

Division NEWS

New Staffing Announcement - Niton Central School

Immediate Release: June 2, 2025 - [Grande Yellowhead Public School Division](#) (GYPSD) is pleased to announce that Mr. David MacDougall has accepted the position of Principal of Niton Central School in Niton Junction beginning the 2025/2026 school year.

Mr. MacDougall has been working in the Peace Country for the last twenty five years. He began his teaching career in Inukjuak, a town in the Arctic, and then later moved for a position Buffalo Head Prairie School. He has worked almost exclusively in rural K-9 and K-12 schools, and is looking forward to joining another rural K-9 school with GYPSD.

Mr. MacDougall obtained a Graduate Certificate in School Leadership from the University of Alberta in 2023, and a Bachelor of Education (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Prince Edward Island. He has worked the last five years as the Assistant Principal at Ridgeview Central School (grades 4-6) and at Blue Hills Community School (K-12) where he assisted with this school's recent addition of a high school program to meet the community's needs.

An avid mountain and road biker, Mr. MacDougall spends a lot of his free time on two wheels and enjoys commuting to work on his Harley. He also spends a lot of time outdoors, fishing, boating, camping and hunting.



"I am very excited to be joining Grande Yellowhead Public School Division and Niton Central School, and Mrs. MacDougall is even more excited to be moving closer to our children and grandchildren in Spruce Grove and Drayton Valley. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve another rural community, and look forward to meeting all the new faces and families in Niton Junction."

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