



New Administrator Profile

Bobby Olson, Centennial Elementary School Principal

Employee Since: *Fall 2011*

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

I enjoy relationships and working with people. I find a personal satisfaction in helping to develop students and adults. It's rewarding to see them be able to do things that they couldn't before. Life has to have a purpose; in the education field I have found mine.

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

I was a principal at Madison Elementary here at Fargo Public Schools for 10 years. Prior to that I spent five years in Bismarck as a principal of Northridge Elementary and six years as a superintendent of Leola Public Schools in Leola, SD.

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

I love riding motorcycle, that's my favorite! I also like riding snowmobile, but it seems like lately I fix them more than I ride them. I also enjoy outdoor activities such as camping, hunting, etc. I'm happiest when I'm doing these things with family and friends.

4. Tell us about your family.

I am married with four kids. I have three boys and one girl. Three of my kids are out of school now and one is in fourth grade this year. We are an active family, always on the move it seems. There is often a lot of activity at our place.

5. What about FPS makes you most proud?

What makes me most proud of FPS is that we don't accept where we are at and that we are continuously trying to get better. With the current focus on SEL, I feel that FPS is really putting our students first.

