

# School NEWS

November 2018

## ► LOBSTICK ZONE

### EVANSVIEW SCHOOL

As the season changes it brings a sharp reminder to just how fast the time is passing. We are having a great time here at Evansview School with many exciting things happening.

In October, we started a new reading program "GO RED!" (Read Every Day) which has brought out the competitive spirit in our students and staff who are reading as combined teams to win a reading race. Everyone is involved and really enjoying the new program.

As November arrives, we enter into a season of remembrance and will be recognizing our veterans with a combined Remembrance Day program at Grand Trunk High School on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Students and staff at both schools along with members of our local Legion will have a Remembrance Day program that involves wreath laying by representatives of the different classes as well as video and other presentations.

Alberta Health Services will be at our school on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to provide dental services to some of our students. Picture retakes are scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> so if you missed the first picture day, or didn't get that smile quite right, remember to dress your best!

A reminder to the Evansview School Community that November 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> is Fall Break and there is no school for students or staff that week. We hope you all enjoy the time off!

Evansview School's Christmas program "Twas the Night Before Christmas" is scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:50pm for students, and farm safety programming will be held for individual classes throughout the day on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our first report card goes home on the 29<sup>th</sup> followed by a professional learning day for staff on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### GRAND TRUNK HIGH SCHOOL (GT)

October has been another action packed month at Grand Trunk High School. In early October, students attended a presentation by Yellowhead County Fire Department as a part of Fire Prevention Week. Students learned about the dangers of fire and preventive measures for their safety.

High school students had the opportunity to attend a scholarship and application workshop with Mrs. Klingspohn to assist in preparations for their futures. The application process can be complicated and extra assistance was provided to those who required it. These types of sessions will continue throughout the year to assist our students with their future plans.

Grand Trunk volleyball teams have been having very successful seasons, participating in tournaments in Whitecourt, Mayerthorpe, and Hinton in recent weeks. Grand Trunk also hosted another successful alumni volleyball tournament; welcoming back many past graduates and providing our current teams an opportunity to play many past Teddies and Grizzlies. A big thank you goes out to the volunteers who make our extracurricular programs so successful, from driving the bus, chaperoning, to coaching the teams.

The staff at Grand Trunk recently spent a collaborative professional development day reviewing student academic data. Staff is very committed to academic growth and data review is a very important part of the growth process. Academic success is a priority for our school so that all Grand Trunk students can be successful.

It's time for spirit wear orders at Grand Trunk. This year we are using a brand new design for our school clothing. Students have the opportunity to show their school spirit through their wardrobe.

Thanks to student interest, Grand Trunk is beginning the process of becoming a 'WE School'. This means that our school will be embarking on projects organized by our students to help those in need, both in our community, and around the world. This project will give our students a venue for their great community assistance ideas and create some new Grand Trunk initiatives.

Grade 7 students took part in the Bee Aware Program (drug awareness) on October 30<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with other area schools and Yellowhead County.

The Grand Trunk Students' Union planned a number of Halloween activities for the whole school, including a dance, costume contest and bake sale.

It's the time of year to start thinking about convocation. This year will be the first spring convocation at Grand Trunk High School and it's time for the planning to begin. There is a lot of work to be done, including changes to the ceremony. Student meetings have already begun, followed by parent meetings scheduled

for the first week of November. Students have started to think about their futures and it is time to plan the celebration of their accomplishments.

Grand Trunk staff has issued an attendance challenge to our students. In a two week period, students are challenged to be active and productive members of their classroom communities, and then their grades will be examined for improvement after that two week period. Students who have met the challenge will have the opportunity to win prizes at a celebratory assembly at the end of the two weeks. We believe our students will rise to the challenge and their grades will rise as a result.

Grand Trunk is pleased to announce that we will have sixty new Chromebooks and two charge carts for class use and one computer lab. As well, we have the exciting opportunity to send three students for a day of learning and collaborating in GYPSD's new Makerspace on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Grade 9 students will be taking part in Take Your Kid to Work Day on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to see the workplaces of adults in their lives. This is an important opportunity for our students to experience jobs and workplace situations.

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Grand Trunk welcomes Evansview students for a Remembrance Day ceremony. This event is being coordinated with assistance from both schools to make it a memorable occasion. This ceremony is open to parents and guardians as well.



## NITON CENTRAL SCHOOL

October was a very busy month at Niton Central School! Students settled into another school year, teachers finished up fall assessments and met with parents, and staff assessed data to set goals for the upcoming

year. The junior volleyball teams are in full swing and elementary skipping has a number of new members. Niton Library had a very successful book fair, the Grade 5/6 class worked hard as a team to create an amazing haunted house for Halloween, and Constable Pennoyer started our weekly DARE program.

In the past couple of years, our preschool programs have become well-established in our school and we would like to feature them this month. On Tuesday mornings, Yellowhead County's Parent Link program supports preschoolers and their parents with developmental screening, family support, and a variety of activities for the children. On Thursday mornings, Successful Kids & Families run concurrent programs for preschoolers and their parents. Our longest-running affiliation has been with the Carrot Creek Playschool, which runs on Wednesday and Friday mornings. All three groups share the same classroom in the school and provide an excellent opportunity for children to transition into our kindergarten program.

At the beginning of November, veteran kindergarten teacher Sheila Easson will be leaving, and Brooke Sterling will be replacing her. Ms. Easson and Ms. Sterling have been working hard together to make sure that there is as little disruption to the kindergarten program as possible.

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### NITON EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- 2 School Board Visit
- 5 & 19 'Kids in the Hall': After School Program
- 6 Farm Safety Presentations for Elementary Students
- 7 School Council/Niton Central Fundraising Society (NCFS) meetings/ Gr. 5/6 Field Trip to the Alberta Legislature in Edmonton
- 9 First Report Cards
- 12-16 DIVISION FALL BREAK
- 19-23 Gr. 2/3 "Jurassic World" Immersive Learning Experience!
- 20 "Twin Fiddles" Performance for School & Community @ 2 pm
- 22 NCFS Sponsored 'Chili Cookoff' at Niton Community Hall @ 5:30 pm
- 30 No School for Students: Staff Professional Learning Day



### WILDWOOD SCHOOL

Wildwood School continues to be a busy building filled with activities designed and planned to add to the educational experience of our students and their families. Numerous experiential learning opportunities took place in the month of October and will continue into the months ahead.

Our junior high students attended the NAIT Open House in Edmonton, and returned with numerous projects they built or completed while attending the event. Students had the opportunity to build with metal and wood, participate in broadcasting and technology classes, and view all that NAIT has to offer as they transition from high school towards post-secondary education.

Our community partnerships continue to flourish as we enjoyed the fire safe presentations that took place during Fire Safety Week, the start of the annual Grandparent Program and the Roots of Empathy program.

The Yellowhead County Fire Department brought numerous volunteers with them and presented the various roles each volunteer plays in the department along with the wide range of tools and types of emergencies the department responds to.

Our Grade 4 classes continue to participate in the weekly Grandparent Program and wrapped up their first projects around a Halloween Theme. The students are enjoying their time with the volunteer grandparents and are thankful for the time they get to spend working on their projects.

The Roots of Empathy program brings a baby into the classroom for the kindergarten and Grade 1 students on a weekly basis. Students get to see the various

developmental stages the baby goes through during their first year, and the students see first-hand the various emotions a baby experiences and how the baby's mom deals with soothing the baby during these times.

The Grade 4 to 6 classes went on a field trip to Camp WARWA and participated in numerous personal growth opportunities designed to help them see the importance of achieving and overcoming challenges. While at the camp, students took part in numerous physical challenges and worked with others to overcome challenging obstacles. It was a great trip and the students enjoyed their time at the camp.

Mr. Randall and the teachers would like to thank all of the parents who were able to attend the student-led conferences. We had a large majority of our parents attend and appreciate the time everyone dedicated to this successful evening.

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#### WW EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- 4 Time Change (Fall Back One Hour)
- 6 Parent Council Meeting
- 9 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 12-16 DIVISION FALL BREAK
- 20 Parent Council Meeting
- 30 No School for Students: Staff Professional Learning Day

### ► EDSON & AREA

#### FULHAM SCHOOL

Fulham School has recently held another successful book fair and we would like to thank everyone who purchased books. Our theme was "Enchanted Forest" and the students enjoyed dressing up as their favorite fairy tale characters. We were able to give away many free books, as well as add a few new books to our school library.

It is a tradition at our school for our Grade 5/6 class to prepare the activities and decorations for Halloween. This year, Mr. Becker's class did an outstanding job! They even transformed an entire wing of the school into a "Haunted Hallway."

We have a busy month ahead, including a Family Night full of games and tasty treats. Our Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. and all Fulham community members are welcome to attend. Our character award this month is 'courage' and November is a great month to discuss what it means to be courageous. Our first report cards of the year will go home on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.




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#### FULHAM EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- 9 Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 1:30 pm
- 12-16 DIVISION FALL BREAK
- 20 School Photo Retakes
- 22 Family Night from 5:30-7:30 pm
- 23 Western Dress-Up Day/Report Cards Home
- 26 After School Program

#### ÉCOLE WESTHAVEN SCHOOL

Westhaven has had many exciting events over the months of September and October. Students participated in the anti-bully commercial campaign; had our book fair, and our school pictures taken; met our families at parent teacher interviews, and had a wonderful Halloween family dance.

The teachers have spent the last two months getting to know their students. Through analyzing our testing data, we have started to work with the students in small groups for those that need extra help with concepts in math or language arts. Families can also help students achieve their best by encouraging reading every night, practicing their math facts, and helping students to regularly attend school. We are happy to be working with the parents and community to help all students achieve to their greatest potential.

## WESTHAVEN EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- 2 Feather Assembly @10 am
- 5 Parent School Council @7 pm (Promoting Good Citizenship, Academics & School Spirit)
- 7 Picture Retakes
- 9 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 12-16 DIVISION FALL BREAK
- 18-24 National Bullying Awareness Week
- 19-20 Kindergarten Interviews
- 30 No School for Students: Staff Professional Learning Day

## ÉCOLE PINE GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL (PGMS)

There is never a dull moment at Pine Grove, and October was no exception! From our annual 'turkey trot' to a high energy presentation by "Live Different", there were many activities happening throughout the month.

We held our magazine campaign fund-raiser which helps fund a variety of activities for students. Students raised approximately \$7,000 - way to go!



A wonderful learning opportunity for the Grade 6 students was a field trip to the Huestis Forest. This tied in with the science unit 'trees and forests' and allowed students to work in an outdoor forest setting with the concepts they were studying.

Pine Grove was happy to welcome the "Live Different" presentation at the end of October. This high energy multimedia presentation showcased real stories

from the lives of young adults interspersed with video clips and live music. The theme of the show this year was 'kindness'; a great tie in as Pine Grove is also focusing on kindness as a theme this year.

During October, information from student's benchmark testing in math and language arts was assessed by teachers. This information was used to group students needing extra supports, and these RTI support groups began at the end of the month.

One other big highlight for October was our volleyball teams. This year we have over 70 students involved on five volleyball teams. We are very proud of all our participants!

## MARY BERGERON ELEMENTARY (MBE)

With the month of October in the rear view mirror, we set our sights on November, and are looking forward to all of the learning and fun that we know it will bring!

Each month our school focuses on a character trait that we think is important for our students to learn more about and have the opportunity to demonstrate, so that it becomes another piece in the puzzle of what an MBE student is.



During the month of November we are focusing on EMPATHY – what that looks like and why it is so important - and how it helps to 'fill the buckets' of everyone around us. We will spend the entire month learning about empathy and practicing/showing how we can all be more empathetic. At the same time, students and staff will be watching for these positive behaviors and – since MBE is a BUCKET-FILLING school – we will be nominating students who demonstrate EMPATHY for our monthly bucket-filler draw which is held at our last M&M assembly of the month. So far this year we have focused our efforts on developing our awareness of and skills in the areas of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY – and now... EMPATHY.

We are looking forward to our upcoming parent/teacher interviews. Although we strive to maintain constant communication between home and school throughout the year, parent/teacher interviews are a special time when parents, students, and teachers get the opportunity to come together and to share in the work

and successes of our students. There can be no doubt that students do better and achieve more when home and school work together to ensure the success of our students – and we are blessed with a great parent community at MBE that understands this and goes out of their way to support and strengthen that bond between home and school.

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, our teachers will be participating in a professional development day and will be focusing on the power and positive results of implementing Cooperative Learning Structures into their classrooms. There is much research out there showing the positive effects and results that come with this teaching tool that include not only academic gains, but positive gains in overall student engagement, lowering of student anxiety, and a noticeable drop in student conflict and bullying-type behaviors. We are very much looking forward to the training and to the continued school improvement it will bring.

## PARKLAND COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL (PCHS)

Parkland Composite High School has redesigned their Flex Project Days. A typical flex day would include school-based projects within the school. Approximately 440 students will now be engaged and volunteering within their community, at places such as Kinsmen Park, the Edson Library, Airport, Repsol Place, Senior Lodge, Fire Department, Edson Recycle Dept., and museum. Projects included picking up garbage in multiple locations; building mats for the homeless; collecting food for the food bank; and assisting students at other GYPSD schools. Students are very excited to support and give back to their community, building pride and respect for their community.

### PARKLAND EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- 2-3 JV V'ball Zones/ Sr. Boys & Girls' V'ball Tournament @ PCHS
- 6 Community Flex Day; Blocks 3 & 5
- 7 Student Council Meeting @ Noon
- 9 Remembrance Day Service @ 10:45 am
- 14 Jr. Boys & Girls V'ball Zones @ Barrhead
- 16-17 Sr. Boys & Girls V'ball Zones
- 20 Jr. Boys & Girls V'ball GYAC Tournament
- 22 Yearbook Meeting @ Lunch

- 21 Student Council Meeting @ Noon
- 23-25 Sr. V'ball Zones
- 29 Yearbook Meeting @ Lunch

## ► HINTON

### CRESCENT VALLEY SCHOOL (CVS)

There were many fun activities during the month of October at Crescent Valley School. Both Grade 4 classes were able to attend the Palisades Centre in Jasper National Park to have hands-on experience to enhance their learning about the fur trade and voyageurs as part of social studies. Some of the activities included making a shelter, cooking over an open fire, building a 'travois' and portaging canoes. On the second day, students played fur trade games and activities using real furs. With two days and an overnight stay, this was also a great team building experience for all of the students.



Our Grade 7 class takes on the responsibility for organizing many school wide activities for our students. This month they took on running the Halloween Bash. Students had the opportunity to practice public speaking by developing their proposal for the haunted house and presenting orally to the class to see which proposal would be accepted. Working collaboratively, all students manned games and activities throughout the school for the K-6 students to take part in. Students earned tickets to play the Halloween games throughout October by demonstrating "BEARS;" Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect and Safety!

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### CVS EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- 5 School Picture Retakes
- 9 Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:30 am
- 12-16 DIVISION FALL BREAK
- 19 School Council / P4K Meeting @ 3:30 pm
- 29 Awards Ceremony/ Moustache Day
- 30 No School for Students: Staff Professional Learning Day

### ÉCOLE MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL

We have had a great October at École Mountain View School. We have enjoyed our monthly school walk and had a lot of parents in for our monthly literacy hour as well. These two great activities will continue in November.

October closed with our annual penny carnival which was run by our Grade 6 students. The activities in the gym were fun for all students from K-5. Money collected will be going to local charities.



The EMVS Voyagers have been playing volleyball around the division. Our Voyagers are made up of boys and girls in Grade 5, 6, and 7. Volleyball will continue into November, and our teams have shown tremendous over the course of the season.

We will be holding our Remembrance Day and awards ceremonies, as well as attending the Imagine Conference. As usual, elementary school days are packed with fun and exciting learning opportunities.

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### EMVS EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- 2 School Walk

- 9 Awards/ Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 20 GYAC Volleyball Championship
- 23 Literacy Hour
- 29 Imagine Conference

### HARRY COLLINGE HIGH SCHOOL

As October wraps up with a very busy last few days, the first few of November are more of the same. As far as athletics go, students will be wrapping up volleyball and football to make time and space for wrestling and basketball. Both of the winter sports offer opportunities to all students regardless of gender or age. We also want to take a moment to thank our outstanding volleyball coaches led by our fantastic athletic director, Mr. Stenhouse.

Please keep an eye out for try-out opportunities in basketball starting in November and organizational meetings for wrestling following the fall break. Please note school photo retakes will be on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. If you purchased a photo package, please have your child bring it with them to the retakes.

We will be recognizing our Indigenous veterans on November 8<sup>th</sup> and we host our Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Students will be looking forward to the end of the day on Friday as it marks the beginning of the fall break, as per the division's pilot calendar approved last year. We hope that all families enjoy the fall break from November 12<sup>th</sup> to November 18<sup>th</sup>, and look forward to seeing students back on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to see many parents out for the school council meeting that same evening.

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### HCHS EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends - Move Clocks Back One Hour
- 6 School Photo Retakes
- 7 Take Our Kids to Work Day
- 8 National Indigenous Veterans Day
- 9 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 12-16 DIVISION FALL BREAK
- 19 Classes Resume/ School Council @7 pm
- 26 Japan Trip Meeting @7 pm
- 30 No School for Students: Staff Professional Learning Day

## ► JASPER

### JASPER ELEMENTARY (JES)

Our ethos is generated every day in amazing ways at JES! What a privilege it is to work with such caring staff, students, families, and community members. In October, students and staff participated in many extracurricular clubs including Volleyball Club, Safety Patrol, Student Wellness Action Team, School Yoga, Zen Club, and Rock, Paper, Scissors recess club. A big thank you to Krissten Stockfish and M.Auger for coaching volleyball. Also, Jenna McGrath, and Marla Pollock for hosting Friday yoga in the JES library for all students. Thank you to our librarian, Jody Anderson, for organizing our fifth annual pumpkin decorating challenge. Students loved creating a pumpkin to resemble a favourite book character!

In November, we look forward to our Scholastic Book Fair on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in the Jasper Elementary School library. The School Advisory Council will meet on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. A Remembrance Day assembly will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> to honour all who have sacrificed to protect us and our country. Reports cards will go home on November 9<sup>th</sup> followed by parent/teacher interviews from November 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This month, our Grade 2/3 teacher, AnneMarie MacDonald, along with her class of adventurer students, have been forging a new path in education: Field School. Field school provides students with many opportunities to be involved in learning in non-traditional ways. The activities utilize local experts and resources to present the curriculum in a fun and interactive manner! Taking place over a number of days and covering many cross-curricular outcomes, field school benefits from the beauty of our natural surroundings in the National Park.



Students are fully engaged in their learning during several field school outings to discover rocks and

minerals in their natural environment, including an excursion to Medicine Lake, Maligne Canyon, Jasper Rock and Jade. Bringing the learning closer to home, the students made salt scrubs and learning how minerals help us in our daily lives! Keep learning through hands-on exploration!

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### JES EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

4	Daylight Savings Time Ends - Move Clocks Back One Hour
6-7	Scholastic Book Fair
7	School Council Meeting @ 7 pm
12-16	DIVISION FALL BREAK
19-23	Parent/ Teacher Interviews
30	No School for Students: Staff Professional Learning Day

### JASPER JUNIOR/ SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (JJSHS)

We have had a busy October. Over the past month students have participated in many exciting learning opportunities. Volleyball ran throughout the month with both our high school and junior high teams playing in tournaments. Other notable events included our Halloween dance, a spirit day, a several local field trips, and some grad cookie dough fundraising.

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### JJSHS EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

9	Report Cards/ Remembrance Day Ceremony
19	Junior Options Change/ School Council
20	Parent/ Teacher Interviews
27	Photo Retakes

## ► GRANDE CACHE

### SUMMITVIEW SCHOOL

October has been an excellent month of exciting learning and extracurricular activities. Summitview students have been deeply engaged in their learning this month as they partner with their classmates and teachers in their learning through collaborative team instruction, engaging projects, planning and attending field trips, and actively participating in their CTF courses.

Our Grade 7 and 8 math teachers have continued to collaborate and team teach once or twice per week to meet the various numeracy needs of their students; offering opportunities to extend their learning and provide intervention on their learning in a joint teaching and learning session once to twice per week. They are planning and moving through the curriculum together and providing extensions and filling any gaps that they are finding as a team. We are very excited to see the growth in our student learning through this collaboration.

We are also excited to provide all of the students in our school an opportunity to learn how to regulate and explore new life experiences that promote wellness during our monthly Wellness Friday's. We have been offering learning experiences for our students that promote physical, mental, and spiritual health through planning opportunities for students to participate in teacher-led experiences. Some options have been yoga, hiking, coloring, reading, singing, fitness, dancing, art, cooking, and mindfulness. Students are encouraged to participate in different activities each month to broaden their experiences and understanding.

Our Eagles volleyball teams are up and running this month as well. We are fortunate to have dedicated and caring staff who volunteer many hours of their time to coach and support our students.



This month we have hosted two home games and have been excited to see a growing level of support from our parents and students who show up to cheer on our Summitview Eagles.

Our Grade 6 students and teachers planned a field trip to Jasper to attend the Jasper Dark Sky Festival where they enjoyed the experiences of visiting Jasper such as hiking and shopping, as well as visiting the Planetarium and participating in the Sky Tram. This experience connected to their learning of sky science and deepened student understanding and appreciation.

Our Grade 8 students and teacher organized our annual Halloween dance on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The main drawing card for the dance was the 'haunted hallway' where students were guided through a terrifying and exciting tour planned, decorated and staffed by our students. This experience develops team building, planning and initiating skills, creativity, and raises money for their Grade 8 Farewell in June.

## SHELDON COATES SCHOOL

Fall is in the air at Sheldon Coates School! We have lucked out with some nice fall weather for our walks to the pool, outdoor learning time, and for the Outdoor Ed leader team. Fall has also brought some exciting changes to our school.

We recently welcomed Mrs. Catie Laves and Miss Mikkia Fayowski to our support staff team. They both come with a wealth of experience and knowledge. As well, we started our focus on Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind. Even our youngest students learned about goal-setting and were able to make a class goal. The students also started to take a look at their plans for the future and what they want to do when they grow up. Next month we will look at Habit 3: Put First Things First.

One of the highlights of this month are our leader teams. They have been a huge hit with the staff and students alike. A few exciting things happening already with the leader teams include the student council team running assemblies and morning announcements, the garden team planting and transplanting seeds, the kindness team collecting socks for Socktober, and the recycling team is staying on top of all the paper and cardboard recycling.

Another highlight of the month was Peter Puffin's performance. His 'Whale Tales' show was engaging and fun-filled. The staff and students sang, laughed, and learned during his lively performance. Some of the teachers and students were lucky enough to join Peter upfront as a volunteer.



In October we also recognized World Teacher Day, with the student council making and delivering cards to all of the staff members, and Fire Safety Week by having the firefighters present to all students. Further, we held our first STAR assembly at the start of the month, where Mrs. Harley's class performed a song and then taught us about using their senses. Following the assembly, we had our Leaders in Action lunch where we recognized top students from each grade who demonstrated leadership within the school. The month wrapped up with our Halloween activity day, our Halloween parade, and a visit from the cloth labyrinth.

This month the students are looking forward to our next STAR assembly, our Remembrance Day service on November 9<sup>th</sup>, Fall Break, and the ever-popular book fair. At Sheldon Coates we know that we are teaching the future and are excited to celebrate the many leaders and learners we have at our school!

## **GRANDE CACHE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL, (GCCHS)/ SONRISE CHRISTIAN PROGRAM (SR)**

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, SonRise students and staff participated in the annual Terry Fox Walk/Run. The entire student body from K to 6 took part. SonRise staff were recently congratulated by the Terry Fox Foundation. Since the SonRise program has been participating in this event, the students have raised close to \$30,000 for cancer research. That is much more than larger schools have accomplished over the same time period. Well done SonRise students, parents and staff! That is an amazing accomplishment and we all should be very proud of these students.

Our senior girls' volleyball team continued to "battle on" through October, travelling to Hinton and Jasper for matches. As we approach the end of volleyball season, plans are being made to form teams for the upcoming basketball season.

Parents are reminded that they need to complete the online returning student registration for their children. This should be completed as soon as possible. Parents will be required to enter a snapcode to register. If these codes were misplaced

or if parents did not receive one, please contact the main office. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, four GCCHS students will be taking part in the S.W.A.T. (Students Working to Advance Technology) training in Hinton. This is a new and exciting program that was initiated by the technology office at GYPSD. This program will bring together students from across the division to work with advanced technology. November 7<sup>th</sup> is our annual 'Take Your Kid to Work Day' for all Grade 9 students. Please contact the school if you have any questions. Photo retakes will be available in the afternoon of November 8<sup>th</sup>. This is the opportunity for pictures for those students who missed the original day, or were unhappy with their original photos. If a student wants retakes, please bring the original photos back that day.

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### **GCCHS/SR EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER**

- 6 SWAT Team to Hinton
- 7 Grade 9 - Take Your Kid To Work Day
- 8 Picture Retakes
- 9 Remembrance Day Ceremony: 9:40 to 10:47 am
- 12-16 DIVISION FALL BREAK
- 23 SonRise Western Wear Day
- 27 SonRise Report Cards Issued
- 30 No School for Students: Staff Professional Learning Day



**NEW ONLINE  
REGISTRATION**

## THE LEARNING CONNECTION (TLC)

TLC Jasper: Students and staff wore purple to support Spirit Day and GSA members, and are looking forward to the GSA conference in Edmonton on November 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>.

TLC Grande Cache: The community of Grande Cache experienced a couple of snowfalls, short-lived, but significant, and some of our students got started on their winter work of snow shovelling for some extra cash. We asked our students how they felt that school was preparing them to enter the work world. Their responses suggest that they are learning many skills that are just as necessary as the practical skills that might be needed in a job. Their list included: tolerance of ideas; differences in cultures; languages and religious practices; responsibility; appropriate dress; respect for all; importance of independent and team work; good communication skills; critical thinking and a good work ethic.

Our students participated in Orange Shirt Day and also gave orange shirts to a number of residents including our Board member Mr. Ken Fate, the Mayor Mr. Herb Castle, the CAO, Ms. Denise Thompson, and Mr. Winston Delorme, local councillor for the MD of Greenview.

Hinton TLC: Hinton students are thankful for the many activities and opportunities that presented themselves in October. Students participated in a small Makerspace Day, playing with 3D Pens to create art and architecture! Soon after, student gamers were able to blend simulators and possible work aspects with Forestry Experience in Edson. Students also had the chance to meet peers from across the province at the PBSA Student Voices Conference in Edmonton. They also met and spent time with Superintendent Carolyn Lewis and the GYPSD Board of Trustees. Thank you to teacher Mary Andreassen for helping bring small-town Hinton to a larger center to collaborate with the province!

TLC Evansburg: Many students showed their support during Orange Shirt Day by wearing their t-shirts proudly. On October 9<sup>th</sup>, they had a presentation from Deborah Stewart, a published poet. Students were able to hear Deborah read several of her poems and hear her advice on fostering creativity.

All TLC schools have work experience programs in place, and a number also have registered apprenticeship programs (RAP) placements in a variety of trades in our Grande Yellowhead communities. Training for a career in forestry is a popular high school focus. TLC Edson hosted the Forestry Simulator program the week of October 15-19. This was a popular learning opportunity where students had to complete six hours on the simulators as well as work through a number of online modules in order to earn their credentials. A program focused on animal health and careers in animal husbandry is also being offered through TLC. Teacher, Barb Shepherd, is sharing her expertise and new credentials by bringing her certified therapy dog, Paul, to school. Aligning student knowledge and past experience with CTS modules is something TLC students and staff are exploring; cultivating areas of interest with acquired and mastered skill sets is a powerful way to explore career opportunities and possible areas of study.

TLC students from Jasper, Hinton, Edson and Evansburg all participated in the Miner's Tomb Escape Room experience at Galloway Station Museum on October 31<sup>st</sup>! An amazing and challenging time was had by all!

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, TLC schools hosted 'Midterm Madness' where students were invited to meet with teachers to review progress to date and determine the next steps for a strong second half of the semester. November 2<sup>nd</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> are Diploma Examination writing times. All TLC schools are diploma exam writing centres for students who wish to write or rewrite 30-level provincial exams. Tuesdays in November at TLC Edson prove to be days to look forward to for students and staff with mental health awareness sessions hosted by Alberta Health Services therapist, Andrea Gunner, as well as an Indigenous games focused physical education program hosted by our Indigenous Liaison, Renay Woelfing.

All TLC schools will honor Remembrance Day on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> is first aid training in Edson taught by TLC teacher, Tina Kozyra.