

# MEET YOUR NEW TEACHER

My name is Joanne Calder. I started teaching grade 5 at Lamont Elementary in 2007 and have taught grade 3 ever since. Last year I took a break from grade 3 and took on the First Nations, Metis & Inuit Lead position and some grade 2. I am excited to return to grade 3 this year!

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HIGH FIVE!



In the summer of 2008, I married my husband, Scott, who works in Emergency Services at Sherritt, and is also part of the Lamont Fire Department. In 2011, I was away on maternity leave with my daughter Cheyanne and my second maternity leave was with my son, Jaxon, in 2014.



When I am not teaching or planning awesome things for us to do at school... I enjoy camping, playing ball, curling, dining-out and spending time with family and friends.



## SOME OF MY FAVORITE Things:



Disney  
Big Brother  
Starbucks  
Color: Blue  
Sports: curling,  
baseball, hockey  
(Oiler's Fan)

LET ME KNOW



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## **Grade 31 Introductory Newsletter**

Our class will be known as 31. I am looking forward to a great year full of excitement and growth.

### **Communication**

I will be communicating with you throughout the year in many different forms. The most common form will be through your child's agenda book. I will be checking your child's agenda every morning. I would greatly appreciate if you could check and initial your child's homework book every night. Please feel free to write me any messages or concerns as I will be looking for them when I check the agendas in the morning. The last day of every week, I will send home a classroom newsletter that will inform you of any major events and what we are currently covering in class. Another form of communication that I will be using is the telephone. If you have any major concerns please contact me at the school (780-895-2269). My e-mail is also joanne.calder@eips.ca. Please be advised that I have limited time to check my e-mail and may not get to all messages promptly, so if it is urgent please call the school.

I also will be updating my brand-new classroom website, <http://mrscalder.schoolsites.ca>. You can also access my website from the Lamont Elementary School site if you scroll to the bottom and look for my name under the "Sites" drop down menu. I will post important dates/documents, and some information about what we've been doing in class.

We also have a class Twitter and Instagram account. You can follow us at @calder\_grade3. Here I will post reminders of important dates/events and pictures of some of the things happening in our classroom.

It is my hope that this will help strengthen the home-school connection. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at 780-895-2269.

## **Homework**

Each student is to choose a book or two of their liking, read 10-15 minutes every night and have their parent/guardian initial the date on the blank calendar at the front of each month in their child's agenda. I will also be sending home math fact homework that is due the last day of every week. Spelling tests will happen on Wednesdays of every week, unless otherwise specified. If time is not used wisely in class and I feel not enough class work has been completed I may send extra homework home. If this is the case there will be a note in the agenda or a phone call home to inform you.

## **Mystery Student**

Every Day I will choose a "Mystery Student" from the classroom. No one, except me, will know who is chosen. If that student shows good behavior throughout the day then they will get a special treat at the end of the day. If no one gets a treat it means the student that was chosen that day will get another chance another day.

## **"PAWSITIVE" CHOICE TICKETS**

If your child is spotted being a good leader, they will get a "PAWsitive Choice" ticket. Mr. Robertson and Mrs. Anderson will randomly come around to choose names for a treat and at the end of each month they will choose one student per class to join them for a pizza lunch. At the end of each month, the students who have their name in the "PAWsitive" choice bin will get to choose a prize from my treasure bin.

## **Star Student**

Every week I will choose a student to be our classroom "Star Student of the Week." This student will get to be our line leader and have other various tasks to help out in the classroom. We will display the star student's poster that they completed on the first day of school within the classroom.

## Core Subjects

In Language Arts we will be focusing on reading, writing, spelling, and handwriting.

The current grade three math curriculum covers Patterns, numbers up to 1000, number operations (including multiplication and division up to X5), measurement, fractions, 2-D and 3-D shapes, and data analysis. We will be starting with numbers up to 1000.

In Science we will be starting the year with our Rocks and Minerals unit. Other units include Building with a variety of Materials and Testing Materials and Designs, Hearing and Sound, and Animal Life Cycles. Through a variety of hands-on activities students will learn to investigate and appreciate the science objectives covered. During some of these units we will be asking for materials from home to use in class. Please keep an eye out for notes coming home requesting these materials throughout the year.

In Social Studies we will be learning about four other countries. The units are built around the theme of "Connecting with the World." We will focus on communities in Tunisia, India, Peru, and Ukraine. Through the eyes of a fictional child in a community in each country, we will learn about everyday life (including family roles, food, homes, schools, services) languages, customs, traditions, and celebrations. We will start with mapping in September.

## Important Dates/Information

During the rest of September there are some important school and community events listed below.

**Wednesday September 4th:** Early Dismissal (School is out at 2:08 p.m.) & #Loonies4Lamont (Students can bring a Lonnie on this day to be able to wear a hat or bring a stuffy into class).

**Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup>:** Meet the Staff (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

**Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Terry Fox Run/Walk (2:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.)

**Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>** – Orange Shirt Day

I look forward to working together with you and your child so that we can all have a successful year.