

Teacher Talk with Mrs. A.

One of my roles at school is to help children to discover their path to the post-secondary life, show the many choices that different websites and apps are offering now. One of the greatly helpful websites is ALIS: Alberta careers, learning, and employment information. ALIS provides information for career planning, post-secondary education and training, work search, and labor market trends, etc.

Another great tool, for looking into the future, is My Blueprint. "Who am I" is a survey that helps students to learn what their best learning style is, and completing the Compatibility Survey will help to get the ideas about best matching occupations. But what if none of this was helpful?

There is a new interesting possibility -Discover Year. Students can learn more about Discover Year @Discoveryyear.ca.

Reflections:

Ms. A. Holliday, Principal

It's a bittersweet ending to another wonderful year at West Country Outreach. We are celebrating our students' successes while saying farewell to two of our longstanding colleagues. Though we wish Mrs. Dyrland and Mrs. Marois the very best as they move into new life experiences, they will be missed by staff and students. The influence of their collective energy and investment in the success of students will remain part of our school and WCO family always. We welcome new teachers to these positions – but not new faces to our school! Mrs. McLaughlin will rejoin our staff again for Mrs. Marois, and Ms. Martens, our longstanding and wonderful substitute teacher, will now be a permanent face in the school, replacing Mrs. Dyrland.

We're also saying "good-bye" to our graduates. Endings are not easy. We're a very close group, who share laughter and tears. But we also know that the reason saying 'good-bye' can be hard, is because our time together has been special. So let's just say, we'll see you soon!

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." ~Dr. Seuss~



Raven's Nest



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Year End Field Trip



Meet Our Staff

Mrs. Agafonov (Mrs. A.)

In my opinion, being a teacher is the best job ever! My name is Natalya Agafonov, and I have been working in the Wolf Creek Public School Division for more than 20 years. I am privileged to meet and teach children who really love math, children who may be scared of math, or others who are not sure what to think about it. Every day is different at West Country Outreach. It may be filled with a lot of laughter and learning, or we may just sit and have heart to heart talks. One of my favorite moments is when a student says, "I got it! It is so interesting, and I can see how I can use it in my life." Yes, math can be very abstract, often straightforward, but always applicable to real life. 26 years ago, I came to live in Canada, the best country ever. I grew up and completed my education in Ukraine, married my best friend, whom I've known since grade one, raised two children and learned that life is always full of surprises. I really enjoy a good book, romcom, and a long walk with my dog. There is always the hope to travel more and see other countries.



Samantha Chartrand—School Social Worker

My name is Samantha Chartrand and I am the school Social Worker at West Country Outreach School in Rimbey, Eckville Jr. Sr. High and Eckville Elementary. I have been with Wolf Creek School Division since March 2018 starting in Eckville and adding WCOS in October 2020. Prior to this I worked in numerous roles at the Outreach Center in Red Deer focusing on women and children affected by domestic violence. In 2020 I received my full certification as a Therapeutic Play Practitioner through Rocky Mountain Play Therapy Institute. Working with children and youth is my favorite thing to do and I have been beyond lucky to have made connections with so many amazing youth these past few years. "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life." Marc Anthony. On a personal note, I LOVE animals and my house motto is the more paws the merrier! Camping, paddle boarding, traveling, skating and snuggling in a blanket with a good book are my favorite pastimes. I have been with my partner since 2013, engaged in 2019 and are pretty comfortable waiting for the perfect time to tie the knot.

