April 10, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Shayle Wiebe, a teacher candidate from UBC, and I am really excited and grateful for the opportunity to get to better know the children of Norma Rose Point School. I am currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Education program at UBC, and completed a Bachelor of Sciences last spring, Majoring in Environmental Sciences and Minoring in Psychology. I have volunteered and worked with children of all ages, in the capacity of helping with community events to leading a summer camp held at UBC Farm. I am passionate about science, environmental and outdoor education, as well as encouraging students to explore world cultures and themselves.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know more about how the teacher candidate program works and how this will involve your son or daughter. Throughout this school year, I have been making weekly visits to the school: shadowing Ms. Burd and the community of Middle School teachers; assisting with classroom activities; and leading occasional lessons under Ms. Burd’s guidance and supervision. This term, I am in the classroom full time, from March 30th to June 5th. During this time, I will be gradually working up to a full teaching load, meaning I will be teaching most of your son or daughter’s lessons, again under Ms. Burd’s supervision. I may have met some of you during student-led conferences during the fall, but I look forward to getting to meet you all. I recognize that your child is going through their own learning journey this year, and I am thankful and eager to have the entire class, including myself, learn from each other. A particular highlight for me so far has been seeing how each student’s writing ability has grown this year and reading the connections they are already making in this term’s poetry unit.

I will give my best to make classes interesting so your child feels engaged in what they are learning, but also to challenge them to develop their various skills and extend their thinking. I want to make the most of this term for your child, and am happy to discuss any questions or concerns you have. Please stop by the classroom, phone the school, or email me at[**shaylewiebe@gmail.com**](mailto:shaylewiebe@gmail.com)to make an appointment to meet with me and Ms. Burd.

Sincerely,

Shayle Wiebe

UBC Teacher Candidate