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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I would like to take a minute of your time to introduce myself. In the last week I have been working closely with the other junior high teachers to ensure that your children get the best programming in as safe an environment as possible. I will be teaching Social Studies 7 and 8 as well as Foods during my time here. I look forward to teaching these subjects as they are passions of mine. I love the challenge of a junior high setting where you get the opportunity to build relationships with the students over multiple years and in multiple situations.

I would also like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself. Although I grew up in the southern part of the province I obtained my Education degree with a Human Ecology (Home Economics) major and an English minor and my Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Alberta. I have been teaching for over 15 years predominantly in Home Economics, English Language Arts and Social Studies.

I also have a passion for inclusive education. While I obtained my Masters of Educational Leadership and School Improvement I had the opportunity to research reading disabilities specific to a junior high setting. My hope is that I can incorporate education and experience in literacy and inclusion into all my classrooms this year for a multidisciplinary approach. I love to stay active and to be outdoors. My favourite indoor activities are cooking, reading, and spending time with my family.

I want you and your child to feel comfortable reaching out to me with any questions or concerns that you may have. It's my promise to be patient and listen as I hope you can be patient with me. Email is the best method of reaching me. It is jennifer.layton@gshare.blackgold.ca and I hope to respond within 24 hours. If email does not work for you feel free to call the school phone 780 986 7888 and ask for me.

Sincerely,

Jen Wannop