



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 30, 2018
06:00 p.m., Central Office

Future Board Meetings:

November 13, 2018
November 27, 2018
December 11, 2018
January 15, 2019
January 29, 2019
February 12, 2019
February 26, 2019
March 12, 2019
April 9, 2019
April 23, 2019
May 14, 2019
May 28, 2019
June 11, 2019



Students from Crystal Park School during the GPPSD Education Foundation's annual Striving for Excellence Award Dinner.

PSBAA Presentation

Public School Boards' Association of Alberta Presentation

Cathy Hogg, President of the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) and First Vice President Gerry Steinke presented to the Board of Trustees on the "Together for Students" campaign; a program designed to create conversation within the province about how Alberta's Education System might better serve the needs of Alberta students. The PSBAA and the Board of Trustees engaged in productive dialogue on the topic with Mrs. Hogg and Mr. Steinke and look forward to the upcoming Fall General Meeting of the PSBAA.

Board Chair Report

Striving for Excellence

Chairperson John Lehnrs extended his appreciation to the Grande Prairie Public School District Education Foundation on the Striving for Excellence event that was held on Wednesday, October 3. Striving for Excellence is an annual event that provides scholarships to graduating high school students and honours students in grades 4 through 12 who demonstrate excellence in the areas of academics and school citizenship. The evening featured a keynote speech by documentary filmmaker Amber Fares (Grande Prairie Composite High School Class of 1989) and was well-received by the 500+ people in attendance.



Superintendent's Report

Community Orange Shirt Day



Superintendent Sandy McDonald shared with Trustees that Grande Prairie Public staff and students are to be commended again this year for their efforts to honour Orange Shirt Day in our schools. Additionally, Mr. McDonald had the opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of the District at the community's Orange Shirt Day event, organized by the Grande Prairie Aboriginal Circle of Services (GPACOS) and held at Centre 2000 on Sunday, September 30. The messages from the speakers from the Indigenous community served both as a reminder of the importance of acknowledging the impact of the Indian Residential Schools and of the positive potential future we can help create for our Indigenous students.

Frontier College Supports Avondale School



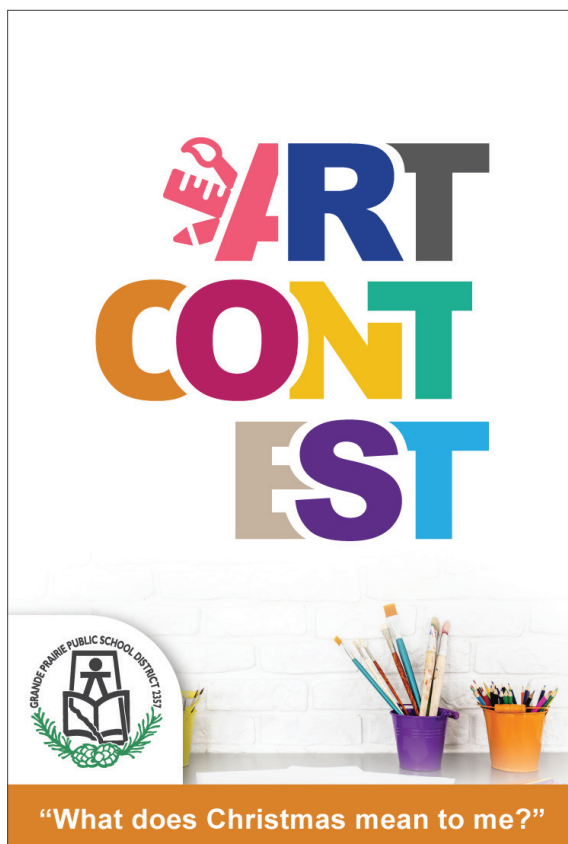
Frontier College, an organization focused on supporting literacy initiatives across Canada, expanded to Grande Prairie last year and initiated an after-school tutoring program at Avondale School. This year they expanded programming at Avondale and are now working with 18 students in grades 2 through 6. As per Frontier College's mandate, participating students are First Nations, Metis or Inuit. In this program the students read for 30 minutes, twice per week, with volunteers provided by Frontier. The after-school program is scheduled to begin again at Avondale later in the year.

Culture & Engagement

51st Annual Board Social



The 51st Annual Board Social will be held at Evergreen Park on Saturday, October 13. This event celebrates long-service recipients and retirees and is an opportunity for the Board to recognize and extend their appreciation to the staff of the Grande Prairie Public School District. The Trustees look forward to seeing everyone there.



The GPPSD 2nd Annual Christmas Card Art Contest is here! The theme this year is "What does Christmas mean to me?" The contest is open for GPPSD students in grades 4 to 6. All submissions must be addressed to: "GPPSD Board Art Contest, c/o Mohammad Haidar at Central Office" and before 4 p.m. on Friday, November 9, 2018.

Click the following link for contest rules: cli.re/6BRx2W

2018-2019 Calendar

- OCTOBER**
- 5 World Teacher Day
- 8 Thanksgiving
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 19 Professional Learning Day
- NOVEMBER**
- 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 12 Remembrance Day Stat
- 23-16 Bullying Awareness Week
- 23 Professional Learning Day
- DECEMBER**
- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 7 Day in Lieu
- 14 Professional Learning Day
- 22-31 Christmas Break
- JANUARY**
- 1-6 Christmas Break
- 7 First Day after Break
- 18 Professional Learning Day
- 27 Family Literacy Day
- 31 Semester two begins
- FEBRUARY**
- 8 Professional Learning Day
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 National Flag of Canada Day
- 18 Family Day
- 27 Pink Shirt Day
- MARCH**
- 7-8 Teacher's Convention
- 10 Daylight Saving Time starts
- 11-15 Substitute Teacher Week
- 14 National Pi day
- 15 Professional Learning Day
- 23-31 Spring Break
- APRIL**
- 1 First Day Back from Spring Break
- 12 Professional Learning Day
- 19 Good Friday
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 22 Day Off in Lieu / Earth Day
- 23 World Book Day
- 24 Administrative Professionals Day
- MAY**
- 8 Hats On! For Mental Health
- 10 Professional Learning Day
- 12 Mother's Day
- 20 Victoria day
- JUNE**
- 7 Professional Learning Day
- 16 Father's Day
- 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- 27 Last Day for Students / Canada Multiculturalism Day
- 28 Last Day for Staff
- JULY**
- 1 Canada Day
- 2-31 Summer Break

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