



New Administrator Profile

Beth Olson, Jefferson Elementary Principal

Employee Since: 2012

1. Why did you initially want to get into the field of education?

I have wanted to be in the field of education for a very long time. I recall wanting to be a teacher when I was in the fourth grade. I happen to have a brother that started Kindergarten when I started college, and in many ways, he was my first student. I enjoy working with, motivating, and inspiring young people. I have always worked with children in every job I have ever had. So, for me, education has always been the perfect fit!

2. What did you do before accepting your most current position?

Most recently, I was the Dean of Students at Lewis and Clark Elementary for the past four years. Prior to that, I was the Student Performance Strategist at Kennedy Elementary. I have taught second, third, and fourth grades in both Grand Forks and Fargo.

3. What do you like to do outside of work?

I enjoy going to the lake in Park Rapids, MN with my family. Favorite activities of mine are kayaking and paddle boarding on the lake. I like to travel, shop, and experience new places.

4. Tell us about your family.

I am married to Todd, who is the Activities Director for the Fargo Public Schools. We have a son, David, who lives in Florida. He is in IT with PNC Bank. Our daughter, Katelyn, is an occupational therapist here in Fargo.

5. What about FPS makes you most proud?

What makes me proud is the people in the Fargo Public Schools. We are a part of a wonderful community of people who do our best every day to make a positive difference for the students we are so lucky to work with. This is quite evident to me as I have now worked in three schools in the district and served on many district-wide committees. The staff in the Fargo schools are devoted to the students and the development of professional learning. Our teachers and staff do make a difference and it is evident!

