

Mrs. Tina Cheek  
2nd Grade Teacher

Mrs. Cheek is in her 19th year at Mitchell Public and her 17th at MES. She graduated from Kelly Walsh High School in Casper, Wyoming. She lived in the same house growing up in Casper. She was involved in volleyball and gymnastics in high school. She was the captain of her gymnastics team in high school. She has three older brothers. One of her brothers is a science teacher and wrestling coach in Gretna, Nebraska. Two of her brothers live in Cheyenne, Wyoming and one competes in triathlons. She is married to Silas Cheek and they have two children, Gavin and Anna. Her mom and dad still live in Casper and are retired.

*Why did you become a teacher?*

"I enjoy working with kids and have a love of learning. I like to instill the love of learning in the students I encounter."

*Who was the most influential person in your life?*

"My parents instilled in me my work ethic. They believed in just getting things done without fanfare. My brothers were always very protective of me and took care of me in many aspects. They always gave me good advice."

*What event in your life had a huge impact on your being?*

"Becoming a parent and attempting to raise my kids."

*What is the most enjoyable thing about being a teacher?*

"I love watching kids grow - seeing their growth from the beginning of the year to the end of the year."

*What do you like most about MES?*

"I like the family atmosphere and it is very welcoming."

*What are your hobbies?*

"I like to run, more so outside as opposed to inside. I enjoy cooking and consider myself a good cook. I like to read when I have free time. Most of my time is spent chasing my kids around with their activities. I also enjoy playing volleyball and golfing."

*Where do you go to get your mind straight?*

"I go for long runs and blast my music, preferably outside."

*What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment?*

"I am a work in progress and always look to the next thing - something else. This accomplishment is great, but how can I do better? I don't really look at accomplishments."

*If you could do anything else, what would that be?*

"Hairdresser! I enjoy the feeling you get from being pampered - it makes me feel good and I would like to do that for others."

*What is something you would be willing to share about yourself that few know?*

"I was captain of my gymnastics team for three years. I was selected by my teammates and coach. I did the floor, beam, vault, and bars while I competed in gymnastics."

*What is something on your bucket list?*

"I would like to travel more, particularly to Europe. I have been fortunate to have traveled a great deal. I would like to travel to places I have never visited before. I also would like to run a full marathon. I have run numerous half marathons, but my goal someday is to run a full marathon, possibly in Deadwood, South Dakota."

*Favorites:*

*Food:* Italian Food

*Place to Eat:* Carrabba's Italian Grill

*Music:* Late 90's & 2000's R & B

*Color:* Purple

*Animal:* Cats

*Book:* The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein. My 6th grade teacher gave her students this book when they graduated.

*Movie:* Rudy - I admired his work ethic.

*Place:* Our family cabin in Dubois, Wyoming.