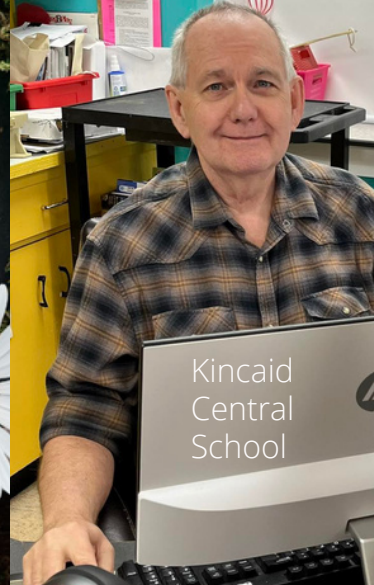
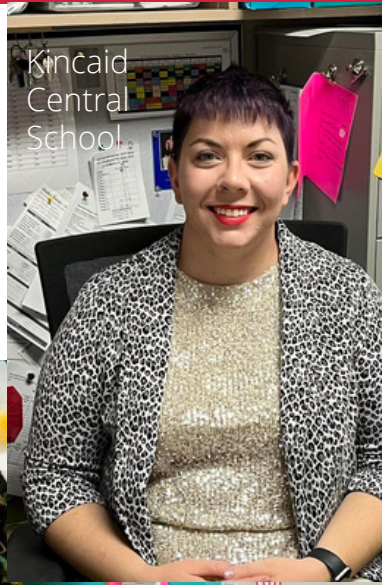


# Connections

## Newsletter

*We have amazing administrative professionals who work hard to keep our schools and division office running smoothly. Thank you for your dedication!*



# ROSE VALLEY COLONY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

If you travel south on #36 Highway, you'll see the sign for Rose Valley Colony on your left, just before you reach #13 Highway! Rose Valley Colony School is at the very south end of the colony, overlooking (now) green pastures and rolling hills!



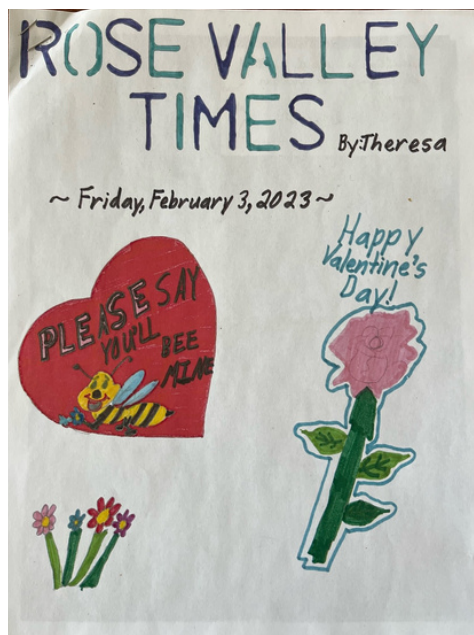
Rose Valley Colony started in 1984 when they split from Baildon Colony; since then, the one room school has been in operation and seen many students and teachers come through the doors!



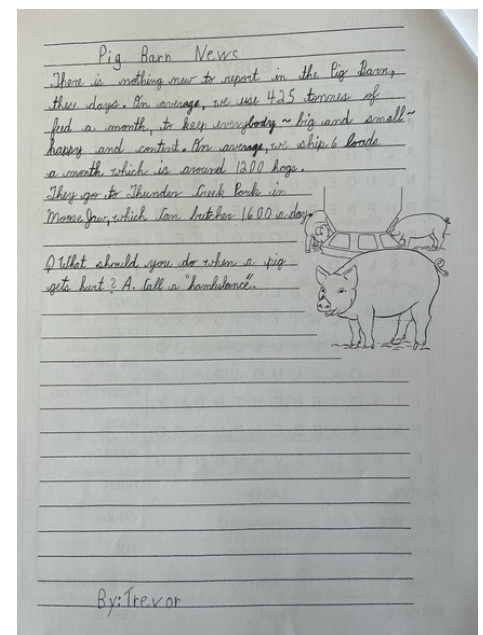
Currently, they have 10 students from grades 1-8! Jessie Karst and Deanna Saulters teach all subjects for each grade so it keeps them very busy, but it is very rewarding! As with all schools, the kids love recess and Phys. Ed., which they mostly have outside since they don't have a gym! They have special days such as Science Fairs, World Fairs, Christmas Concerts, End-of-Term meals, etc. just like other schools!

Unlike non-colony schools, the kids eat lunch in the kitchen and are supervised by the German Teacher. Jessie and Deanna get their delicious, hot lunches delivered to the school, each day, as well as baking on Wednesdays, freshly baked bread and buns on Fridays, fresh eggs whenever they need them and an abundance of veggies in the fall! They are, thoroughly, spoiled!

Another difference from other schools is that their students finish school when they turn 15; some during their Grade 8 year and some in Grade 9, depending when their birthdays are. As with everyone who graduates from school, they are more than ready to enter the workforce which they do, here, on the colony!



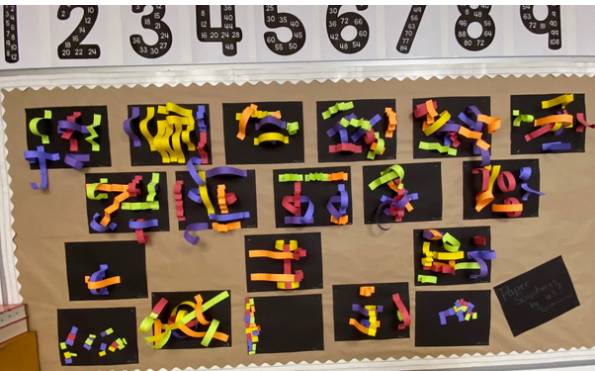
Rose Valley has become somewhat famous (among the colonies) for their monthly newspaper - "The Rose Valley Times!" The kids write all about what's happening in school and on the colony - with their very neat printing and cursive writing - and they include word searches, colouring pages, etc., as well as a Scavenger Hunt which the colony members do, and submit, to win a prize! The last person's name to be picked, wins!! It's lots of fun!



This is Deanna's ninth year at the colony and she plans to be there for a few years, yet! Jessie, Sam Jr. (the German Teacher) and Deanna work together with their superintendent, Dustin, to ensure that their students get the best education possible in their school career. It's a great place to be!

# HURON COLONY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Huron Colony School is located approximately 10 km north of Brownlee, along Highway 42. They currently have 11 students from kindergarten to grade 8. Their days are filled with learning Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies, Health, and Arts Ed. They like to get outside as much as possible, taking walks around the Colony to learn about the different jobs necessary for the Colony to function. On their last walk down to the barn to see the calves, they saw one that was 5 minutes old (this may have been more exciting for the teacher to see than the students)! Soccer and baseball are favorite activities to play during recess and Phys Ed, and games can become very competitive.



They have welcomed community members into the school in many different ways. Muffin Mornings are an opportunity for parents to see what their children have been learning, in addition to the regular Student-Led Conferences. They also practiced and performed a Christmas Concert and held a Farewell celebration for one of the Grade 8 students, which included performing a Reader's Theatre. A special guest they've had to the school is Ms. Newman, who taught them all about making pottery and helped each student make something out of clay.



# VANGUARD COLONY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Vanguard Colony School is 170 km southwest of Moose Jaw. We are a Lehrerleut Colony.

The Colony has 72 people living on it. They work together to run the colony. They are a cooperative society. It is a very busy colony.

They farm, have two big chicken barns - 2500 chickens in each barn! There is also a dairy barn, pig barn, and a gigantic garden. The garden feeds the colony and they take their wonderful produce to Market Gardens.



The school is a grade 1-8 school. Currently there are three students: grades 1, 3 and 8. At this point they are an all girl school.

The kids have German school in the morning, then English school. After English school they have German school again. They also have German school on Saturdays - a lot of school!

The girls love to read, play board games and do art.

# Get to Know Our Staff

Heather Rauscher grew up in Indian Head, Saskatchewan. She attended elementary & high school in Indian Head and later attended the U of S and convocated with a B.Sc. in Biology, a B. Ed and her Master's in



Educational Psychology and Special Education. Heather's first job was waitressing at the Chez Ray Café in high school! She has worked for Prairie South since convocating with her B. Ed in 2003. She was a substitute teacher, classroom teacher, student support teacher, student support consultant and is currently the Principal at Huron Colony School. Heather and her husband are raising two sons, both currently attending Sunningdale School. They keep them busy getting them to and from their extra-curricular activities. They also have three Siamese cats, and a dog who is happiest when she's playing outside. Heather spends most of the summer outside in the backyard, tending to her garden and flower beds. She attends Bojutsu classes with her youngest son and is a member of the Moose Jaw Adult Concert Band. She also enjoys reading and walking her dog. Her favourite vacation spot is anywhere with mountains, fresh air and places to hike. An Alaskan cruise last summer was a definite favourite and they are headed back there this summer with the kids!

Sharon Andrew is the Principal at Vanguard Colony School. She was born in Ontario and moved to Saskatoon when she was young. Sharon has also lived in Mexico (for grade 7) and in Arizona (for grade 8). She moved back to Saskatoon for high school and attended Aden Bowman Collegiate. Sharon received her Education Degree in Saskatoon. Her first teaching job was at Kincaid School in 1980. She moved to Aneroid and taught part-time until that school closed and then she moved back to Kincaid. She moved to Vanguard Colony School where she has remained for 15 years! An interesting fact about her teaching career – she's been in the same area yet has worked for 3 different school divisions – Wood River, Golden Plains and now Prairie South! Sharon has been married to Kirk, a retired farmer, for 39 years. Together they have three children. Their oldest Jackie is a teacher in Gull Lake. Brandy is a nurse in Swift Current and their son, Joe, works at the Viterra Elevator in Gull Lake. She doesn't have any grandchildren ... yet! Sharon enjoys reading on her deck at the lake, cooking, and eating smoked ribs that her husband cooks on his smoker! If you need to find Sharon, she lives at Lac Pelletier but has a house in Aneroid. They loved the lake life so much they forgot to go home!



Deanna Saulters was born in Assiniboia, some 59 years ago, and raised on a farm in the Davyroyd District (about 15 miles NE of Assiniboia)

with her mom, dad and two brothers; Deanna is the middle child! All her K-12 education took place in Assiniboia. Her very first job was as a Clerk at White Cross Drugs in Assiniboia. She worked there for a year after high school and then went to the U. of R. She started teaching at Palliser Heights School on December 1, 1985 filling in for Cheryl Doering's maternity leave! She got a permanent contract the next school year and was at Palliser for nine years! She worked with some great people, many of whom are still friends and is now colleagues with some of the students she taught! Teaching and life took her to many places, including southern Ontario for 15 years, but she was happy to come "home" in 2010.

Deanna was an SST in Lafleche Central School for four years, including four months as acting admin. She made the move to Rose Valley Colony School as principal in 2014, a job she still loves to this day! Deanna is the proud mother to a very spoiled 18 year old cat named Eddie (she refers to herself as a crazy cat lady!). In 2010 she moved closer to family. Her mom, Mary Carnie is 84 and still lives on the farm. Her brother and sister-in-law, Kevin and Bev Carnie, farm just east of Willows. Bev is about to open her greenhouse – Willows Garden – on their farm and it is worth the drive! Deanna is the proud aunt of three nephews and one niece and their significant others; and "Auntie Denanna" to nine "Littles" ranging from 2-15 years of age! Deanna went on a "Teachers' Exchange" to London, England for the 1993-94 school year. She literally exchanged jobs and houses with a lady from London – she took her job at Palliser Heights and Deanna taught at an inner city school with kids from various countries, many of whom couldn't speak English! She had an amazing experience and travelled around the UK and Europe. One of the highlights was when she met her great aunt and uncle in Banchory, Scotland, which is where her paternal grandpa grew up before emigrating to Canada. She also visited Buckingham Palace but unfortunately the Queen was not available for tea! Deanna's hobbies include reading, travelling, curling, camping, and socializing! She is currently the president of the Saskatchewan Hutterian Educators Association and is planning the annual conference where approximately 300 people come together for the two days – German teachers, English teachers and the Brethren from Saskatchewan and Alberta! This year's theme is, "Together We Make a Difference!" She is looking forward to this conference! Deanna's favourite vacation spot is Bayfield, Ontario in the summer and Varadero, Cuba in the winter!



# Upcoming Events

May 2: Regular Board Meeting starting at 1:00 pm

May 4: Mental Health Wellness in PSS - Professional Learning Day

May 5: Prep/LIT Day (no students)

May 10: Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

May 14: Mother's Day

May 19-22: No School



Cornerstone Christian School



Ecole Gravelbourg School



Mossbank School



Central Collegiate



Assiniboia Composite High School



Central Butte School



Bengough School



Metis Flag Raising Ceremony (Moose Jaw)



Rockglen School



Westmount School



Kincaid School