

Congratulations

On Your Retirement



“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I congratulate you on your retirement. You will be missed, but rest assured that your legacy will endure because of the time, energy, enthusiasm and skill you gave to your work and those around you daily.”

Lorraine Stewart Board Chair

“Thank you for your commitment to education and for making a difference in countless lives, including those of students, colleagues and families. We will miss you and your contributions to student success and well-being.”

Shauna Boyce Superintendent of Schools



18 years
As well as being Memorial's helpful and welcoming face, Kerry had a sense of humour that brightened our days and a heart of gold. Her laugh was contagious and her spirit was infectious. She had an outfit for every occasion and a story to tell to go with it. We will miss her and her extensive knowledge but are happy she gets to spend more time travelling and being with her family.

KERRY CAMPBELL



21 years
Cindy brought enthusiasm to teaching and a desire to connect and share her many passions. From her deep pride in what it means to be Canadian (understanding history, accepting others, etc.) to her love of music and the arts, Cindy brought the best of herself to the classroom every day. Cindy created experiences that translated into lasting memories for her students by making learning engaging and fun. May the many good memories of her teaching days at Duffield and Blueberry bring her countless opportunities to reflect on a wonderfully fulfilling career. Congratulations!

CINDY CHARLESON



10 years
Arthur's passion for woodworking and teaching never failed to inspire students to create projects they may never have thought possible. Arthur worked hard to provide an environment where all students could be successful and find pride in their work. This passion continues as he shares new learning opportunities in another community. Although we will miss him, we are glad he will continue to share his knowledge and enthusiasm.

ARTHUR CLARKE



24 years
Mike served Spruce Grove Composite High School as a social studies, knowledge & employability and work experience teacher. He also served the division as an assistant principal and vocational education coordinator. In his varied roles, Mike consistently demonstrated a commitment to learning and practical skill-building used to aid students in their next steps after high school. His humour and storytelling were appreciated by students and staff alike. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

MICHAEL PARTINGTON



23 years
Wendy began teaching after a successful stint as a professional home economist. Initially a part-time foods and fashion teacher, she eventually became full-time at Memorial and revolutionized the program in a new space. Known for her expertise and warmth, Wendy taught students about cooking, nutrition, sanitation and professional kitchen standards. She was an important part of the grad committee and guided many students to culinary school. Wendy's impact on her students and colleagues at Memorial will be greatly missed.

WENDY PAYNE-STECYK



4 years
Throughout his career, Michael coached sports, including volleyball, basketball and badminton and earned referee/umpire certification in volleyball, basketball and softball (which he plans to continue in retirement). Michael was a calming influence at the school and students and colleagues relied upon his unique perspective and support. He has a wonderful laugh and will be missed.

MICHAEL PODHANIUK



25 years
John built strong relationships with students and colleagues throughout his career and during his many teaching assignments. His willingness to help others and genuine care for those around him have left a lasting impression on our school community. John's commitment to education and his supportive nature will be greatly missed. We wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

JOHN DIRKS



36 years
Shelley's remarkable journey at Muir Lake School has been marked by tireless devotion and inspiring countless students and colleagues. Known for her boundless energy and commitment, she fittingly completed setting up her final track and field event before retiring—a testament to her enduring passion for nurturing young talent. As she embarks on this new chapter, we celebrate her legacy and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

SHELLEY GADOURY



32 years
Amy's long tenure has been marked by a profound dedication to her students and a passion for fostering a love of learning. Over the years, she has touched countless lives, leaving an indelible mark on our community. As she steps into retirement, we celebrate her remarkable contributions and the lasting impact she has made. We wish her all the best in this new chapter of her life. May it be filled with joy and fulfillment.

AMY GARRISON



16 years
Trish spent her time making memories with our youngest learners. She was a fixture in the kindergarten world at Blueberry—always ready to hold a hand, read a book or share a smile. Students knew she would be there for them both in the classroom and on the playground. Trish enriched many young lives and provided a safe, welcoming start to their schooling adventure! She will be a “super kinder friend” for life!

PATRICIA ROPER



32 years
Greg has had an exceptional career at Spruce Grove Composite High School as a science and mathematics teacher. His calm and patient demeanour served students extremely well. He prioritized learning and the importance of relationships in his work, particularly with grade 10 students over the last few years of his teaching career. Greg will be dearly missed by his SGCHS colleagues, who wish him all the best in his retirement.

GREG SCHOFIELD



36 years
Linda had a remarkable career in education spanning more than 35 years. She was a master teacher and an effective leader with strong pedagogical practice and understanding. Linda was driven, supported teachers in their important work in the classroom, and consistently strove to support the learning and growth of each student. She was always up for a challenge and recently oversaw the design, opening and operation of Copperhaven School. Linda positively impacted many children and their families, and we wish her the best in her retirement.

LINDA SIMMONDS



12 years
Cindy's legacy will be one of dedication and compassion. She worked primarily in kindergarten where she made significant impacts on young learners. Cindy's early contributions also spanned the Black Gold and Northlands School Divisions, where she enriched the educational experiences of countless students. She will be fondly remembered for her kindness, generosity and ability to see the best in everyone. Cindy's commitment to her students has made a difference in the lives of many children.

CINDY HARDEKOPF



18 years
Carolyn's remarkable career in education spanned over three decades, during which she significantly contributed to student success and school improvement. She served in leadership roles for 13 years across three different schools, and her commitment to professional growth left a lasting impact. Carolyn worked hard to foster inclusive and collaborative environments that enhanced relationships in our community. Carolyn's legacy of excellence and commitment will continue to inspire and guide future generations.

CAROLYN JENSEN



10 years
Jan has been an important part of the Spruce Grove Composite High School community over the last 10 years. Her attention to detail, overall work ethic and ever-present ability to remain unfazed made her an exceptional member of the school's secretarial team. Students and colleagues enjoyed her no-fuss attitude, sense of humour and occasional deviousness. We wish her all the best in her retirement!

JANET MARTIN



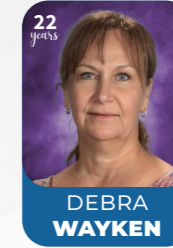
19 years
For the past 19 years, MCHS and Woodhaven have been fortunate to have Kevin as their drama teacher. His artistic creativity and inspiring leadership have empowered students and colleagues and helped them grow. Kevin's memorable productions and daily creativity have left a lasting impact. Under his guidance, students have thrived and discovered their talents. His joy for music and singing has filled the halls, bringing joy to all. As we celebrate his retirement, we express our gratitude and know he will continue to inspire and create in his next chapter.

KEVIN TOKARSKY



34 years
Tanya served and guided students with complex and diverse needs, and exemplified diligence, patience and a caring and kind dedication that brought out the best in her students and colleagues. Her love of learning and professional growth was well known and she was always adding to her already expansive toolbox of strategies for programming. Tanya modelled, coached and shaped her students to become respectful, confident learners who would make incredible gains over their school years and into adulthood. She will be greatly missed at Broxton and we wish her all the best in retirement.

TANYA TUCHAK-MATHIEU



22 years
Deb leaves behind a legacy of dedication to academic excellence. Her many years at Muir Lake School are marked by an unwavering commitment to her students, whose achievements are a testament to her tireless efforts. Through her passion for education and steadfast support, she has shaped countless young minds, inspiring them to reach their potential. We celebrate her extraordinary contributions and wish her all the best in her well-earned retirement.

DEBRA WAYKEN



23 years
Doris had a remarkable career as a member of the Spruce Grove Composite High School community. As a math teacher and department head, Doris's passion for education and her dedication, caring nature and work ethic have positively influenced students and colleagues. Her students appreciate the knowledge and drive she helped to instill in them, and her colleagues remember the expertise and support she provided. Congratulations!

DORIS MAXWELL



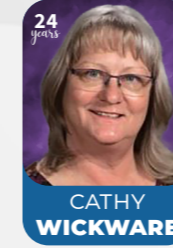
8 years
Through her dedication, high expectations and students-first mindset, Cheryl strongly impacted student learning as principal at Spruce Grove Composite High School. Cheryl's passion for curriculum, instruction and assessment was present in her work with staff and she ensured the best possible learning environments for all students. Her loyalty to, and support of, her students and staff will be remembered. Congratulations and best wishes!

CHERYL OTTO



34 years
Gerald was an employee you could always count on to get anything up and running in the moment of need so the school could stay open. He ensured the school was always warm, the water was running, the toilets were flushing, and the coffee was hot and ready in the morning. He will be missed and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

GERALD PARENT



24 years
Cathy was an integral part of the Brookwood School team, contributing as an educational assistant across various K-4 classrooms. Her vibrant sense of humour and passion for working with children leave a lasting impact on our school community. Cathy's dedication to student success has positively influenced the futures of countless young students. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a fulfilling retirement.

CATHY WICKWARE



15 years
Lynnette was a highly skilled and passionate educational assistant. She built strong relationships with staff and students through her calm, positive and encouraging demeanour and her toolbox was full of strategies for supporting students. Lynnette brings joy to every room she enters and reminds us to stay focused on the positive and reflect on our growth. Congratulations!

LYNNETTE WILTON



34 years
Gail was a dedicated educator with a passion for numeracy, and positively impacted the lives of many young children. From her many years as a classroom teacher to her recent position as numeracy lead, Gail has left an inspiring legacy for students and staff, including imparting the power and excitement of mathematics. Congratulations!

GAIL WRIGHT