

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF



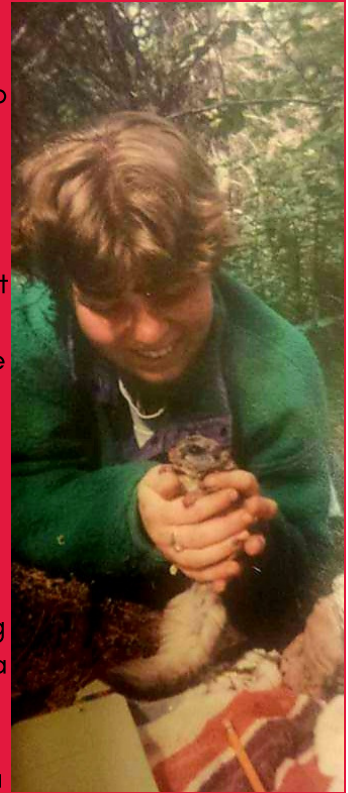
Shane Onraet was born in Winnipeg in a blizzard and grew up in Swift Current. Shane started teaching in Vanguard and then moved to Kincaid Central School, where he has been for the last 23 years. Shane's family includes three adult children who live in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. He is a proud grandfather of two and enjoys spending time visiting with his family. Shane became an educator as he had amazing teachers that inspired him to work with youth and he has never looked back! He is a graduate of the University of Lethbridge and received his masters at the University of Regina in Leadership. Something you might not know about Shane is that he has jumped out of an airplane, with a parachute, more than once!



Mark Dunne started working for Prairie South 16 years ago as a Computer Technician and moved into his present role as a **Network Administrator** 15 years ago. Mark grew up in Guernsey and went to Elementary

School in Geurnsey and High School in Lanigan. He attended the University of Saskatchewan for one year then went to Saskatoon Business College where he received his computer administration diploma with honours. Mark's first job was as a summer student working for the Village of Guernsey cutting grass and assisting with minor road repairs. Mark's wife, Lori, also works for Prairie South Schools as an Accounting Technician and together they have a son, Toby, who is in Grade 3. The main reason Mark applied for the Computer Technician job with the legacy Moose Jaw Public School Division is he was on his honeymoon in Moose Jaw and really liked the City. If they hadn't honeymooned in Moose Jaw, he would never have considered moving here. In the summer you'll find Mark and his son Toby enjoying family time at Madge Lake. Lori will be with them - she just won't be enjoying it as much as Mark and Toby!

Heather Adams is a **Library Associate** and **Bus Driver** for **Mortlach School**. She grew up in Calgary (Cal-gry) and is a Flames fan. Heather's first job was for Flower Wholesaler where she processed flowers and plants to sell to florists. But don't let that fool you - she can't keep a plant alive to save her life. Heather attended College in Northern BC and received her Forestry Diploma at the U of A and has a BSc Environmental Science, MSc Forest Biology and Management. Before attending University, Heather worked on a flying squirrel research project in Northern BC. She lived in an old railway car on the side of a



mountain in the summers where she baited live traps with peanut butter and oats! When she'd catch a flying squirrel, she put a radio collar on it and a numbered tag and took measurements, including taking poo samples. Throughout the winter she tracked the radio signals on snowshoes and skis to mark and locate nests then collected data on the nesting habitats the following summers. In Heather's first year in the library 5 years ago, she got a papercut from a book, which she was teased about relentlessly until it turned out she got streptococcus bacteria from that papercut! She was in the hospital and on IV for 2 weeks and needed surgery to reduce the swelling. Two months after that, she fell down the stairs at church and broke her ankle. Heather has three awesome kids aged 12, 11 and 9 and her Shepherd Rottweiler mix, Max, who is 2 years old. Her hobbies include laundry, dishes, refereeing the Xbox and family trips to Panorama, BC.



ÉCOLE GRAVELBOURG SPOTLIGHT

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École Gravelbourg School officially opened on October 18, 2016. This new school was formed by uniting the two legacy schools of Gravelbourg Elementary and Gravelbourg High into one building. An addition was designed and built onto the existing High School Structure which provides space for all students from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 to learn and grow under one roof.

École Gravelbourg School is proud to include 262 students from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. The French Immersion Program has 147 Students and 115 Students are enrolled in the English Program. The dedicated staff includes 19 teachers, 11 educational assistants, a library associate, an administrative assistant, and two facility personnel.



40+ Years In the Making

A proud tradition carried on at ÉGS is the Annual Oratory Competition; held in both French and English. Every January students grades K-8 study to memorize and present poems. Students compete within their classrooms for the honour of competing at the school competition. Each year the top two entries from each grade are sponsored to enter the Gravelbourg Music Festival, where they represent themselves and our school.



Grade 6 ELA Class having a Book Tasting.

La Dictée P.G.L.

For the last 14 years ÉGS has had students participate in La Dictée P.G.L.; a national and international spelling competition. We have had students compete at both levels showing their mastery of spelling in the French language. Mme Pouteaux has represented our school in interviews on Radio Canada to promote both our school and this competition.



Grade 9 Students Mummifying Hot Dogs in Sciences humaines 9

Ring In The Season



ÉGS is proud to own a set of concert quality hand bells. Mrs. Goepen-Bourgeois not only conducts a Student Hand Bell Club, but she has also taken the staff under her "Hawk Wing" and runs a Staff Hand Bell Club as well. This Staff Group is referred to as Mrs. G-B and the Ding-a-Lings! It is fair to say the students often listen better than the teachers during practice.

École Gravelbourg School is the proud home of the Hawks. Our Mascots are Hawk cousins, Screech and Griffe. ÉGS is proud to offer many extra-curricular activities including cross-country, track and field, volleyball, curling, basketball, badminton, GSA, Japanese Club, Cooking Club, Canteen, SRC, Knitting Club and many other student activities and events that are supported by our staff and community members.

