

Greetings to all North Border-Walhalla Elementary families!
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My name is Nick Amb, and I am the new elementary principal here at the Walhalla site. I would like to take just a moment and introduce myself and tell you a bit about my hopes and dreams for the year to come.

I grew up on a farm in Steele County, North Dakota near Portland. I graduated from Mayville-Portland High School, and Mayville State University. I taught for six years at Valley of Hoople/Crystal, seventeen years at Tri-County of Karlstad, MN, and the past three years I have been the K-12 Dean of Students and Activities Director at TCS. I completed my M. Ed from Minnesota State University--Moorhead in 2011, and my licensure coursework for both Principal and Superintendent in the spring of 2016.

My family consists of my wife, Lisa (she will also be joining the NB family as a teacher in grade one!)..we have three adult children: Scott, Kelli, and Bennett. We also have a 2 year old aussie shepherd cross named Nannie. We enjoy spending time as a family as much as we can. In my spare time I like to read, spend time outdoors, work with our dog, and enjoy time with friends.

My hope for this year is to make a difference for as many of our kids as possible. I firmly believe that if we are to teach the mind, we have to first reach the heart. Those connections and the feeling of a caring, warm school are very important to me because I know that is where we make the most impact on our kids. I want to help each student here grow academically as well as learn how to solve problems, develop self confidence, and help prepare them for a productive and rewarding adult life.

My first task (beyond learning a different state accountability system and student software) is to get to know as many people in the North Border school community as possible. If you are able, stop by my office to say hello! I'd love to meet you and your kids.

Please watch this space for further updates. Family involvement is extremely important for student success. My goal is to make sure that families know about the wonderful opportunities for their students here and provide a line of communication for you about what our students are learning and doing!

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 549-3751 or via email at Nicholas.Amb@k12.nd.us

Sincerely,

Nick