

Hello everyone! My name is Janis Marie Mack, a.k.a. Ms. Mack. I was born in Caribou, Maine and moved to rural Alaska when I was three with my parents and brother. My parents were both teachers and my brother, and sister-in-law are teachers in Anchorage. I attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka, Alaska; a unique public boarding school which accepts students from all over Alaska. We had to live there from August to May in a dorm, only going home during Christmas break and in the summer. My favorite subject in high school was English of course!



After high school, I attended Sheldon Jackson College, also located in Sitka. The school district my parents taught for nominated me for the State of Alaska Teaching Scholarship program and I was lucky enough to get it. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, with a degree in Language Arts and a certificate in Secondary Education. While in college I didn't join any clubs, but I worked part-time at our school library and gym during the school year and at the Boys and Girls Club in Anchorage every summer.

I taught for 6 years in rural Alaska (Scammon Bay and Pilot Station) before moving here to Wasilla with my family. I have been teaching at Wasilla Middle School since 2005. I teach 8th Grade Language Arts and 7th Grade Advanced Language Arts. I also run the Zombie Club and the National Junior Honors Society chapter at our school.



My son, Bradley, attends Wasilla High School. He wrestles for WHS and for Artic Warriors. My daughter HanaH attends Wasilla Middle School and is involved in numerous advanced classes and choir. I am a foster mom to four kittens right now for Clear Creek Cat Rescue. As a family, we enjoy camping and day trips in the summer and having scary movie/pizza nights on the weekends.

