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Ecole Westlock Elementary School 780 349 3385

Principal: Amber Monteath

Associate Principal: Robert Weiss

Administrative Assistants: Toni Fifield & Linda Kallal

2025-2026 Staffing

Principal: Ms Monteath

Associate Principal: Mrs. Young *-more info below about Mrs. Young*

Administrative Assistants: Mrs. Fifield & Mrs. Howse

K: Mrs. Chattargoan- M/W alt Fri & T/Th alt Fri

Gr. 1: Mrs. Lea

Mrs. Richardson-Kuzyk & Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Richardson-Kuzyk is transferring from Busby

Mrs. Thompson is transferring from Neerlandia.

*In January Mrs. Thompson will be returning mat leave
and they will be sharing the classroom.*

Gr. 2: Miss Sekulich *(covering for Mrs. DeVries maternity leave)*

Mrs. Tanton

Gr. 3: Mrs. Arndt

Mr. Kwan

Mrs. Vanderwekken

Gr. 4: Mrs. Hauptmann

Ms McMillan

Gr. 5: Miss Kaliel

Mrs. Roberts

Gr. 6 Miss Johnston

Miss Biberdorf

Our school staff puts great care and thoughtful consideration into creating balanced class lists for all students. We take into account a variety of factors to ensure the best possible learning environment, and as such, we are unable to accommodate requests for classroom changes.

That said, we value the importance of friendships and community. Students will continue to have many opportunities to connect with their friends through school-wide events, recess, and extracurricular activities such as sports and clubs.

Music: Mrs. Schmidt

Physical Education: To be determined

Literacy Lead Teacher: Mrs. Hancock-Conner

Inclusive Lead Coordinator: Mrs. Carter

Counsellor: Mrs. Gottschalk

French Immersion

K- Mme Byrt- M/W alt Fri & T/Th alt Fri

1- Mme Kay

2- Mme MacDougall

3/4- Mlle Thompson

5/6- Mme Wolff

Educational Assistants

K- Mrs. Skiffington, Mrs. Fortin

1- Mrs. Midgett

2- Miss. Warwyck, Mrs. Whyte, Mrs. Kieser

3- Mrs. Martinson, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Kulmatyski, Mrs. Bannister

4- Mrs. Dubrule, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Hnatko

5- Mrs. Jestin, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Boissonnault

EA Mentor: Mrs. Smith

Library Assistant: announced at a later date

We have several staff members leaving us. Some are transferring to new schools and others are going out of district. Thank you for supporting our students and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Mr. Weiss- Principal of Pembina North, Sunnybend Colony, and Pibroch Colony schools

Mrs. Properzi- Transferring to BES

Mr. McKenna- congrats on a new position in another district

Miss Carnegie- congrats on a new position in another district

Educational Assistants:

Mrs. Hodgins

Miss Vanderaa

Mrs. Lefebvre



APPOINTMENT OF

Associate Principal, Ecole Westlock Elementary School



Pembina Hills School Division is pleased to announce the appointment of Ria Young as Associate Principal of Ecole Westlock Elementary School effective August 25, 2025.

Ria Young brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to student well-being and inclusive education. Raised near Clyde, Ria attended Eleanor Hall and R.F. Staples before earning a Bachelor of Physical Education with a specialization in Outdoor Pursuits from Augustana University College in 2002. She went on to complete her Bachelor of Education at the University of Calgary in 2004.

Her teaching career has taken her to Rochester, Alberta, and Whitehorse, Yukon, before settling in Swan Hills in 2008, where she served as both a

teacher and school counsellor. In 2015, she moved to Barrhead Elementary School, teaching Grade 2 for three years before returning to her counselling background.

In 2024, Ria earned a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology from Yorkville University. She is a passionate advocate for inclusive, trauma-informed education and is dedicated to creating safe, supportive environments where all students feel valued and empowered to succeed.

Ria lives in Barrhead with her family and enjoys outdoor activities, yoga, gardening, and coaching swim club in her free time.

Known for her collaborative leadership and ability to build strong relationships, Ria is excited to join the team at École Westlock Elementary School and begin this new chapter.

Congratulations Ria



A huge thank you to our volunteers for your invaluable dedication and support. Whether it's coming along on field trips, lending a helping hand in the classroom or during events or even providing food for our students, your involvement enriches the lives of our students. We are truly grateful for your unwavering commitment!



Happy retirement to Mrs. Kallal and Mrs. Archer.

We want to thank Mrs. Kallal for dedication in the front office and to Mrs. Archer supporting students in their educational journey.

You will certainly be missed, but we wish you nothing but the best and have a wonderful retirement!

Office Hours

School office is closed June 28- Aug. 24.

Office reopens Monday, Aug. 25 at 10am till 4 pm. Regular office hours follow (8 am- 4 pm).

Gr. 1-6 Open House

**Come meet your teacher, EA and see your classroom.
You can also drop off your school supplies at this time.**

**Mon. Aug. 25/25
3-4:30 pm**

Kindergarten has orientation and staggered entry. Information will be sent out to parents mid Aug.



Please check our school website or Facebook page over the summer for any updates.

www.westlockelementary.ca

School supply lists will be in your child's report card, but you can also find them on our website under Student & Parent Info.

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the school year comes to an end, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a wonderful year filled with growth, learning, and many proud moments for our students.

Your involvement—whether through volunteering, attending events, or encouraging your child each day—makes a lasting difference. We are so grateful to work with such a caring and supportive school community.

To those moving on, we wish you all the best in your next adventure. To our returning families, we look forward to welcoming you back in the fall.

On behalf of the entire staff, thank you for a great year. Wishing you a safe, restful, and fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,

Amber Monteath

