



Teacher Profile - Heather Melville

How long have you been teaching at Connect Charter School?

Since August 2012.

What is your favourite unit to teach? Math/Science - Grade 4 Math

Drama - Stage Combat - Grade 9s



What is your educational/professional background?

B.F.A. (92) B.Ed (12) Co-Owned Theatre Works (Extra Curricular Theatre School), Director, Choreographer and Teacher. Taught as an artist with Learning Through the Arts. I was a Sessional Instructor at the University of Calgary teaching Oral Communication to engineering students.

What brought you to Connect?

Temporary Position as Drama Specialist - Then moved into Grade 4 Math/Science for 3 years - back to Drama for 4 years.

What do you consider the best part of teaching at our school?

The students.

Tell us a bit about your family.

I have 2 sons ages 17 (Colton) and 20 (Ethan). Colton is in grade 12 and hoping to go into Environmental Science. Ethan has his Pre-Employment in Carpentry from SAIT and is now going back to get his Pre-employment in Cabinet-Making. I have been married to John for 6 ½ years. As a family we love to play board games and go camping.

What do you like to do when you're not in the classroom?

Read, play games and camp.

What is your most recent rewarding moment as a teacher?

There are so many... seeing light bulb moments, laughing every day and building relationships with every student in the school.



Bonus Question!

Tell us some things about yourself that most people don't know about you?

1. I was the mascot (Hidy) in the Calgary '88 Olympics.
2. I haven't missed an episode of Survivor and have chosen the winner every time.
3. I was nominated for the Siminovitch Prize for Playwriting.
4. I've written seven full length musicals.
5. I represent Connect Charter School on the Charter School Critical Incident Response Team.