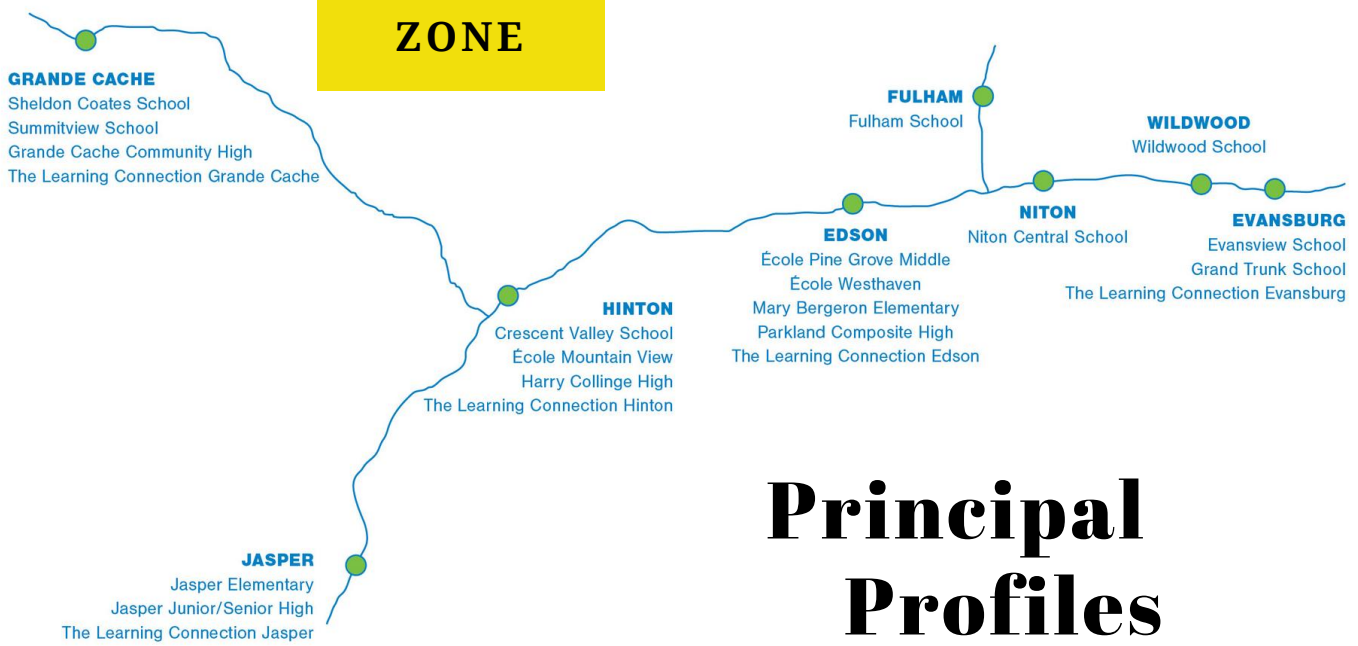


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Principal Profiles

At Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, we are proud of the individuals who lead our schools and share their passion and innovation with the staff and youth they interact with on a daily basis. A strong school leader is someone who leads and models learning, supports a collaborative and reflective learning community, and one who makes child-focused decisions. Here is a peek at those strong leaders in your community!

2023/2024



Jillian Hammer

Sheldon Coates
Elementary School
JK to Grade 3



Trina McKay

Summitview School
Grades 4 to 8



John Hammer

Grande Cache Community
High School
Grades 9 to 12
The Learning Connection
Grades 1 to 12

Jillian Hammer

Jillian has been teaching for 20 years; in Texas, North Dakota, Kansas and Alberta. This year marks her 15th year teaching in Grande Cache. She earned an associates degree in Agribusiness from Dickinson State University (2001), then a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, with a concentration in Music (2003) from University of North Dakota. Jillian is currently working on a Master degree with courses completed in Teaching English as a second language from Fort Hayes University. She has also presented at Teachers Conventions across the province. Over the years in Grande Cache she has been involved in Otters Swim Club, Figure Skating, Grande Cache Saddle Club, Chinook Riders, and the Grande Cache Fish and Game Club, helping to bring opportunities for our local youth. If she's not at school, Jillian can usually be found at the barn with her family and horses. Animals and outdoors are a huge part of her family's lives.



Trina McKay

Trina became the Principal at Summitview in 2022, after being the Assistant Principal since 2016. Her career began at Paddle Prairie School, where she taught Junior/Senior High (Gr. 7-12) Math and Junior High (Gr. 7-9) Science for one year. Trina moved to Grande Cache where she has taught Grade 7 and 8 Math, Grade 7 Science, been the Learning Support Teacher for the school, and coached volleyball. Trina grew up in the small town of Seal Cove White Bay, Newfoundland, and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and then moved onto receive her Bachelor of Education from Memorial University. During her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband Jordan, and two sons in their hobbies such as hockey, snowboarding, dirt biking and mountain biking. She also enjoys spending time with friends and family camping.

John Hammer

John became the Principal at Grande Cache Community High School and The Learning Connection in 2022. He had spent the previous nine years as the Principal at Summitview Middle School in 2013, following five years of service within the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division. His career began at Nimitz High School in Houston, Texas, where he taught Grade 10 and 11 students English Language Arts. He has also taught in North Dakota and Kansas before moving to Grande Cache in the fall of 2008 where he spent the next five years teaching Grade 8. John grew up in Starbuck, Minnesota, and received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota. He has started a Master's Degree in Teaching English as a Second Language out of Fort Hays, Kansas. John views literacy and numeracy as the foundation of academic progress, and this forms his leadership focus. John believes "Relationships are a key component of student and teacher success because students don't care about what you can teach them until they know how much you care about them." During his free time, he enjoys reading, fishing, hiking, hunting, dog training, and spending time with family.

