

## November Spotlight on Support Staff: Jamie Weems, paraprofessional



*Jamie Weems and her husband, Scott, have been married for 14 years. Together, they have two beautiful children, Tyler, 13, and Mckenzie, 11. Jamie is originally from Bemidji. She and her husband moved to Clearbrook in 2001 to raise their family. She started subbing as a Paraprofessional at Clearbrook -Gonvick School in the fall of 2008.*

**Why did you decide to work at a school?** I decided to work at the school when my children reached school age.

**What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick?** I was a stay-at-home mom.

**What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of my job is seeing the gratification each student provides when developing a new skill or concept.

**What is the hardest part of your job?** The hardest part of my job is trying to see things through the eyes of the child I'm working with. Everyday concepts that we take for granted are an everyday struggle to some of these children.

**If you could have any job in the world, what would it be - why??** I have the best job in the world!

**What do you do when you are not working?** I enjoy spending time with my family. I also LOVE to shop!

**What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community?** I really love that everyone is always looking out for one another and looking out for our kids.

*And now a word or two about Jamie Weems from the students...*

**Why do you think Jamie decided to work at school?** *“Because she loves kids.”*

*“Help people.” “Because she likes kids.”*

**What do you think Jamie does when she is not teaching here at school?**

*“Probably sits on her couch.” “Relaxes.” “Stays at home and spends time with her kids.” “Rides in the cop car and cleans up.”*

**What do you think Jamie was like in High School?** *“Nice and brave.” “Always*

*focused.” “Nice! Had a lot of friends.” “A senior and nice.”*

**What is one great thing about Jamie?** *“She can get kids to work their hardest on a*

*task in a kind and respectful manner.” “She is kind to us kids.” “She can get a kid to work hard.” “She’s very nice and makes us work our hardest/do our best.” “I like that she likes kids.”*

**If Jamie did not work here at school, what job do you think she would have?**

**Why?** *“Police ‘cause it is just like a teacher's job.” “Work at a hospital.” “Hospital because she could help people.” “Hospital to help people.”*

**If you could send Jamie on a vacation to anywhere in the world, where**

**would you send her? WHY?** *“Denver.” “Florida if she took me with her.” “Hawaii because it would be warm.” “Hollywood to meet new people.”*

**What is one thing Jamie ALWAYS says?** *“Do your work.” “Good morning.” “This*

*is work you can do.” “You have to tell me what work you have.”*