

Alexis Hillyard Jr. High Electives Teacher



Alexis has been part of the WISE community since 2019 as the Cooking Electives teacher and substitute teacher, and she is thrilled to call the WISE “home.”

As a child, Alexis loved to learn, create music, and ask questions about the world and how it worked. She started singing in choirs at the age of 6, and this love of singing and musical expression has stayed with her throughout her life. At age 10 she learned viola, and then guitar at age 15. As a teen, Alexis sang and composed songs in a band and played at local venues around Edmonton. She currently sings in the Oran community adult choir, and professes to always include music as an important and beautiful part of her life!

Alexis completed a Bachelor of Education degree in Secondary Education with a major in math and a minor in choral conducting. After she obtained her Education degree, she lived and worked in Namibia, Africa, teaching grades 4-6 at a Namibian-led NGO. This experience led Alexis to critically question her role as a white teacher in a predominantly black African community, and then to further explore issues of whiteness, colonialism, and global education through a Masters of Education program at the U of A. Alexis finished her Masters in Theoretical, Cultural and International Education in 2011, after which she worked with pre-service teachers to support them in making their classrooms as inclusive and socially just as possible.

In addition to being a mom of two vibrant ‘littles,’ Alexis is also a social media influencer under the name Stump Kitchen. Here Alexis creates engaging and fun cooking, cosplay and educational videos that center disability awareness, creativity, and representation of diversity. Born without her left hand, Alexis uses her lovingly-named stump as a kitchen tool (e.g., spatula, juicer, potato masher) while expanding the vocabulary of what's possible while cooking, and she strives to bring the joy from her online cooking show to her cooking elective students each week!