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My name is Cheryl Carroll and here are some facts to help you get to know me better. I was born September 25th, 1972 in Chatham, New Brunswick. I went to Elementary school at St. Michael's Elementary, which is no longer a public school and used by NBCC. Dr. Losier is where I went to middle school. Back then, it was called junior high and was from grade seven to nine. My graduation year was 1990 and following high school at JMH, I went to UNB to study Education. After graduating from university, I stayed in school for another year to upgrade my teaching certificate. Another milestone was getting married on August 3rd, 1996. We have two boys (Ryan and Evan) who were born in 2000 and 2002. These facts give you some details about a few of the important events in my life so far.

Becoming a teacher is something that I knew from a young age was my career of choice. My grandmother, three of her sisters, and many aunts and uncles chose teaching as a career and maybe this influenced me to become a teacher. This fall will be my 24th year teaching! It doesn't seem that long ago that I started out as a supply teacher for a few years. I have taught at only four schools throughout the years. Rexton Elementary was the first place that I had a full time job and it was a grade five class. From there I moved to Nelson Rural School where I taught grade three. Next, it was teaching grade six, seven and eight French Immersion at Dr. Losier Middle School. This may seem like all this moving around took a long time but it was only about six years. The last move that I made was when I came to Napan Elementary School for the 2004-2005 school year. I have enjoyed my teaching career so far and am looking forward to getting back to the classroom in the fall.

Family is something that is very important to me. I have one older sister named Carolyn and two younger brothers named Rob and Rick. When my father remarried, I not only gained an extra mother but also three more brothers named Brad, Geoff, and Tim. My dad and stepmom moved to BC three years ago but I see them every year at least once. Most of my mother's side of the family lives in Fredericton and I visit often, especially since my sister moved there last year. One thing that is sure to happen when my family gathers is a lot of eating. We love to have meals together, laugh, play board games and share stories. Not getting together has been hard during this time of social distancing. My grandmother's 95th birthday celebration was canceled the end of March. However, our 'visits' have changed to Zoom (a program for video chats). It is important to stay connected with family.

I have many interests and hobbies outside of school. One of my favourite pastimes is reading. This is how I usually end each day, by reading for a little while before I go to sleep. In the summertime, I like to read a good novel sitting outside by the pool. Playing golf has become my favourite physical activity since I started playing four years ago. Although I prefer golf, I have had many adventures in my kayak! Something that I do every summer is to kayak with a group of people from the wharf in St. Louis de Kent out to the sand dunes in Kouchibouguac Park to see the seals. My friend Karen and I are in the river as early as April and the latest we ever went in was December 23rd! It is fun to kayak with ice in the river but you sure have to be careful. Some of my other hobbies are knitting and gardening. It is important to find hobbies and interests that make you happy.