

About Dr. Baukol

My connection with the Chokio Alberta school system started in 1968. I was a freshmen playing basketball on the Starbuck B team and we were playing at Starbuck. When we began warming up for the B game the gym was packed with Chokio Alberta fans. A very exciting game for a 15 year old B team player who usually didn't have but a few fans in the gym until the second half of the game

My own experiences as a young student have greatly impacted my career as an educator. I have always supported ways to help out the struggling student who has to work hard in school. I have worked hard to keep a wide array of options available for all students. I know firsthand how important the arts, athletics and the practical arts are for so many students. My memories of lab experiments in chemistry are very vivid to this day. I am still using a four drawer file cabinet that I built in the wood shop when I was a Jr in high school. My experiences working with Special Olympic students when I was a teacher in Cyrus in the late 70's have never left me.

My own educational goals have always had a very practical connection for my future. I attended Fergus Falls Junior College in part to be able to play basketball at the college level. I finished my BS degree at the UMM at Morris to allow me to become a teacher. I earned my Masters degree and a 6th year degree at St. Cloud so I could become a principal. And I enrolled in a Doctoral program at the University of South Dakota to improve my chances of being hired as a Superintendent of school. That project took a long time but I finished the program in 2010 one year after my retirement from the Montevideo Public School. The next year I began my time here at Chokio Alberta and have enjoyed many years as the Superintendent here at Chokio Alberta.

In the fall when school is beginning and I have a chance to talk to the students I often tell them that there are only two rules that they need to follow to be happy and successful. These two rules will help them not only here at school but their entire life. I believe in this way of life and I try to model the two simple rules as I go about my own life. Rule 1. Be nice Rule 2. Work hard

My hobbies and interests are mostly connected to sports. Golf, distance running and now a new fun activity of pickle ball. I have also enjoyed riding my Harley which I bought in 1999 and am still riding the same bike today. I got married to Dianne in 1975 and we currently enjoy our three children and eight grandchildren. Especially the grandchildren!

David Baukol