacher. Don't be! A quick conversation or e-mail exchange can solve simple misunderstandings, or make it clear that a longer, more formal conversation is needed.

Be sure to call your child's teacher if:

- You notice a change in your child's attitude toward school. A child who used to love going to school who now cries and fights getting on the bus may have trouble with some classmates or on the playground. Your child's teacher can help keep an eye out for something bigger going on. The teacher can also rely on school specialists like the guidance counselor for additional help if needed.
- The reading material being used at school or for homework seems consistently too hard or too easy for your child. To make the most progress, your child should be reading books with at least 90% accuracy. While some reading of very easy books is great for building confidence and reading speed, most readers also need some practice decoding new words. Books that are too difficult are frustrating for your child, and may not build any new reading skills.
- The comments on your child's paper are unclear to you. A teacher's notes in the margins of papers or on individual math problems often help parents understand what the teacher is trying to reinforce. For example, in math, your child's teacher may have a routine for teaching regrouping that she reinforces with certain notes. In writing, the teacher may expect certain words to be spelled correctly, while allowing invented spelling for other words.

A good working relationship between parents and teachers benefits everyone. It's best to begin your communication with the teacher, rather than calling the principal or the superintendent. Because your teacher has such close contact with your child, he or she will have the most information about a situation. Staying in touch, asking questions and heading off problems before they become too big are all ways to build a strong relationship.

## Want to Help Your Child Become a Better Reader?

As Mr. Mason shared in his principal's message, one of our learning goals this year is focused on *literacy*. Helping your students develop a love for reading starts early and there are many things you can do at home with your children to encourage this. Being a parent of four children (age 9, 6, and 3 year old twins) I understand how tough it is to find the time to sit down and read to or with your child, or even better, listen to them read. One trick that I've used with my 9 year old son is to have him read to me when I am driving him to swimming in Saskatoon. It's only a 15 minute drive, but in that time he can read what ever he likes and he has me as a captive audience. His favorite is the silly poems by Shel Silverstein.

I have included a [link](#) to a website that offers many other tips and ideas for reading with your kids. What I like about this site is the way the ideas are organized into young readers and older readers. Have a look and see what works for you and your children.

Happy reading!



Mr. Mellesmoen



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## Sharlene Smith...

Hello! My name is Mrs. Sharlene Smith and I am teaching grade 1 this year at Waldheim School. This is my seventh year of teaching. I have also taught elementary age students at Laird School and Blaine Lake School. I am thrilled to be teaching in Waldheim! Not only am I excited to be part of a wonderful school environment, but this will be the first time I will be teaching in the community in which I live. My family and I have lived in Waldheim for six years. I have a husband, Kevin, and two little girls named Sadie and Reese. I enjoy many hobbies within the areas of sports and music. I also love to read and spend time with family. I am looking forward to learning a lot this year and having a great time doing it!

## Bruce Mellesmoen....

I'm so excited to have this opportunity to introduce myself to the rest of the Waldheim School community. I've had a great time meeting your kids, even though I have only learned a few names so far. Along with my role as the vice-principal, this year I will be teaching grade 8 art, grade 9 physical education, and wellness 10 during semester one. In semester two I will be teaching geography 20 along with workplace mathematics 20 and 30.

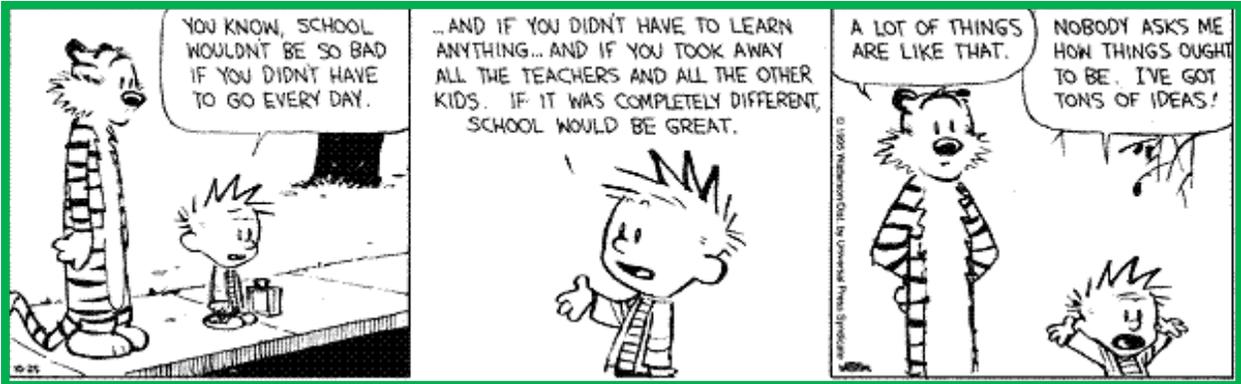
This year marks my 17th year as an educator and it seems like an eternity since starting my career in Young and Colonsay, teaching industrial arts at both of those schools. One of the highlights of my teaching career was the two years I spent teaching grade 4 in the Cayman Islands and it is not unusual for me to harken back to those days, especially during the frigid days of winter. For the past eight years I have been in the vice-principal role, spending four years at Langham Elementary followed by four years at Hepburn School.

My wife and I have lived in Martensville since 2006 where we are raising our four children Bobby, Eva, Charlie, and Maggie. Bobby is 9 years old and is in grade 4, Eva is 6 and is in grade 1, while the twins, Charlie and Maggie, are 3 and will be heading into pre-K; all of my kids attend Venture Heights School in Martensville. Outside of school, my life revolves around my kids and their activities, however I still take the rare opportunity to get out to the golf course or catch a sporting event on TV. If you are ever in the school, please pop into the office and say hi, I'd love to meet you!

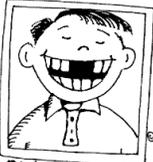
All the best in the 2016-17 school year.

## Tom Shockey...

Hello! My name is Tom Shockey and I will be teaching Grade 7, 8, and 9 this year at Waldheim School. I graduated from the College of Education at the U of S just this June, so this will be my first full year teaching! I have taught middle years at Clavet School and some in Saskatoon as well. I am originally from Vanscoy, having grown up on a farm. I am excited to be a part of the community at Waldheim and I already feel welcomed. Some of my hobbies include golf, hockey, exercise, fishing, football, and overall health and wellbeing. I look forward to meeting and getting to know as many people as I can while I'm here!



# September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Day A	2 Day B	3
4	5	6 Day C	7 Day D	8 Day E	9 Day F	10
11	12 Day A	13 Day B	14 Kindergarten first day! 1/2 day staggered! Day C (K1&2)	15 MEET THE STAFF BARBEQUE! 5:00-7:00 PM! Day D (No K)	16 Teacher Prep Day, NO CLASSES!	17
18	19  Picture Day! Day E (K1&2)	20 Day F (K2)	21 Subway sale forms due by 3:00 pm! Day A (K1)	22 Day B (K2)	23  Day C (K1)	24
25	26 Day D (K2)	27 Day E (K1)	28 Day F (K2)	29 Day A (K1)	30 Day B (K2)	

# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Day C (K1)	4 Day D (K2)	5 Day E (K1)	6 Day F (K2)	7 Teacher Prep Day, NO CLASSES!	8
9	10  Day A (K1)	11 Day B (K2)	12 Day C (K1)	13 Day D (K2)	14	15
16	17 Day E (K1)	18 Day F (K2)	19 Day A (K1)	20 Elementary Carnival (4:30- 6:30) Day B (K2)	21 Day C (K1)	22
23	24 Day D (K2)	25 Day E (K1)	26 Day F (K2)	27 Day A (K1)	28 Picture Retakes! Day B (K2)	29
30	31 Day C (K1)					