

Culdesac School District

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The Wolf Den



**A GROUP OF JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS CREATE
A NEW GAME DURING LUNCH: INTRODUCING
“BELLY BALL!”**



(Top: Tillman Heinzerling bumps the ball across the circle to his friends. Bottom left: Leighton Smith pushes the ball into the circle. Bottom right: Gunner Roberts lofts the ball high into the air.)

Meet the Staff

New Faces Join the Culdesac School Team

We welcomed new staff members to the Culdesac staff family this year, while some existing staff moved into new roles.

- **Henry Filipponi**, moved into the principal position for K-12 this year.
- **Jackie Smith**, a long-term employee of the district returned after a year's hiatus in her new role as Teacher Mentor.
- **Julane Lowry** was hired to train with Loretta Hammond, in the role of District Clerk. Hammond will be retiring in December.
- **Karissa St. Onge** was hired as the new Special Education instructor.
- **Bonnie MacMillan** was hired to teach High School Math.
- **Hilaree Vanderpas** was hired to teach Junior High Math and Science.
- **Amanda Blosser** was hired as the school's full-time custodian.
- **Kristine Hizy**, was hired to work as a paraprofessional in the 1st and 2nd grade with Ms. Jolly.
- **Corinne Filon**, who taught Kindergarten last year, has moved to the 5th and 6th grade this year.
- **Tara Jolly**, who worked as a paraprofessional last year, was hired to teach 1st and 2nd grade, after working all summer to complete her Education degree.
- **Kelley Arnett**, who has worked for the district wearing many hats throughout the years, was hired to teach Kindergarten.

Meet Bonnie MacMillan...

The first thing you notice about Mrs. MacMillan is her brilliant smile. This multi-talented instructor earned her degree at LCSC, majoring in Science and Math with a minor in Psychology. She is married to Greg, is the mother to three (Ryan, Allison and Tyler), and shares her home with four pets: A dog, a rabbit, and two cats. In her spare time, she loves to scuba dive and is an avid boogey boarder. She is a member of the LC Valley Community Band and plays in the orchestra for the Civic Theater. "I love my time here at Culdesac School! The staff and students are very welcoming and feel like family. I love all the options and opportunities available to our students."



Meet Julane Lowry...



Ms. Lowry is a woman with many interests and a diverse background and will be stepping into Loretta Hammond's shoes in December. Originally from Lewiston, she graduated from LCSC with a degree in Business Administration and Management and later earned her Master's degree in Education - Curriculum and Instruction. She shares her life with Larry, 14 goats, 2 alpacas, 40 chickens, 4 geese, 2 dogs and 3 cats. She is into antiques and owns two businesses, the first a bookkeeping business and the other a "sweet shack." "I feel a tremendous responsibility to fill BIG SHOES as Loretta leaves... I have already told her that she cannot go far and I will be blowing up her phone with questions and calls."

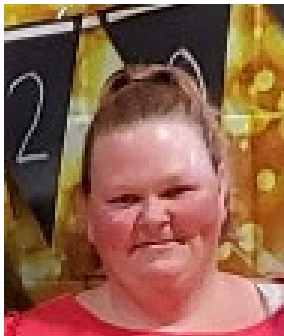
Meet Hilaree Vanderpas... Ms. Vanderpas jumped into employment at Culdesac School with a "can do" attitude. She not only teaches 7th and 8th grade Math and Science, but also drives bus for the district both morning and afternoon! Rumor is that she will be coaching this year as well. She has earned two Master's degrees, one in Special Education and the other in Administration. She enjoys spending time with her boyfriend, Jon, as well as her 3.5 horses (Red, Spencer, Roddy, and Splash) and her 3 dogs (Tripp, Skipp, and Lola.) "I like the small environment" found here at Culdesac, she said.





Meet Karissa St. Onge... Like a shiny penny, Karissa St. Onge has returned to Culdesac School after many years - just one more step in her educational journey. She has taken the helm of the Special Education program this year and will teach K-12. Ms. St. Onge lives with her dog Millie, an Australian Shepherd. She has two grown children, a son and a daughter, both of whom are in college. In her spare time, she enjoys riding horses and snow skiing. Ms. St. Onge stated, "I love this school and I love to teach! Go wolves!"

Meet Kristine Hizey - Mrs. Hizey is a Culdesac alumna, having graduated in 1999, and is excited to return to the school in her role as paraprofessional. She will be working with Mrs. Jolly in first and second grade this year. She is married to Shawn and have three children: Makayla, Angela, and Aiden. She also shares her home with two dogs, two cats, and an African Bullfrog. "My family and I have traveled and lived in many different places across the country, however, none of the schools were as committed to their students' educational success as Culdesac School." Mrs. Hizey stated she loves how warm and welcoming all of the staff have been as she gets started.



Meet Amanda Blosser - Amanda officially began working for the district after school let out for the summer. Originally from Ohio, she has long been involved in the school after her family moved to Culdesac and began attending school. Her oldest, Austin, graduated last year. Rocky and Grace are in the high school and junior high school, respectively. So great to have you as part of the CHS family Amanda!

**PTSA Meeting
October 6th at 4 p.m.
In the school library**



Culdesac High School has three girls playing volleyball on the Highland team this year: Ellena Bennett, Soux Sanford, and Emma Beamish. Good luck ladies!



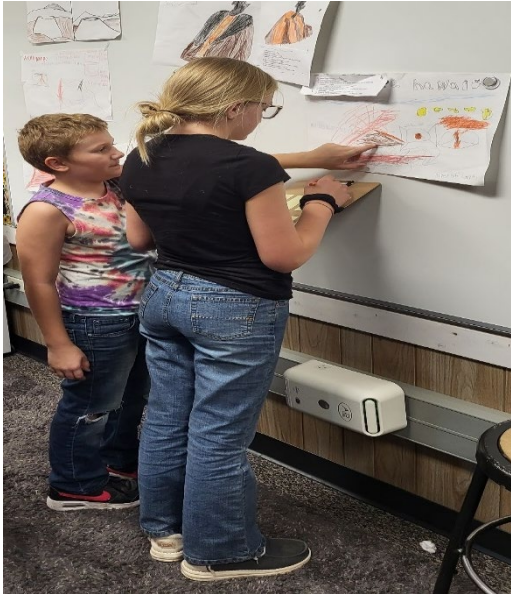
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

TRUSTEE ZONE #1 AND #2 VACANCY NOTICE

Culdesac Joint School District #342 Board of Trustees declared Zone #1 and #2 vacant due to the resignation of Trustee Bryce Scrimsher and Trustee Mitchell Reid. Both Trustees submitted their resignation due to work duties that will no longer allow them the opportunity to serve on the Board of Trustees. The District would like to extend both Trustees the best in their futures to come and thank them for their service on the Culdesac JSD #342 Board of Trustees. If you live in Zone #1 or #2 and interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, please submit a letter of interest to the school. Please contact the school at 208-843-5413 with any questions you may have in serving to complete the existing four-year terms for Zone #1 and #2 as a Board of Trustee. You must reside in the Zone you represent.

In The Classrooms...



Mrs. Filon's 5th and 6th grade students recently did some studying on volcanoes from around the world. Part of a poster project was to draw the inner workings of a volcano to demonstrate how they work. When the posters were placed around the room, students provided feedback for their classmates. (Left: Josh and Gorgia) (Right: Camille, Blake, and Hunter)



Mrs. Jolly's 1st and 2nd grade students show off bees they have made for a project that will be displayed at the Nez Perce County Fair.