

Mrs. Valerie Wadhams
5th & 6th Grade Math

Mrs. Val Wadhams is in her 13th year at MES and in her 31st year in education. Mrs. Wadhams teaches 5th & 6th grade reading. Mrs. Wadhams is a native of Montana and was born and raised on a ranch in south central Montana. She is a graduate of Northwest Community College and Montana State. She moved to Nebraska and married her husband, Steve, who is also a rancher. Mrs. Wadhams and her husband ranch north of Mitchell where she enjoys riding her four-wheeler to do cattle work. They have one son, Aaron. Aaron is a graduate of Mitchell High School and is married to his wife, Abby. Abby and Aaron are expecting their first child in April. Mrs. Wadhams is very excited to be a first-time grandmother.

Why did you become a teacher?

"I decided to become a teacher when the pastor of the church I was attending in college asked me to teach a Sunday School class and then encouraged me to become a teacher."

Who was the most influential person in your life?

"The most influential people in my life would have to be my parents. Everything I have and have accomplished, I can attribute to the life lessons, opportunities, and examples they afforded me.

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

"Events haven't had as much an impact on my life as people that I have known, or know, have.

What is the most enjoyable thing about being a teacher?

"The most rewarding thing about teaching is helping others solve problems."

What do you like most about MES?

"MES has been a great place to teach because of the support of my fellow teachers and parents."

What are your hobbies?

"I enjoy reading, watching crime dramas, cooking, and creative things."

What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment?

"I like to think that my greatest accomplishment will be my next one."

What is something on your bucket list?

"One thing on my bucket list is to learn how to throw a pot on a potter's wheel."

Favorites:

Food: Home-made soup

Place to Eat: Ole's

Music: 70's, 80's, & 90's Country

Color: Plaid

Animal: Turtle & Giraffe

Book: Holes

Movie: Second Hand Lions

Place: Some place high with a view.