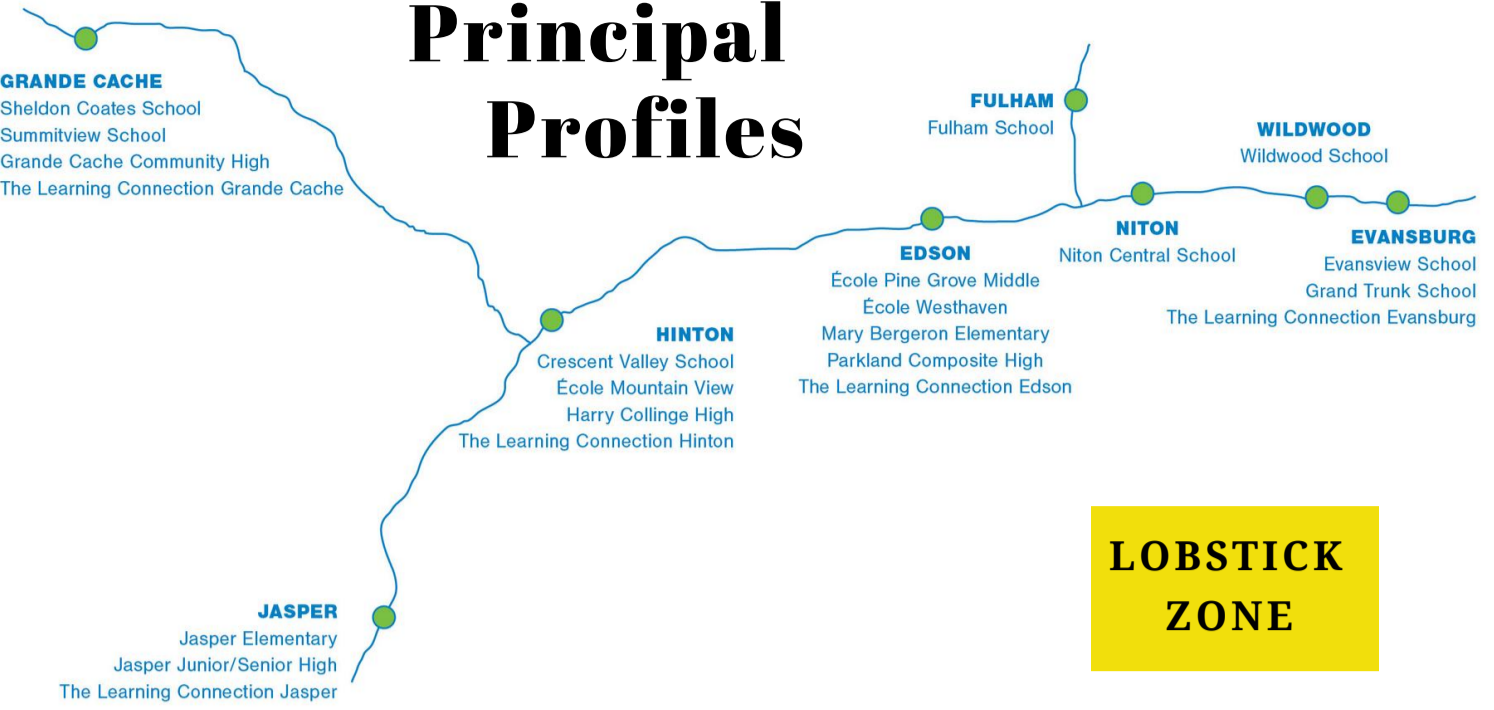


# Principal Profiles



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



**Bailey Benson**  
Niton Central School  
JK to Grade 9



**Stuart Graham**  
Wildwood School  
JK to Grade 6



**James Randall**  
Evansview School  
JK to Grade 6



**Heidi Zadderey**  
Grand Trunk High School  
Grades 7 to 12  
The Learning Connection  
Grades 1 to 12



## Bailey Benson

Bailey is pleased to return to Niton Central School as Principal! Bailey began her teaching career in 2014 in the Wildrose School Division. She then moved to GYPSD to Niton Central School where she was the Grade 2 teacher. Over the years, Bailey has taught grades one through eight in a variety of subjects. In 2018, she began her role as the Assistant Principal and Learning Support Teacher at Niton until she moved to École Pine Grove Middle School in Edson in 2021 as the Assistant Principal. She received her Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta where she specialized in middle years education, grades four through eight. She recently completed her Master of Education Degree at the University of Calgary for Educational Leadership. When not at school, Bailey enjoys being outdoors, visiting Vancouver Island, skiing, and spending time with her family on her acreage.



## Stuart Graham

Stuart started his career in 1993 as the Cooperative Education Coordinator for GYPSD. In 1996, he opened GYPSD's first outreach school and, over the next 15 years, he established, and was the Principal of, outreach schools in Hinton, Jasper, Grande Cache, and Evansburg, known as The Learning Connection (TLC). During that time, Stuart was involved with many initiatives ranging from the divisional level to the provincial and national levels. In 2019, Stuart was seconded to Alberta Education to the position of Complex Behaviour Needs Manager and he worked in that role until his return to GYPSD as the Principal of Wildwood School. Stuart has a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and in 2017, completed his Master of Education from the University of Calgary. Stuart has a firm belief in the importance of building strong connections with students, parents and the community. Stuart's philosophy of collaboration and working within a team approach, leads to shared leadership opportunities for staff and students. Transparency and open, honest communication are cornerstones to Stuart's approach and ensure strong relationships with all stakeholders, while always focused on students as the first priority. Stuart enjoys working in his garage and quality time with family and friends.

## James Randall

James started his career in 1994 working at Wildwood School. He left to work in southern Alberta for one year and then returned to GYPSD. He has worked in Niton Central School in Niton Junction, Pine Grove Middle School in Edson, Wildwood School and is currently the Principal of Evansview School. James has been a Principal at the elementary and middle school levels, and spent two years being Principal of two elementary schools - at the same time! He earned his Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta and his Master of Education degree, focusing on School Administration, from the University of Calgary. James believes and promotes a team approach in the school environments that he works in and encourages input from all stakeholders. Working in collaboration with parents, students, and staff provides the optimal learning environment, and achieves the strongest outcomes for students. Communication is key and providing honest and open communication allows all of the team members to understand and set the direction of the school and achieve the goals they set to ensure students are the ultimate winners. In his free time, James likes to play golf, work in his woodshop, and be with his family.



## Heidi Zadderey

Heidi began her teaching career in Golden Hills School Division and then moved to GYPSD in the fall of 2008 at Wildwood School where she was the AISI lead, Assistant Principal, and Learning Support Teacher. Heidi transferred to Niton Central School to teach her own daughter in junior high where she continued in the Learning Support Teacher role. Heidi then began her principalship at Evansview School in January of 2017. She loved the year and a half with Evansview staff and students and then became Principal of Grand Trunk in the fall of 2018 where she was able to continue the relationships with students and families from both Evansview and Wildwood schools. Heidi received her Bachelor of Education at the University of Alberta and is currently pursuing a master's degree, focusing on Interdisciplinary Studies, from the University of Calgary. She strongly believes that the culture of school impacts learning, and with a positive and innovative outlook, dives into new experiences for students with a collaborative team approach, encouraging input from all staff, students and community members. Strong relationships with all stakeholders are key for student success and open, honest, communication with a strong focus on students adds to the successful school culture. When not at school, Heidi can be found travelling to her children's and students' sports events, spending time near the ocean or mountains, and taking part in outdoor hiking adventures.