

My name is Lynnette Arens and I am so fortunate to be the math teacher at Chokio-Alberta School! This is my  $10^{th}$  year teaching, my  $6^{th}$  year here in Chokio. I teach all  $7^{th} - 12^{th}$  grade math, with the exception of College Algebra and College Trig.

One of the fun facts about myself is that as the math teacher at C-A, my degree is actually in Communication. I graduated from NDSU in 2005 with a degree in Speech Communication and a Women's Studies minor. In 2009 I went back to school at UMM to get my math certification and received my teaching license for 5-12 mathematics in 2011.

I live on a farm outside of Barry, MN with my husband, Ray, and our 5 kids, Ashley, Will, David, Charlie, and CJ. We also have 2 dogs, a handful of cats, and a smorgasbord of cows! While I once thought I wanted to live in New York City, I can't imagine living anywhere else at this point. In the summer I love to swim, waterski, and go hiking. In the winter I enjoy snowmobiling and skiing. In my very limited downtime I also like to sew, read, and watch movies with my family.

I love teaching and I particularly love teaching math! I think that with my unique background, it gives me a unique approach to how I teach. I believe as we have more experiences in life we grow and learn how to approach different concepts better. I believe that I have been graced with a lot of different experiences that have made me a better, more empathetic, enthusiastic teacher, and I hope I can share that with my students. I can't wait to see you in class!! ©