

WCOS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hi there! I just wanted to introduce myself. My name is Michelle Stevens. I am the president of our school council here at the Outreach. In an effort to get more parents involved with the school council and our school, I thought I would share why I give my time to our school.

I have had three girls graduate from the Outreach and I have a daughter in grade 11. Every single person on the staff was so supportive and willing to help. Every obstacle is met with a solution that helps you grow and not feel bad. I can't say enough about the support our family received from the staff at the Outreach. Our family was not your typical family and required some extra help to keep everyone going in the right direction. Including me. Ms. Holiday was always available to help me figure out what our next step should be and how to cope with whatever was going on. That is why I give back. Anything to help make things run smoothly so the staff can commit all their time to the kids. I also enjoy hearing what's going on in the school. How the kids are reacting to our crazy world. How leadership is keeping kids connected and doing things together. If you are interested in joining our next meeting, please email me at ktm11@telus.net. I will send you a link to join our next virtual meeting!

Teacher Talk with Mrs. Marois

Literacy Lead and Wellness Champ best encompass my facilitated leadership roles within the school. These roles fit just perfectly as the English teacher who loves reading, and the introvert who craves connection and adventure.

Earlier this past fall, our grade 8-11 students were screened by the Standardized Test for the Assessment of Reading (S.T.A.R) and the staff appreciates this data to know how to best assist each individual student. In November, I got certified in Level B Testing which will allow me to further test students who require it, and share the data with the staff so we can learn about students best. I am looking forward to continuing to grow my knowledge in this area!

Over a Google Meet in November, the staff chatted from six different squares about how we can be more intentional in our connection with one another within the school, while still following current protocols to keep all parties safe and healthy. It made me giddy seeing the visible excitement of my colleagues as they shared their ideas. Two of my favorite ways to connect and fulfill our dimensions of wellness include:

1. Great and Grateful Giveaways: I polled the staff to have a list of their favorite snacks! Randomly, some staff have received a note and a favorite treat for something positive within the school. You know how the saying goes, "A person who feels appreciated, will always do more than what is expected." - Amy Rees Anderson
2. Lunchtime movies in the Big Room: We grab our lunches, pop a seat and have been watching holiday classics together.

These roles have been gratifying and I have enjoyed the learning and the connection that both roles hold.



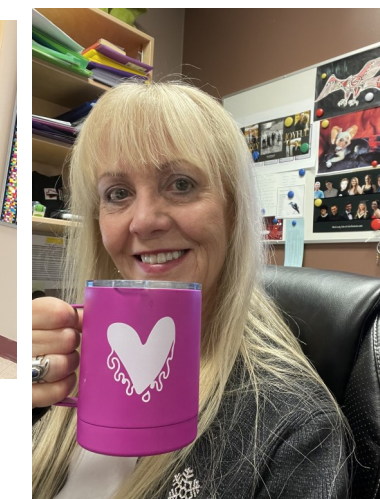
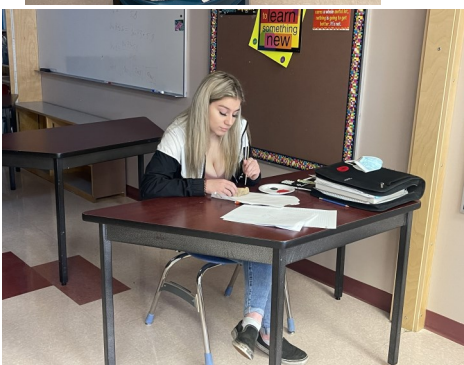
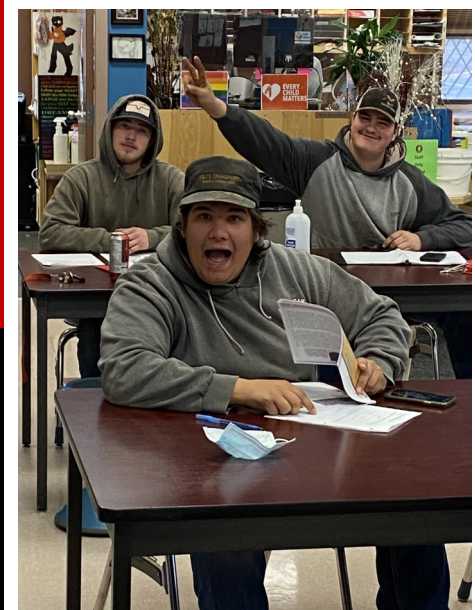
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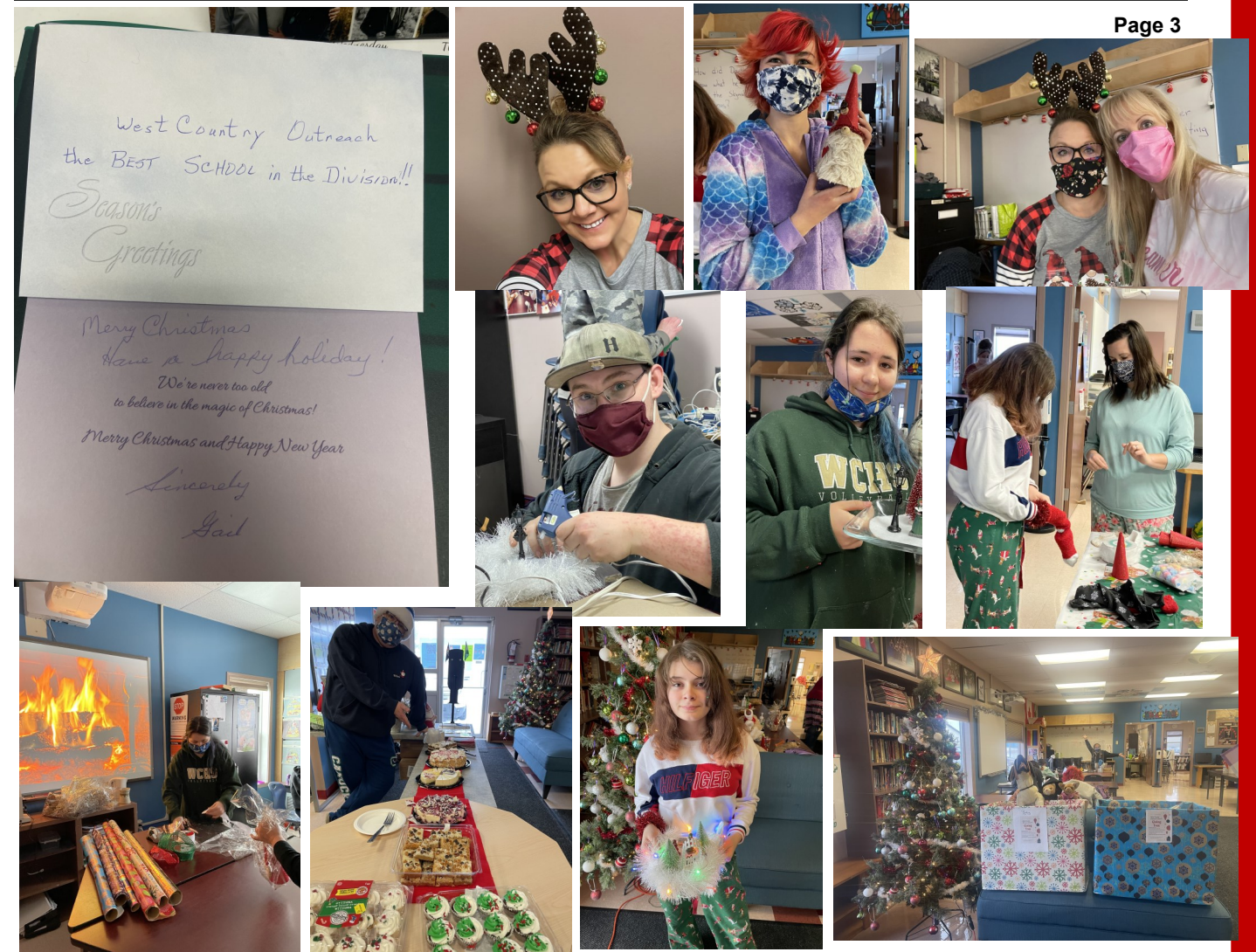


Meet Our Staff—Mrs. Marois

SIX Things you may not know about me, Melissa Marois!



1. I once skydived over the Shuswap Lake in Salmon Arm. It was less terrifying than I hyped it up to be in my mind. My legs would certainly turn to jello if I were to attempt it again though!
2. My pet peeves are reminders that the little things matter; incorrect apostrophe usage and time left on the microwave just get to me.
3. I love celebrating holidays. This is certainly connected to the tiny toddlers in my life! I love seeing the magic fill their eyes.
4. I have been married for eleven years. It felt a little disappointing to celebrate both a 30th birthday milestone and a 10 year anniversary milestone at home, in a pandemic but, alas, proper celebrations to come!
5. I've recently started getting back into writing poetry and I have convinced my mother-in-law to illustrate a children's book I have written. Creativity is my jam!
6. If I could be any animal I would be an octopus! I love the ocean and it would be fascinating to have the same skills as this unique creature.



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