

## New Principal Announcements - Edson, Hinton and Niton Junction

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - Grande Yellowhead Public School Division is pleased to announce three new principal appointments for the 2020-21 school year.

### École Westhaven School (Edson)



Ms. Debra Boos has accepted the principal position at École Westhaven School in Edson. École Westhaven School serves 305 students, offering English and French Immersion programming from junior kindergarten to Grade 5. Ms. Boos joined the GYPSD team in 2015 as an administrator at Evergreen School before transitioning to Mary Bergeron Elementary in 2017 where she currently serves as Assistant Principal and Learning Support Teacher. Prior to moving into administration, Ms. Boos spent all of her 15+ years as an elementary school teacher in BC - working with grades k to Grade 7 - before returning to her hometown of Edson five years ago. Ms. Boos completed a Bachelor's Degree and Professional Teacher Training Program through Simon Fraser University (Burnaby) and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Gonzaga University (Washington). She has also completed the Alberta School Leadership Certification Program and Montessori Education Certification. She looks forward to working with amazing students, staff, and parents.

### Crescent Valley School (Hinton)



Mr. Rod Armstrong has accepted the principalship at Crescent Valley Elementary School in Hinton. Crescent Valley Elementary provides programming for 345 students from junior kindergarten to Grade 7. Mr. Armstrong brings an extensive background in Educational Administration from the Peel District School Board. His greatest contribution has been in helping students become responsible and respectful members of society. His focus is on building positive places to learn and work together. He is committed to providing a healthy, caring, and inclusive environment for students and staff. He believes that students achieve their best when they feel safe, nurtured, welcomed, engaged, respected, and included. Mr. Armstrong graduated with a Bachelor of Education Degree from the University of Alberta and holds a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) at the University of Toronto. He has additional training in Special Education, as well as experience at both the elementary and secondary levels. He looks forward to building and sustaining a culture of integrity and a school climate that supports students and welcomes engagement with the community.

### Niton Central School (Niton Junction)



Mr. Darran Lorne has accepted the principal position at Niton Central School in the Niton community. Niton Central School offers programming for 160 students from junior kindergarten to Grade 9. Mr. Lorne and his wife are returning to Alberta after three years working in the Middle East where he served as Superintendent/principal of a kindergarten to Grade 12 school. Mr. Lorne has been an administrator for most of his career and brings experience from all program levels. When he is not in school, he can be found at the gym, mountain biking, or snowboarding. The idea of living in Yellowhead County is a dream come true. Mr. Lorne looks forward to meeting the staff, families, and students at Niton Central School this September.