



DIVISION SCOLAIRE

LOUIS RIEL

SCHOOL DIVISION

LRSD RETIREMENT GALA

MAY 2024



ALAIN MICHALIK

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 32 years

Assignment(s): Teacher at Collège Louis-Riel, École Viscount Alexander, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé; ELA Consultant St. Vital School Division; Vice-Principal École Julie-Riel, Collège Béliveau; Principal École Marie-Anne Gaboury, Collège Béliveau, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé

Hobbies: Home renovations and woodworking, collecting (and eventually) selling whiskey and travelling.

A quote I live my life by is: It is what it is.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: About the first 30 seconds of most songs... I have an annoying habit of jumping from one song to the next.

Retirement in three words... Stress free living

Favourite memory of LRSD: Not so much LRSD, but in general, the relationships that I have formed over the years both as a teacher and Administrator in the Saint-Boniface School Division, Fort Garry School Division, St. Vital School Division and Louis Riel School Division have all left a lasting impression on me. But if there was one LRSD memory, it would have been part of the creation of a new school division and to see its growth over the last twenty years.



ANGELA BUNKOWSKY

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 19 years

Assignment(s): Windsor Park Collegiate

Hobbies: grandchildren, gardening, reading

A quote I live my life by is: Wisdom is knowing the right path to take. Integrity is taking it.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Joy to the World, Sweet Caroline, City of New Orleans

Retirement in three words... Freedom to choose

Favourite memory of LRSD: My days of coordinating and teaching in Successful Features at WPC - loved the students and what we accomplished



ANITA DEBUSSCHERE-BAZIN

Retired: December 31, 2023

Years of Service: 14 years

Assignment(s): Kindergarten Teacher

Hobbies: Pickleball, Camping, Travelling

A quote I live my life by is: Take care of your body. It is the only place you have to live.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Don't worry, be happy by Bobby McFerrin

Retirement in three words... Relaxation, leisure and freedom

Favourite memory of LRSD: Relationships with staff members



ANNALEE LAWRENCE

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 30 years

Assignment(s): Grades 1-6 French Specialist, K-6 Music Specialist, Grade 3/4 Classroom Teacher

Hobbies: Gardening, walking, enjoying the outdoors, piano, cooking

A quote I live my life by is: "You are all gifts."



A song I know all the lyrics to is: "Evergreen" Barbara Streisand in a Star is Born

Retirement in three words... recuperate. re-energize. relax.

Favourite memory of LRSD: Winter concerts at Island Lakes School and taking the "Island Singers" to sing at personal care homes.



ANNETTE MCLEOD

Retired: December 22, 2023

Years of Service: 15 years

Assignment(s): Admin, Secretary Dr. D. W. Penner

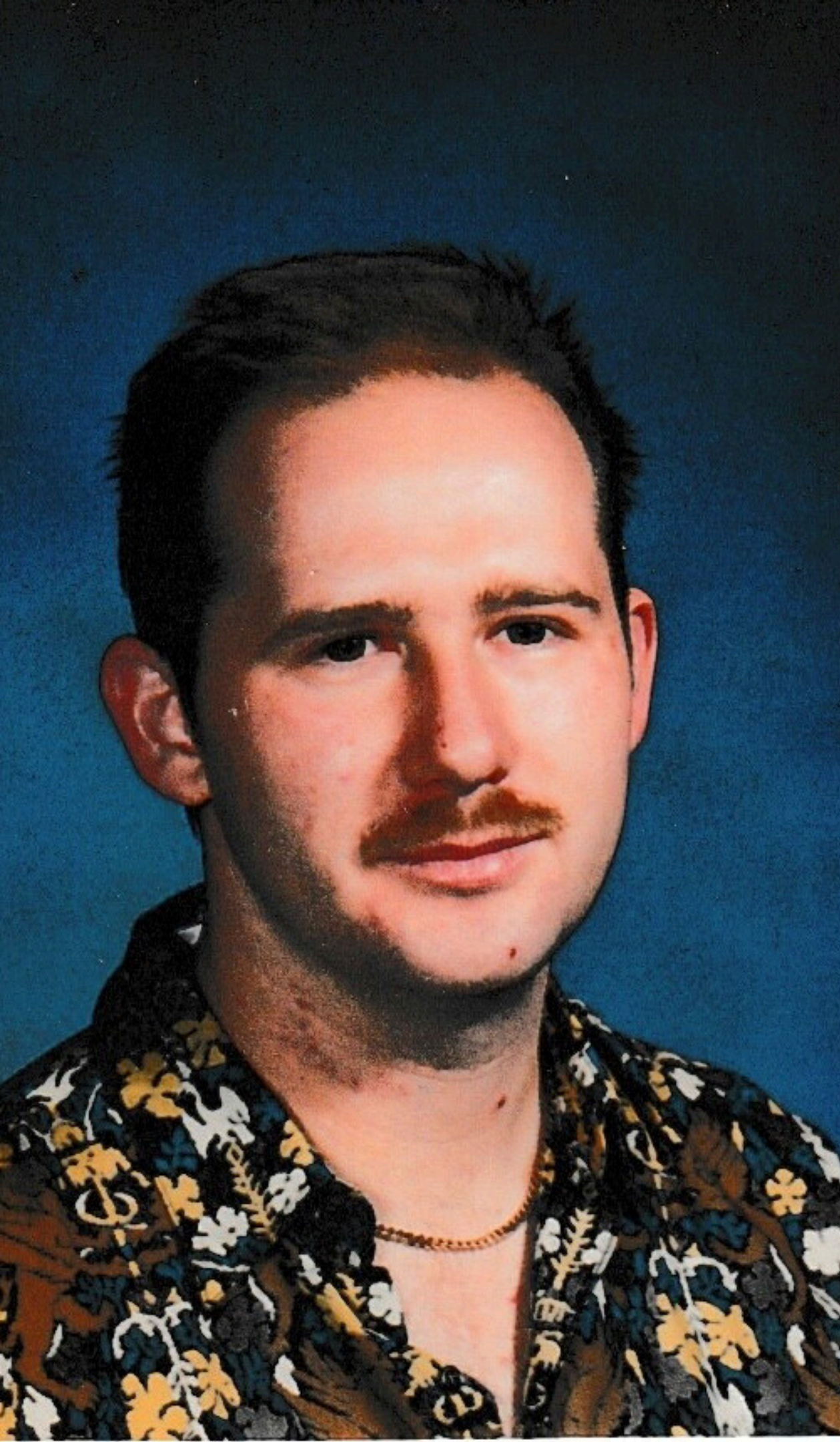
Hobbies: Aqua Fit, Knitting, Travelling, Going to Concerts

A quote I live my life by is: Always be kind. We do not know the struggles people face.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Jesse's Girl, Puppy Love

Retirement in three words... Freedom, time, peace

Favourite memory of LRSD: Watching the students grow



CARL ANTYMNIUK

Retired: April 30, 2024

Years of Service: 34 years

Assignment(s): Teacher - K/6, K/5, Grades 1, 4, 3/4, K/1, 1/2

Hobbies: Gardening, Canning, Traveling

A quote I live my life by is: The Golden Rule: Treat others the way you would want others to treat you.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Theme from Mahogany

Retirement in three words... Complete Freedom

Favourite memory of LRSD: Lifelong Friendships

CAROLE RONDEAU

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 30 years

Assignment(s): Classroom teacher, Student Services at Henri-Bergeron (5 yrs) CJS (6 yrs), Divisional Learning Team Teacher (6 yrs), Vice Principal Guyot (5 yrs)

Hobbies: Hiking any chance I get, biking and painting

A quote I live my life by is: Always walk through life like you have something to learn, and you will.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: None, I prefer to pretend like I know the lyrics, it makes for interesting conversations! Nursery rhymes would be the only compositions I remember all the words to. That's why I was in the right profession.

Retirement in three words... Family, travel and freedom

Favourite memory of LRSD: There are so many great memories as I've worked in several different roles. The willingness at all levels (teachers, admin and senior admin) to be bold enough to go all in with new initiatives (The writing project, the structured literacy learning, numeracy).



CHARLENE GRENIER

Retired: December 1, 2023

Years of Service: 10 years

Assignment(s): Special Educational Assistant at Nordale,
Dr. D. W. Penner & Marion School

Hobbies: Reading and Ghost Hunting

A quote I live my life by is: Always do your best

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Oh Canada

Retirement in three words... Rest and relaxation

Favourite memory of LRSD: The staff



CONNIE STANLEY

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 32+ years

Assignment(s): Nordale - K, 1, 5 & 6, Archwood - 2-8 Basic FR & 4, 5, 6, 7/8 multi-age, Highbury- K, Marion- 7/8 Music/World Cultures, VP, SS, Windsor - K, Teacher Librarian, SS, VP, Frontenac - VP, SS, Samuel Burland - VP/SS, Niakwa Place - VP/SS, General Vanier - VP/SS, Samuel Burland - SS

Hobbies: Swimming, reading, puzzling, gardening, travelling, and construction projects.

A quote I live my life by is: "Life is all about how you handle "Plan B days". It is the "Plan B days" where we are most reflective and learn the most.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: This is the song that never ends, yes it goes on and on my friends....

Retirement in three words... Exploration, Adventures and Hobbies

Favourite memory of LRSD: I have many fond memories of LRSD. Mostly, I will always remember my colleagues who were my role-models and mentors. They had faith in my ability to teach, and lead.



DARLENE FLETT

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 35 years

Assignment(s): Teachers Grades 4-12, Student Services, Divisional Positive Behaviour/Autism Support Team, Learning Team and VP

Hobbies: Gardening, constructing, art

A song I know all the lyrics to is: I can't think of one but I do know the lyrics to many songs.

Retirement in three words... opportunity, choice, family

Favourite memory of LRSD: the opportunity to learn and grow skills



DIANE MAMCHUR

Retired: December 22, 2023

Years of Service: 9 years

Assignment(s): Educational Assistant Special Needs

Hobbies: Photography, Travelling, Cooking, Hiking

A quote I live my life by is: All dreams are within reach. All you have to do is keep moving towards them.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Livin On a Prayer

Retirement in three words... Time for Me

Favourite memory of LRSD: When a student in kindergarten called me a Superhero.



DIANE THERIAULT

Retired: August 23, 2023

Years of Service: 33 years

Assignment(s): Educational Assistant

Hobbies: Reading, Cooking

A quote I live my life by is: "Lead from the heart not the head."

A song I know all the lyrics to is: "Alouette"

Retirement in three words... Fantastic, relaxing, peaceful

Favourite memory of LRSD: Working with the little ones



EILEEN FINDLAY

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 23 years

Assignment(s): Educational Assistant

Hobbies: Walking, Reading, Spending time in Assiniboine Park

A quote I live my life by is: If there is one thing you can be in this lifetime, be kind. Find one person every day that you can lift up in some small way.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: as a singer... SO many to just pick one, but a favourite.. Try a Little Kindness by Glen Campbell

Retirement in three words... Time with granddaughters.

Favourite memory of LRSD: My friendships with the people I was so lucky to meet and work beside over the years.



GISELE LAVIGNE

Retired: March 26, 2024

Years of Service: 33 years

Assignment(s): Custodial Aide

Hobbies: Casino, granddaughters, restaurant outings..

A song I know all the lyrics to is: "Sweet Caroline" Neil Diamond

Retirement in three words... daily Costco runs

Favourite memory of LRSD: Lifetime friendships with former colleagues



HEATHER JULIUS

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 29 years

Assignment(s): Student Services, Early Literacy, MML

Hobbies: Yoga and cooking

A quote I live my life by is: "You do not find the happy life. You make it."

A song I know all the lyrics to is: "Bright Side of the Road" - Van Morrison

Retirement in three words... "Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else."
Fred Rogers

Favourite memory of LRSD: I loved all the learning! Life long learning! I was given so much opportunity to learn new things and put them into my daily practice! Priceless!



HEATHER LEGARY

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 34 years

Assignment(s): 10 years - music & band teacher (Archwood & Nordale), 23 years - classroom teacher (Archwood & Island Lakes)

Hobbies: Music, photography, pottery, travel

A quote I live my life by is: Make new friends, but keep the old.
One is silver, and the other gold.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Another Suitcase in Another Hall

Retirement in three words... Time to travel!

Favourite memory of LRSD: The many kind people I've met.



JANICE COPSEY

Retired: July 2, 2024

Years of Service: 29 years

Assignment(s): Procurement for the Division & training on Financial Software (purchasing). Hired as trainer and support for the Student Program within St. Boniface School Division.

Hobbies: Gardening, spending time with my dogs and cat, being outdoors in summer, lunch with friends, researching on the net for health-related things.

A quote I live my life by is: "Speak for those who cannot speak for themselves."

A song I know all the lyrics to is: "How Great Thou Art" and "If I Can Dream"

Retirement in three words... Freedom, Travel, Final Years with Dogs

Favourite memory of LRSD: All the LRSD friends I have made over the years and the people I have worked with.



JOANNE DUMAS

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 31 years

Assignment(s): Specialist Teacher, Human Ecology

Hobbies: Art, Ribbon Skirt Maker, Beading

A quote I live my life by is: Métis Proud

A song I know all the lyrics to is: A lot! Seventeen by Stevie Nicks, a favourite

Retirement in three words... Un grand succès!

Favourite memory of LRSD: Smiles and students



JOANNE LEMOINE

Retired: December 21, 2023

Years of Service: 9 years

Assignment(s): Educational Assistant

Hobbies: Golfing, pickleball, fitness, gardening

A quote I live my life by is: I am retired... I do what I want!

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Shania Twain "Man I feel like a women"

Retirement in three words... Yoga, Pilates, Zumba

Favourite memory of LRSD: Working with students with special needs and celebrating their milestones and success in their learning.



JOYCE HAIKO

Retired: June 30, 2023

Years of Service: 26 years

Assignment(s): EA at Archwood, Island Lakes, Shamrock, Victor Mager, Niakwa, H.S. Paul, Nordale

Hobbies: Sewing, puzzling, reading, watching soccer/tennis and now playing Pickleball!

A quote I live my life by is: They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength!

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Oh Canada!

Retirement in three words... choices, trying new things, volunteering

Favourite memory of LRSD: Building special relationships with some students in Shamrock and Niakwa Place and knowing I was a part of their learning journey.



KAREN CHUBEY

Retired: February 2, 2024

Years of Service: 34+ years

Assignment(s): Switch board reception/international homestay & EA

Hobbies: Reading, going to the lake, spending time with my family especially my granddaughters

A quote I live my life by is: Life is too short! Enjoy the moment.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Country Roads

Retirement in three words... Best Life Ever

Favourite memory of LRSD: Having the good fortune to work with some many wonderful people.



KELLY MCDONALD

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 19.5 years

Assignment(s): Early Years

Hobbies: Hiking, gardening, reading

A quote I live my life by is: If your problem seems too big, then maybe you're thinking too small.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Hokey Pokey

Retirement in three words... seeking new adventures

Favourite memory of LRSD: Teaching throughout the pandemic



KERA LEASK PRYMAK

Retired: August 31, 2023

Years of Service: 35 years

Assignment(s): Lavallee, Hastings, Dakota Collegiate, (S.W.E.E.P.; Supported Work Experience & Employment Program), St. George (20+ years), Highbury

Hobbies: being at the lake, boating, fishing, gardening flowers, walks with my dog Harley, snuggle time with my dog & cat Skye

A quote I live my life by is: "Let go, let god." My mom would remind my sister, brother and I of this often.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Many, although my favourite song right now is "Confetti"

Retirement in three words... No alarm clock

Favourite memory of LRSD: My first day at Lavallee with Teacher Mark Singleton, we were taking our students on a "Life Skills Outing", grocery shopping. My students & I were talking by the oranges, 1 of my students started whipping oranges through the air. There were oranges flying everywhere. A manager ran over. Mortified I started crying, explaining it was my first day. Over the PA "If there is a Mark Singleton in the store please come to product dept."



LEANNE JUER

Retired: March 1, 2024

Years of Service: 6 years

Assignment(s): Administrative Secretary

Hobbies: Gardening and stain glass

A quote I live my life by is: "Into the garden I go, to lose my mind and find my soul."

A song I know all the lyrics to is: O Canada

Retirement in three words... A new adventure.

Favourite memory of LRSD: Working with caring people.



LISA BUCHANAN

Retired: June 30, 2024

Years of Service: 33 years

Assignment(s): Grade 3/4 H. S. Paul School, Grades 5, 6, 7 at Victor Wyatt School

Hobbies: I enjoy reading, going for walks, travelling, spending time in my backyard and at the lake.

A quote I live my life by is: The best things in life are the people we love, the places we've been, and the memories we've made along the way.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Don't stop believing

Retirement in three words... Fun, Freedom, Travel

Favourite memory of LRSD: H.S. Paul staff going to Alfredo's cabin... fun weekend of laughs, collegiality, campfires and fireworks.



LORI BASTNESS

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 26 years

Assignment(s): Clinical Services/ Speech- Language Pathology

Hobbies: Art (drawing, painting), decorating, reading

A quote I live my life by is: Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself in your way of thinking. Marcus Aurelius

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Bad Bad Leroy Brown - Jim Croce

Retirement in three words... Change, flexibility, adventure!

Favourite memory of LRSD: Big Memories - getting a computer for work (St. Boniface), working through COVID, Indigenous learning opportunities



MARC POIRIER

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 27 years

Assignment(s): Teacher, Vice-Principal & Principal

Hobbies: Woodworking, biking, Hockey!

A quote I live my life by is: Children don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Happy Birthday!

Retirement in three words... The next step!

Favourite memory of LRSD: Making connections with students, staff and parents!



MARYANNE DEBARTOLO

Retired: June 30, 2023

Years of Service: 16 years

Assignment(s): Educational Assistant - Special Needs, Frontenac,
Glenwood, Sage Creek

Hobbies: Singing, crocheting, jigsaw puzzles

A quote I live my life by is: If it's worth doing, it's worth doing to
the best of your ability.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Haha ! Too many to list.

Retirement in three words... Sing, dance, relax

Favourite memory of LRSD: I feel blessed to have had so
many beautiful little souls touch my life.



MICHAEL GORDON

Retired: April 30, 2024

Years of Service: 33 years

Assignment(s): Electronics & Automotive Teacher at Dakota

Hobbies: Woodworking

A quote I live my life by is: "Everyone deserves respect."

A song I know all the lyrics to is: "Wish you were here" - Pink Floyd

Retirement in three words... Exciting, scary, sad

Favourite memory of LRSD: My students



MICHAEL LACZKO

Retired: January 8, 2024

Years of Service: 7 years

Assignment(s): Educational Assistant

Hobbies: Golf, pickleball and board games.

A quote I live my life by is: "Don't sweat the small stuff."

A song I know all the lyrics to is: "Bad, Bad" - Leroy Brown

Retirement in three words... 40 years working in education

Favourite memory of LRSD: Work experience with my students at the Bistro



MICHELE CASEY

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 26 years

Assignment(s): St. George - Kindergarten, Victor Wyatt - Grade 1/2, Grade 7-9 French

Hobbies: Kayaking and most things to do with water. Caving. Travelling. Hiking. Gardening

A quote I live my life by is: "For me, becoming isn't about arriving somewhere or achieving a certain aim. I see it instead as forward motion, a means of evolving, a way to reach continuously toward a better self. The journey doesn't end." Michelle Obama

A song I know all the lyrics to is: "Bittersweet Symphony" The Verve
Retirement in three words... Choices. Adventure. Time.

Favourite memory of LRSD: I have many great memories of my time in this division! Being part of a dynamic, positive group of coworkers has been enriching for me. The laughs and pranks our staff has pulled off have been amazing! Watching students grow and develop over their first year of school has been a pleasure. I have truly enjoyed my time here!



MICHELLE HUTLET

Retired: January 5, 2024

Years of Service: 19 years

Assignment(s): Student Records at Nelson McIntyre Collegiate

Hobbies: Enjoy crafting and reading

A quote I live my life by is: Every day is a Saturday!

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Too many country rock songs to count

Retirement in three words... No set schedule!

Favourite memory of LRSD: so many memories of NMC and the staff over all the years.



MURRAY CURTIS

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 15 years

Assignment(s): High School Industrial Arts, mainly in Electronics, Drafting and Musical Theatre

Hobbies: Woodworking, Jujitsu, and spending time at the cabin.

A quote I live my life by is: Live without regrets

A song I know all the lyrics to is: "Journey's Open Arms"

Retirement in three words... Relaxing at cabin

Favourite memory of LRSD: Working with kids in Musical Theatre



NANCY GEORGE-ARIANO

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 35 years

Assignment(s): Grades 5-9 Human Ecology

Hobbies: reading, running, cooking

A quote I live my life by is: Family and friends are the most important things in life.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Dancing in the Moonlight.

Retirement in three words... reconnect, relax, explore

Favourite memory of LRSD: During the Pandemic I was reassigned to teach grade 3/4 and had never taught anything other than Home Ec. As stressful as it was, this incredible group of students taught me that caring and compassion are imperative in the classroom.



PETER CAPAR

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 24 years

Assignment(s): Industrial Arts Teacher - Glenlawn; travelled to Lavallee, Windsor Park, Victor Wyatt, Highbury, Nelson McIntyre & Island Lakes

Hobbies: gardening, hiking, running

A quote I live my life by is: Today is the first day of the rest of my life...

A song I know all the lyrics to is: None

Retirement in three words... Best job ever!

Favourite memory of LRSD: Participating in the Industrial Arts Mall Display at St. Vital Centre



SHARIDA HOSEIN

Retired: December 20, 2023

Years of Service: 21 years

Assignment(s): Educational Assistant

Hobbies: Gardening and baking

A quote I live my life by is: Shoot for the moon, if you miss at least you'll land among the stars

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Summer of Sixty-Nine - Bryan Adams

Retirement in three words... Fun, freedom, vacations

Favourite memory of LRSD: Working in Lisa Buchanan's classroom. We had a lot of fun working together.



SHIRLEY-ANN FRASER

Retired: December 22, 2023

Years of Service: 9 years

Assignment(s): IPSA, Grades 2-7 as an educational assistant

Hobbies: Knitting, beading, photography

A quote I live my life by is: Take life one day at a time.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: "Take me home country roads"

Retirement in three words... A new adventure.

Favourite memory of LRSD: Snowman Jam



SUSAN CAMPBELL

Retired: October 9, 2023

Years of Service: 9 years

Assignment(s): Educational Assistant K-8

Hobbies: Baking, shopping trips with my girlfriends

A quote I live my life by is: Everything is done with a heart full of kindness

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Only children's songs

Retirement in three words... Peaceful, fun, exciting

Favourite memory of LRSD: Too many to chose just one.



SUZANNE GUIGNÉ

Retired: February 15, 2024

Years of Service: 18 years

Assignment(s): Educational Assistant for Special Needs

Hobbies: Kint, weave, sing

A quote I live my life by is: Joie de vivre.

A song I know all the lyrics to is: O Canada!

Retirement in three words... Time with grandchildren

Favourite memory of LRSD: Working with Hélène Moore who is my colleague and became my best friend.



SUZANNE MORITZ

Retired: June 28, 2024

Years of Service: 34.6 years

Assignment(s): Grade 5/6 Teacher

Hobbies: Reading, Baking, Walking, Travelling

A quote I live my life by is: "It is what it is"

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Celebration

Retirement in three words... Time for ME

Favourite memory of LRSD: Planning and taking a group of grade 5 & 6 students to Edmonton for a music conference



TANIS SHEMELUK

Retired: June 30, 2023

Years of Service: 37 years

Assignment(s): Head Custodian at Dr. D. W. Penner

Hobbies: Sewing, writing, art

A quote I live my life by is: Such is life

A song I know all the lyrics to is: Lost Boy

Retirement in three words... Not as expected

Favourite memory of LRSD: Becoming the Head Custodian at E.S.C.S