



**Medicine Hat At-Home Learning Hub**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is with great enthusiasm that we are sending this initial contact to our Medicine Hat At-Home Learning families. We are very happy to support your families and our colleagues through at-home learning during these unprecedented times. We want you to understand the work and thought that goes into the decisions that we are making. Your children's academic success and emotional support are forefront as we plan for this new learning environment. We acknowledge that we are all entering this school year with different experiences from our emergency learning that took place from March - June. Our goal is to pull best teaching practices and engaged learning experiences from what worked during emergency learning to build our rigorous, full curriculum we are implementing at The Hub. We are no longer crisis teaching. We will be purposeful and intentional in what we know works best to impact student learning.

Thank you for your interest in the Medicine Hat At-Home Learning Hub! We thank you for your support and look forward to having you as part of your child's learning team.

We want to introduce you to our Hub family of educators. Your teachers will be calling you to introduce themselves this week. This will be followed up with an email of the details discussed. Teachers will then set up individual Google Meets for the first week of school. They may be calling from unknown numbers, but please answer if you are able. We know you are anxiously awaiting that first contact with the teacher and, they too, are very excited to get to know you and your child. A large component of our at-home learning will be ongoing communication and the development of relationships with our families. We want this to be a fulfilling experience for both you and your children.

**This is us!**



**Mr. Warren Buckler: Co-Principal [warren.buckler@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:warren.buckler@sd76.ab.ca)**

I am truly excited to be working to support our students and families through The Medicine Hat At-Home Learning Hub. I have been a member of the Medicine Hat Public School District since 2006, and I have been fortunate to work with students from ELP to Grade 12 in several different roles including Teacher, Guidance Counsellor, Vice Principal, and Principal. I believe



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that every student has the ability to be successful and At The Hub we are committed to working together with all of our colleagues and families to provide the best environment possible for our students. My door is always open and if there is anything that we can do to make school better for your family, please feel free to reach out.



**Mrs. Tricia Unreiner: Co-Principal [tricia.unreiner@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:tricia.unreiner@sd76.ab.ca)**

I am extremely happy to be supporting students, families and colleagues through the development of The Medicine Hat At-Home Learning Hub.

My 23 year teaching background has provided me with opportunities to work with students in all grade levels. The experiences I have gained from working in multiple school settings, with highly qualified educators and leaders, has made me a compassionate collaborator and a skilled communicator. I take on challenges and work hard to overcome obstacles when it comes to student learning. When decisions are made, they are made with the question, "Is this what's best for kids?"

I look forward to working as a team with our passionate educators to support student achievement through The Medicine Hat At-Home Learning Hub.



**Mrs. Angela Boschee: Administrative Assistant [angela.boschee@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:angela.boschee@sd76.ab.ca)**

I am genuinely looking forward to working with an amazing team serving as the Admin Assistant for The MHPSD 76 At Home Learning Hub. I have been fortunate to have served in a variety of roles within our district since 2017 including serving as a substitute EA, clerical



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sub at Crestwood, Webster Niblock, and CHHS, and most recently as an Admin Assistant at Connaught School. I look forward to supporting our staff, students, and families as we embark on this brand-new learning adventure together.



**Mrs. Deanna Freimark: ELP/Kindergarten [deanna.feimark@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:deanna.feimark@sd76.ab.ca)**

I am very excited to be starting this journey in the The Medicine Hat At-Home Learning Hub. I taught for many years in Ontario before moving to Medicine Hat where I have taught for 5 years. The past 3 years, I have been at George Davison School. Kindergarten and the early years are my passion. I love experiencing and trying new things and look forward to supporting and teaching students in this new environment. We have a great team of educators that are dedicated to making the At-Home Learning Hub an amazing experience. I look forward to meeting you and working with your family to make this a wonderful year of growing and learning together.



**Ms. Christal Watson: Grade 1 [christal.watson@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:christal.watson@sd76.ab.ca)**

I am extremely excited about the opportunity to teach and support students and families through The Medicine Hat At-Home Learning Hub. I have been with the Medicine Hat Public School Division since 2014. I have a passion for learning, and I am looking forward to growing as an educator throughout this experience. This is a unique opportunity for us to look at teaching and helping our students grow in a new way. I believe it is important to teach students through engaging activities and watch them make connections in many ways. I taught Grade One at Webster Niblock School for the previous 5 years. I am extremely grateful to have the opportunity to continue to teach Grade One at The Hub. I am excited to work with an amazing team of educators and to grow along with the students of The Hub school.



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**Mrs. Tiana McLane: Grade 2 [tianna.mclane@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:tianna.mclane@sd76.ab.ca)**

What an adventure that is about to begin. I am fortunate to be a part of a brand new endeavor with MHPSD. This will be my 17th year of teaching. I have taught grades 1, 5 and 2. I spent the majority of my career teaching the learning assistance program where I worked closely with students who needed more assistance to be successful in school. I have worked in Brooks, England and Medicine Hat. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know the families in my class. Let the learning adventure begin!



**Mrs. Catherine Donner: Grade 2-3 [catherine.donner@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:catherine.donner@sd76.ab.ca)**

What an amazing opportunity we have to collaborate together in a unique learning environment within the Medicine Hat at home learning HUB! This year I will be teaching grade 2. I am heading into my 15th year teaching with SD 76, most recently having taught at Dr. Ken Sauer School for the last three years. Prior to my position at DKSS I have worked with some talented colleagues at Webster Niblock and George Davison. There are connections to curriculum all around us and making them come alive is as exciting for me as it is for my students. Working within multi-aged classrooms that are centered within a critical thinking classroom approach is one of my passions. As we move forward with this new adventure I am looking forward to making connections with your children and your family. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail, phone, or Google Classroom.



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**Ms. Terryann Syverson: Grade 3 [terryann.syverson@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:terryann.syverson@sd76.ab.ca)**

Greetings and welcome to the At Home Learning Hub! I Feel fortunate to be part of the HUB school and look forward to working with this incredible team in this new and exciting learning environment. I have worked with children for most of my adult life. I studied Early Childhood Education at Mount Royal University and obtained a 2-year diploma. I worked at M.R.U. and the U of C childcare centers for 5 years before returning to the U o C to study education. I have been teaching for 23 years in Calgary and Medicine Hat. I have three children and I enjoy spending time with friends and family travelling, camping, hiking, kayaking, geocaching, playing games and reading. I look forward to building a positive and collaborative relationship with your child and family! I believe with great connections, an amazing learning environment, and a passion for learning, we can thrive and learn to our true potential!



**Mrs. Cortney Pahl: Grade 4 [cortney.pahl@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:cortney.pahl@sd76.ab.ca)**

I am so excited to be part of the SD 76 At Home Learning Hub. My goal is to bring students together virtually to feel connected and provide an interactive, integrated pedagogical approach to learning for the Grade 4 students. I have been a teacher in our district for 16 years and bring with me 8 years of grade 4 teaching experience, most recently at River Heights School. I am really looking forward to growing as a teacher in this new role. In addition to my role as teacher, I am a somewhat trusty ranch hand, as our family ranches just outside of Redcliff. I look forward to building relationships with my students, parents, guardians and colleagues in this new and exciting learning environment. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your child's learning path.



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**Mrs. Val Browne: Grade 4-5 [valerie.browne@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:valerie.browne@sd76.ab.ca)**

“To teach and to learn” - what an opportunity to be part of the Online Learning Hub. This is my twenty-ninth year of teaching- most of it in the grade 4-6 level. I've taught at McMan Outreach, Riverside and Crestwood Schools. As a learner, I earned my Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education, Diploma in Inclusive Education and Masters- Leadership in Technology degrees. I love to learn and look forward to new learning and teaching challenges at the Hub. Connecting with students and their families will be my focus in the days and weeks ahead as we become successful partners in education. My virtual door is open... drop in often!



**Mr. Nathan Gale: Grade 5 [nathan.gale@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:nathan.gale@sd76.ab.ca)**

Over the past eight years in our school district I have been fortunate to work and learn alongside many exceptional educators at both Crestwood School and Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre. I have been driven to continually challenge students to work and learn with and from one another, to collaborate and communicate through a variety of mediums, and to celebrate individual growth. Being a part of The Hub is an exceptional opportunity for both teacher and students alike to engage in learning in such a unique context. I am excited to meet all of our families and to get started in forming a learning community that is both compassionate and collaborative!



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**Mrs. Michelle Robinson: Grade 6 [michelle.robinson@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:michelle.robinson@sd76.ab.ca)**

I am very excited to begin my eighteenth year as a teacher this fall as an online educator within the SD 76 At Home Learning Hub. The opportunity to teach students online will present so many possibilities for me to grow as a teacher, interacting with students and sharing my passion for learning. To the Hub I bring many years of experience teaching Grade 6 in two provinces and many schools within our Division, including my most recent position at Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre. In addition to my role as teacher, I am a ringette and softball coach here in the Medicine Hat community. I look forward to an amazing year working with Grade 6 students and their families throughout our community, building a strong online classroom family that supports and challenges each other to strive for excellence.



**Ms. Megan Westgath: Grade 6 [megan.westgath@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:megan.westgath@sd76.ab.ca)**

I am thrilled to be a part of the At-Home Learning Hub. This will be my fifteenth year of teaching and my fourth-year teaching Grade 6. Prior to working at the Hub, I taught at Southview, Outreach, Crescent Heights High School, London, England and Edmonton. I acquired my BEd at the University of Alberta in Secondary Education with a major in French and a minor in Social Sciences. I am excited to meet all of you and help navigate our “new normal.” Together, I think we can facilitate a great educational experience while still providing those meaningful connections we all crave, with parents, guardians, teachers and fellow classmates.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to meeting all of you in the coming days.



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**Mindi-Lee Meadows: Grade 7 Language Arts and Social Studies**  
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I am very excited to be a part of The Hub's awesome team that will be bringing their passion and diverse backgrounds to develop a dynamic, creative and inclusive online learning environment! I have taught humanities in many diverse settings over the past 10 years including Parkside Junior High in Redcliff, and with MHSD's Outreach Programs, Summer School and most recently at Crescent Heights High School where I have also been the athletic trainer for Viking's Football. Prior to becoming a teacher, I worked as an Athletic Therapist in Calgary. I have a BA/Bsc with specializations in English and Kinesiology (Athletic Therapy) and a minor in political science. My BEd specialization is secondary English Education. In 2016 I completed my MEd in Education for Change with a specialization in Environmental and Sustainability Education. Currently I am a PhD Candidate at the University of Calgary with a research focus in Critical Ecological literacy within STEAM Curricula. I have been an online learner myself in post-secondary and I am looking very forward to working alongside the learners in The HUB to have an exciting learning journey in our new online environment!



**Mr. Brian Heidinger: Grade 7 Science and Mathematics** [brian.heidinger@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:brian.heidinger@sd76.ab.ca)

I am looking forward to getting to know the students at the Medicine Hat At Home Learning Hub. We have an amazing group of dedicated educators at The Hub, and I know that we will create an amazing environment for learning and creating. I love mountain biking, hiking, and being outside. I hope that along the way I can share some of my passions and interests with you! Please reach out to me if you have any questions!



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**Mrs. Samantha Willier: Grade 8-9 Language Arts [samantha.willier@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:samantha.willier@sd76.ab.ca)**

I am super passionate about learning and cannot wait for the opportunity to support my future students at The Medicine Hat At-Home Learning Hub. I love when my students challenge themselves, take risks, and make mistakes. There is nothing better than witnessing my students slowly gain confidence, feel proud of themselves and the amazing things that they have accomplished. I truly believe that every child can meet their full potential, with purposeful instruction. I am very thankful for the opportunity to work with such an amazing team of educators and be welcomed into your child's life. This will be my eighth year of teaching, with experience teaching from Grade 1- 6 over three different school districts. No matter what subject I teach, at the end of the day, I am here to instruct kids, as they are my passion. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to start this learning journey with your child.



**Mr. Ken Hunt: Grade 8-9 Mathematics [kenneth.hunt@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:kenneth.hunt@sd76.ab.ca)**

I could not be more excited to start teaching at the Hub! My goal is to make this online learning experience more engaging and meaningful than any other school experience you have had before. I am a Math teacher with a diverse background in Education. I graduated university with a major in Math and a minor in Drama. I've taught all levels of Jr High and High School math, as well as other classes like forensics and drama. Also, I was able to work as a counsellor at Medicine Hat High School for four years. I try to bring energy and fun to teaching, and I really hope to be able to create meaningful and long-lasting relationships with all of my students, their guardians and my colleagues throughout the year! I love being active and having fun outdoors, I'll play any sport available to me at the time and I know that my y will (eventually) win Lord Stanley's cup! I've also been known to participate in community theatre from time to time, specifically with Medicine Hat Musical Theatre. Please do not hesitate to ask me any questions you have about The Hub!!!



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**Mr. Ross Lyttle: Grade 8-9 Social Studies [ross.lyttle@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:ross.lyttle@sd76.ab.ca)**

This will be my Seventeenth year of teaching. I started my teaching career at a K-12 school in Bassano, for five years I taught grade 7-12 Social Studies. For the past 13 years I have been at Medicine Hat High School teaching Social Studies 9 to 12. In addition, I help coach football at Medicine Hat High School. I am from Edmonton and graduated from the University of Alberta with a B.Ed. with a major in History and a minor in Physical Education. I am very excited about making the transition to The Medicine Hat At-Home Learning Hub; I taught Social 30-1 synchronously online this summer and feel very comfortable in providing a meaningful online classroom experience. I hope to provide an inclusive, and engaging learning environment for your student. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



**Mr. David Van Leeuwen: Grade 8-9 Science [david.vanleeuwen@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:david.vanleeuwen@sd76.ab.ca)**

I'm incredibly excited to bring my love for science and teaching to this online school environment. I was born and raised in Calgary and graduated from U of C with degrees in both Education and Natural Sciences with a concentration in chemistry and physics. I then moved to Medicine Hat in 2007 with my wife who is an elementary school teacher. Before this position, I worked at Crescent Heights High School for the past 13 years teaching a variety of science classes from grades 7-12. I also had a chance to teach some Electrotech classes covering coding, robotics and 3D printing. I hope throughout your time at The Hub, that you will share in my passion for gaining a further understanding of the world around us. Please



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contact me if you have any questions or concerns, need extra help, or just want to talk about the amazing world of science.

Our Hub team is an exceptional group of like-minded educators who see the potential of the deep learning that can take place from an at-home environment. They are passionate about making the Medicine Hat At-Home Learning Hub a success through engaged learning opportunities for all.

We understand there are many questions as you begin this school year in an unknown format. Our hope is to provide you with answers and an opportunity to contact us, as needed. The following is an outline of things to expect in the upcoming weeks:

- Phone call and email from teachers this week.
- Individual Google Meets to get to know students, families and staff members during the first week of school.
- If you have ordered a Chromebook, you will receive a purchase agreement to fill in. Your device will then be delivered to your Home School for pick up.
- Schedules, routines and back to school information will be communicated by teachers during initial contact.
- Consistent use of Google Classroom throughout all grades (Early Learning Program to grade 9)
- Compassionate, caring instruction.

These initial first weeks of school are exciting and busy as we start to develop our routines, build relationships and work towards a new sense of normal. Please contact us with wonderings you may have. We are so happy to have your child join The Hub and look forward to getting to know you and your family.

Please feel free to contact us at the following email addresses:

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Sincerely,

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