

Principal Profiles



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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!

2020/2021



Janaya Marshall

Fulham School
JK to Grade 6



Debra Boos

Ecole Westhaven
JK to Grade 5
English & French
Immersion Programs



Darcy Reynolds

Mary Bergeron
Elementary
K to Grade 5



Erin Murphy

Pine Grove Middle
Grades 6 to 8
English & French
Immersion Programs



Mark Maris

Parkland Composite High
Grades 9 to 12
The Learning Connection
Grades 1 to 12

Janaya Marshall

Janaya has proudly been at Fulham School for over 20 years - eight years teaching and the last twelve years as principal. She received her Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and her Masters in Educational Leadership from Walden University. Her favourite quote is from Winnie the Pooh: "Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart!". Janaya enjoys reading and walking to the lake, and cheering on her favourite curling and baseball teams.



Debra Boos

Debra became the principal of Westhaven School in 2020, following five years of leadership positions at Evergreen School and Mary Bergeron School within GYPSD. Her teaching career began in BC, where she taught Grades 1-7 for over 15 years. Before joining GYPSD, she taught at Don Titus (Public) Montessori school for Peace River South District #59 in Chetwynd, BC. Debra grew up in Edson and received her undergraduate degree from Simon Fraser University in BC. She earned her Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Gonzaga University (Washington) in 2013. Debra believes wholeheartedly in the saying, "it takes a village to raise a child". She is committed to supporting parents and staff to ensure that every child in the school has the opportunity to reach his or her highest level of achievement- academically, socially, and emotionally "we can do it... together!" During her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading, and being outside in nature.



Darcy Reynolds

Darcy has held many positions including teacher (every grade from 1-12), counselor, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and before coming to GYPSD, he was a superintendent of an Alberta accredited school division overseas. He grew up in Bonnyville, Alberta, and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alberta in Elementary Education with a specialization in music. He is a proponent of the importance of providing students with a balanced education that also includes a strong, inclusive, and vibrant fine arts program. Darcy earned his master's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Alberta in 2004, with a focus on the importance of story and relationship as key pieces of overall student achievement and school improvement. He enjoys coaching basketball, travelling, golfing, playing baseball – and is a loyal fan of the Dallas Stars, Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and the Boston Celtics.



Erin Murphy

Erin has proudly been the principal at Pine Grove for three years; prior to that, she was the assistant principal at Parkland Composite High School for five years. She earned her Bachelor of Arts at Concordia University College and Bachelor of Education at the University of Alberta, and both her Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma from the University of Calgary, with a specialization in math and inclusive education. Her teaching philosophy aligns with her personal goals of "Be the change you wish to see in the world" - Gandhi.



Mark Maris

Mark started at Parkland Composite High School as a student in 1980. After graduating he went off to Red Deer College and then the University of Alberta, where he earned his Bachelor of Education. He was very pleased to be hired back to his old high school directly from University. He spent the first part of his career involved in installing some of the first computers into classrooms at Parkland. He then moved to assistant principal for four years. Mark then pulled back from administration and focused his energy on the Physical Education department and raising his three sons. For the past four years, Mark has been the Principal at PCHS and loves the challenge of creating the best possible learning environment for his students and staff.

