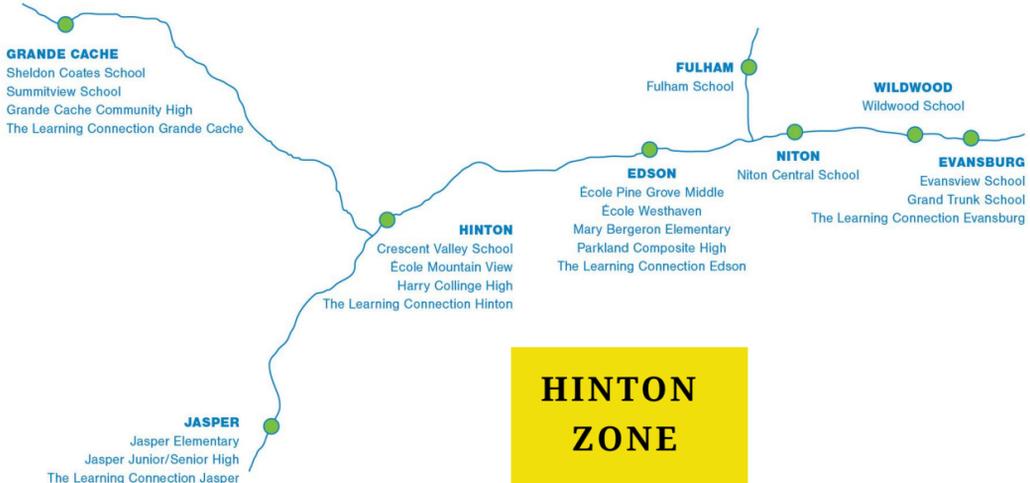


# Assistant Principal Profiles



## HINTON ZONE

At Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, we are proud of the individuals who lead our schools and share their passion and innovation with the staff and youth they interact with on a daily basis.

A strong school leader is someone who leads and models learning, supports a collaborative and reflective learning community, and one who makes child-focused decisions. Here is a peek at those strong leaders in your community!

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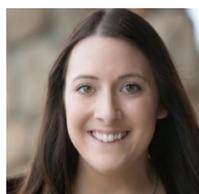


**Paula Murphy**

Crescent Valley School  
JK to Grade 7



**Angela Mitchelson**



**Samantha Ritchie**

École Mountain View  
JK to Grade 7  
English & French  
Immersion Programs



**Andrea Alderman**

Harry Collinge High  
Grades 8 to 12  
The Learning Connection  
Grades 1 to 12



**Barbara Madsen**

### Paula Murphy

Paula began teaching full time in 2002 in Slave Lake, Alberta, where she taught physical education, Grades 5 and 6. She also served as a new teacher/mentor coach from 2014 to 2017. In 2017, Paula moved to Hinton and began teaching Grade 6 at Crescent Valley, and became an Assistant Principal in 2020. Paula has a Bachelor Degree in Education with a Minor in Native Studies from the University of Alberta. She is currently working on her Leadership Certificate at the University of Alberta. Since 2019, Paula has been a proud member of the Reporting and Assessment Advisory Committee and sits on the Curriculum Working Group for GYPSD. She is actively involved in the outdoors with hiking and exploring with her family: her husband Chris, a local RCMP member, her two boys, and their dog Kylo. She has also competed in the team event at the Death Race in Grande Cache, and the Sinister 7 Trail Running Events.



### Angela Mitchelson

Angela accepted the position of Assistant Principal of Crescent Valley School in Hinton beginning the 2023/2024 school year, and is pleased to have joined the administrative team, while maintaining her role as the Learning Support Teacher (LST) for the school. After completing a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba, she started her teaching career in 2003 at The Northwest Catholic School Board in Fort Frances, Ontario. Over the course of her first ten years of teaching in Ontario, Angela taught grades 5 and 6, completed additional qualifications, and obtained a Specialist Certification in Special Education. Later, she taught Junior Kindergarten while also delivering Special Education programming as a classroom consultant. Angela and her family relocated to Hinton in the fall of 2013. In 2014 she accepted a position as a grade 5 teacher at Crescent Valley School. She returned to the special education role as a Learning Support Teacher in 2016 and later delivered Language Enrichment Programming to 3 and 4-year-olds. She continues to support the Children's Creative Early Learning Centre Junior Kindergarten Program. She is passionate about teaching and learning and advocates for all children to be able to reach their full potential and achieve their dreams. She continues to be actively engaged as a learner and is taking courses to obtain a Graduate Certificate in Leadership Studies from the University of Alberta.

### Samantha Ritchie

Samantha grew up in Hinton where she also attended École Mountain View School as a child. She was enrolled in the French Immersion program and continued her studies in French until her Grade 12 graduation, thus receiving her bilingual certificate. Samantha graduated from the University of Alberta, completing her studies and obtaining her Bachelor of Education with a specialization in Special Education. She was offered a teaching position in Hinton in 2012 at École Mountain View School, and has taught most grades from kindergarten through grade 7, in both English and French. She is a member of the Curriculum Working Group in mathematics for GYPSD and, over the summers, she has also spent several years teaching Science and Technology summer school courses at GPRC in Hinton, which are some of her passions! In her spare time, she enjoys crafting, camping, fishing, hiking and spending time with her two sons and her dogs!



### Andrea Alderman

Andrea began her post-secondary journey with an Honours Bachelor's degree in Translation from the University of Ottawa. She then earned a Bachelor of Education from Lakehead University before moving to La Ronge, Saskatchewan, to teach French Immersion for two years, before coming to Hinton. In 2017, she earned her Master of Education in Information Technology from Memorial University. Andrea taught Grade 7 French Immersion at École Mountain View, including one year as their Assistant Principal. Andrea is currently the Assistant Principal of Harry Collinge High and teaches Fashion and Communication Technology. Andrea has also served as the Division's Technology Lead Teacher. All three of her children currently attend École Mountain View School. Her family enjoys many outdoor pursuits which means her garage is filled with skis, snowboards, bikes, skateboards, wakeboards, paddleboards, and so much more than there is no vehicle big enough!

### Barbara Madsen

Barbara began teaching English at Harry Collinge High School in 2010. She has a Bachelor of Education in English Language Arts and a Master of Education in School Leadership, both from the University of Alberta. In her free time, Barbara enjoys spending time with her family, reading, cooking, communing with nature, and traveling off the beaten path.

