

# Carseland School

“The small school with the BIG heart”

October, 10th, 2018

## Wildcat's Headlines



### Upcoming Events

- October 13th/14th—School Council Bottle Drive Fundraiser
- October 18th—Scholastic Book Orders Due.
- October 25th—House Team Challenge and Team Color Day. Assembly at 2:30pm.
- October 26th—No school
- October 29th—Practice Lockdown at 10:15am AND Picture Retakes
- October 25th—House Team Challenge and Team Color Day. Assembly at 2:30pm.
- November 9th— Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45am

Wildcat's Headlines is published the **second Wednesday of the month** to inform parents, guardians, and the community about important school events.

### Upcoming Practice Lockdown

There will be a practice lockdown at Carsland on October 29th at 10:15am. This practice lockdown will be communicated to students in advance will serve as one of the three practice that will be conducted throughout the year.

There will be an officer joining us for the practice to take us through the procedures. We want to inform parents/guardians in advance as entry to the building will be limited from 10:15am to 10:25 am on October 29th.

As part of our safety plan we conduct practice lockdown procedures and fire drills with our students to ensure their safety. If you have any questions please contact the office.

### How Carseland School Communicates with Parents/Guardians and the Community:

- Monthly School Newsletters
- Black Folders sent home every Wednesday with students.
- Classroom newsletters and/or student agendas
- Carseland School Facebook Page—just seach Carseland School
- Carseland School Website - <http://www.carselandschool.com/>

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### Carseland School Council 2018-2019

**President:** Jenna Scharein

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#### Council Reminders:

A bottle drive fundraiser has been organized for October 13th and 14th. If you would like to get involved contacted Cheryl at [clryder@gmail.com](mailto:clryder@gmail.com).

Council has also started planning Christmas fundraisers. If you would like to get involved please contact the above email.

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### *Get To Know Our Amazing Staff*

Carseland school is lucky to have a staff of teachers and support staff that have decades of experience in the education system. Within our Wildcat Headlines we will highlight our staff and the opportunities this staff has to offer.

#### **Claire Wade—Grade 5/6 Teacher**

Teaching has always been one of my greatest passions. I have been working for the Golden Hills School Division for thirteen years and in this time I have facilitated a variety of learning experiences from kindergarten to grade six. I firmly believe that physical and social/emotional health are essential components to education. Comprehensive school health and wellness are areas that are near and dear to my heart. I love learning new things, challenging myself, and growing as a teacher. I also love watching my students become inspired and passionate about a topic. This “lighting of a fire” brings me so much joy. Spending quality time with my family, gardening, being outdoors, and looking for an adventure are some of my favorite things to do on this beautiful planet. I feel so fortunate to be part of the Carseland School team.

#### **Sandra Brooks-Watts—Educational Assistant**

I am a mother of three who lives and works in our wonderful little community. I have worked with our energetic group of grade 2 and 3 students in both kindergarten and grade 1. I am eager to grow and learn with them for another exciting and rewarding year.

#### **Amy Webb—Grade 2/3**

I live in Strathmore with my husband. I am Canadian (raised in St. Albert, near Edmonton), but he was born and grew up in England. We have two nearly grown up children. They both live in Lethbridge. One works and one goes to university. I have taught for many years including about 16 with Golden Hills School Division. I am really enjoying coming to Carseland School every day. Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming! When I am not at school or preparing lessons at home, I love to quilt, read and curl. Of course, I always love when the kids come home or we can go visit them in Lethbridge.

#### **Gwen Rogers—School Custodian**

I've been the custodian at Carseland School for 22 years. I have lived in Carseland for 38 years and have been married to my husband for 41 years. Together we have two beautiful grandchildren. In my free time I like to bake and do crafts.

#### **Cameron Larboard— Grade 4/5 Teacher**

Before becoming a teacher I worked as an Exploration Geophysicist for over 10 years before becoming an elementary teacher. I am an avid wake surfer and scuba diver. I am also a pinball collection, restorer, and competition player.

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### Kelli Clark— Grade 5/6 Teacher

For as long as I can remember, I always wanted to be an elementary teacher. This is my 15<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, and my 12<sup>th</sup> year teaching Grade 5 and 6 in Carseland. I live on a farm near Vulcan with my husband. I love farm life! One of my favorite things to do is mow. I find it so relaxing to put on my headphones, get on the mower and just enjoy the fresh air. I also love just being outside with our animals or lounging in the sun with a good book. I was born and raised on a farm near Carseland. Not only did I attend Carseland School as a child, but my grandmother was a teacher at Carseland School in the 1960's, so this amazing little school is very near and dear to my heart. I feel extremely fortunate to be able to follow my passion and pursue my career here.

### LaToya Bartlett—Principal and Grade 4/5 Teacher

I have been part of the education world for a decade now. I have taught grades 4 to 12 and have been an administrator for grades ranging from K-12. I absolutely love working with children and my passion is ensuring all children receive a fair and quality education. I completed my Masters of Educational Studies at the University of Alberta, and currently I am completing a diploma in Human Resources. I am a self proclaimed book nerd and can not seem to stop being a student! In my career I have been lucky enough to receive a provincial award for Excellence in Teaching and in Program Development in my past division. I love creating out of the box programs for students and watching students excel in areas that may not traditionally get highlighted. I spend my time away from work with my beautiful three year old daughter. We spend as much time outdoors as possible and because I am originally from the East Coast we visit the ocean as much as possible! I am a huge football fan and a proud supported of the CFL! Although I miss the East Coast Alberta has become home and Carseland is quickly starting to feel that way also!

### Jennifer Lazaruk—Grade 1 Teacher

I was inspired to become a teacher by my late grandmother who clearly touched so many students in her long career as an elementary school teacher. I have been fortunate to work for Golden Hills School Division for almost ten years, and I have taught from Kindergarten all the way to high school. My passion lies in working with early elementary students (they don't seem to judge my goofy side). I have taken two years off to stay at home with our two young girls and I am enjoying life's challenges as a working mom. My family and I love to spend time outside and traveling when we have the opportunity. My goal as a teacher is to work together with students to create a safe and caring space to learn and explore. I believe open communication with parents is the best way to ensure a child can succeed to his or her best ability.

### Laura Ford—Kindergarten Teacher

Originally from Ottawa, I came to Alberta to teach at Carseland School and it has been a wonderful seven years so far! My background is a degree in political science from Carleton University and Bachelor of Teaching from the University of Ottawa. I am absolutely passionate about teaching kindergarten. I love the curiosity and excitement that children exhibit as they explore their world and make discoveries, and I strive to make my classroom a comfortable, loving and safe place to learn. In my spare time, I enjoy going for hikes with my husband, playing music, cycling and swimming in the summer, and as most teachers do...read a good book! I am always available for questions, comments, or a good chat so feel free to e-mail me anytime

### Megan Wood—Educational Assistant

This is my third year working at Carseland school and I am very excited to be back in the 5/6 room. I am also very excited to run our amazing lunch program and serve the kids every day. I look forward to another great year with such amazing and wonderful students and staf f.

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**Nadedan Brown—Administrative Assistant**

**Joyce Doore—FNMI Liaison**

**Marla Ouellette—Educational Assistant**