

February Spotlight on Support Staff: Misty Larson, Native American Educational Coordinator

“We need to help students and parents cherish and preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that nourishes and strengthens this community - and this nation.”

— Cesar Chavez



Misty Larson has been an employee at Clearbrook-Gonvick school for eight years. She is a Clearbrook-Gonvick graduate and has lived in the Gonvick area most of her entire life. She has two children, Mykenzie and Jaret Larson.

Why did you choose to be work at school? The reason for me choosing to work here at the school was to surround myself with wonderful educators. Knowing that my children would be attending this school just made it all that much better.

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick? I attended college and received my criminal justice degree. Then I worked at the sheriff's department in Clearwater County as a jailer and dispatcher.

What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick? The best part of my job is that I get to work with all students, K-12. And I never have a dull moment.

What is the biggest challenge of your job? There are no challenges that I can't handle so therefore there are no challenges.

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why? In order for me to have my dream job, I would have to move to Australia, live on Hamilton Island, and become a deep sea fisherwomen and tour guide. This would allow me to be outside where the weather is warm and I could enjoy fishing, snorkeling, and scuba diving. I would get to meet new people from all around the world on my guide trips. This would

be the ultimate dream job for me. I would get to enjoy life to it's fullest and surround myself with the sun, the moon, and the stars.

What do you do when you are not at working at the school? I have two very active children so we are consistently running. I enjoy fishing, hunting, ranger riding and gardening. I like to be outside camping, swimming, and relaxing.

Any other favorites you would like to share? The best part of coming back and working in this school is "I still get to eat school lunches". Thanks Robin!

And now a few words from the students and staff about Misty...

"Misty is so cool to work with." "Misty is energetic, willing, and a giver to the students in our building. She's flexible and willing to fill many roles she has been asked to do in her years of service and does so with a positive attitude. Her interaction with staff, students and community is professional and she is a wonderful asset our staff." "I personally think Misty is a fun person. She can make any boring assignment into a fun one." "I like Misty because she is funny and nice. Also, she helps me a lot." "I like Misty because she makes me do my work. She is very nice and also very funny" "Misty brings a big smile with her to work everyday. Her smile brightens the building and her laugh is contagious."