

## LOBSTICK ZONE

### Evansview School, Evansburg

The year has been heading into a flurry of activity before we finally are able to wind down. May has seen a variety of activities and events happening for the students of Evansview. We started off the month with Education Week, and a look to 'growth mindset'. We celebrated all of the wonderful ideas of how to make our world better after a month of Global Citizenship activities, and our monthly winners were picked at the assembly. We introduced our 'growth mindset' focus for the month of May, and asked the students to share their ideas about what they would do if failure was 'not an option'.

Our play school teacher, Cara Nagy, shared her talents with the rest of the building and we had yoga for all. Each class participated in a half hour yoga session, and we started our day in a great way. The week rounded out with our annual talent show organized by Viola Able, our retired secretary, followed by a 'Star Wars Day' with a prize draw for those that dressed up and a variety of activities at lunchtime planned by our leadership group.

The round of field trips that we participate in, thanks to our wonderful and generous school council and their fundraising at the Grouch's Ball, has also begun: Telus World of Science for the Grade 5's and 6's; the outdoor education trip for the Grade 6's; an AMA crossing guard and leadership year-end celebration at the Whitecourt pool; a Grade 1/2 class trip to Crock-a Doodle and Aerials Gymnastics Club; the Grade 2/3 trip to the International Children's Festival, and the Grade 4's trip to Fort Edmonton are just the beginning!

Staff and students waited to greet the bus drivers with a card and gift on School Bus Driver Appreciation Day - hot coffee to go in a cup that they were able to reuse to show how much they warm our day! This was followed by a presentation of the blanket exercise for all of our Grade 4 to 6 students, and playschool graduation. We are finishing up with a Mad Hatter's Tea for all of the wonderful volunteers that we have had help us in so many ways during the current school year.

### EVW Events for June

- 1 Track and Field Day
- 5 Pond Day at Chip Lake for 5's and 6's
- 8 DiscoverE Science
- 14 Gr. 4 & 2/3 Meet our Penpals/ LA Reading PAT
- 18 Math PAT
- 20 Science PAT
- 21 National Aboriginal Day
- 22 Social Studies PAT/ Swimming for the Last Week
- 27 Grade 6 Graduation Luncheon
- 28 Awards and Report Cards

### Grand Trunk High School (GTHS)

It is amazing how quickly a school year goes by. We find ourselves arriving at a time of change in Grand Trunk, as our Grade 12 students settle in to write the final exams of their high school career. With that change, we also have some other big changes taking place. Grand Trunk High School is pleased to announce Mrs. Heidi Zadderey will be the incoming principal for the 2018-19 school year. Mrs. Zadderey has served as the principal of Evansview School for the past two years, and will be bringing her energy and commitment to student success to her new position. With our new leadership in place, Mr. Michael Podhaniuk will be returning to classroom to teach at Grand Trunk after serving as principal for the past 11 years. Mr. Podhaniuk has been an integral part of creating a community atmosphere at Grand Trunk, and has always made staff and students his number one priority. Grand Trunk also says goodbye to Mr. Matt Kolotyluk, who after teaching for 11 years at Grand Trunk, (the last five as assistant principal), has been named as the principal of Evansview School for the 2018-19 school year. The junior high YMCA Student Exchange Group is currently on a trip to Mississauga, Ontario, and participating in a variety of different activities with their twin group. The exchange group hosted the Mississauga group in early April, and is now visiting them in Ontario. The group flew out on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, and will be returning on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The annual Grand Trunk/Harry Collinge Rock Tour is in full swing currently as 20 students from both schools along with teachers Matt Kolotyluk, Brett Watt, and Jaden Madson from Harry Collinge, have been participating in performances in Westlock, Clyde, Evansburg, Duffield, and Spruce Grove. The tour kicked off on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in Westlock, and will finish up on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> in Spruce Grove.

## GTHS Events for June

- 31 Music Performance @ 9am
- 1 GTHS Music Tour Returns Home/EVW Track Meet
- 2 GTHS YMCA Students Home
- 6 DiscoverE Presentations/ Grade 10 Orientation @ 7pm
- 8 Student's Union Prom Dance
- 14 Social 30 Diploma Exam Part A @ 9am
- 21 National Aboriginal Day (Bannock Breakfast)
- 22 Social 30 Diploma Part B @ 9am/ Last Day of Regular Classes
- 27 Biology 30 Diploma @ 9am
- 28 Physics 30 Diploma @ 9am
- 29 Teachers' in School Only



## Niton Central School, Niton Junction

The students at Niton Central School continued to learn and grow in May. Junior ATB wrapped up its second year at Niton with a pizza party! It was a great way for the students to celebrate all their work they did this year. The elementary students had an environment day in May, with the help of the Edson Recycling Center. Students participated in various activities that included nature walks, building bird houses, and learned about solar energy. It was a great way to learn about the world around us, and spend some time outside, enjoying our planet. Ms. Otway's Grade 4/5 class participated in a debate last month. They have been learning about World War II, and the rights and privileges men and women had. Students were split into two sides, 'women deserve rights', and 'women don't deserve equal rights'. Students spent time researching, forming opinions, and prepping their points. Students did a great job organizing their points, and the debate was an amazing success. The Grade 8 class has been busy learning about Japan. Ms. Paul has been teaching the class about the culture, history, art, and so much more from this amazing country. They wrapped up their Japan unit with having a Japanese food and movie class, where students were able to try different foods from Japan, including macha tea, and sushi. Mrs. Soroka's Grade 1 class was busy preparing for "Hug For World" Love Day. The class has been slowly spreading their mission to create a global hug, to spread more love and peace in the world. They created a Facebook page, and have been mapping where in the world their love message has reached. They have been busy being interviewed, and even had their event noted in the House of Commons by local Member of Parliament, J. Eglinski. The whole school got together on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 11am to share a massive hug! Who did you hug on May 31<sup>st</sup>?

## Niton Events for June

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| 4   | FNMI Blanket Exercise for Gr. 4-9   | 18 | Gr. 6 Math PAT   |
| 5   | Jr. High Track & Field Zones/ Gr. 3/4 Pond Days   | 20 | Gr. 6 LA PAT Pt B, Gr. 9 LA PAT Pt B, & Gr. 7-8 LA PAT Part B  |
| 5-8 | Gr. 6-8 Grande Cache Camping Trip   | 21 | National Aboriginal Day/ Gr. 2/3/4 to Whitecourt   |
| 6   | Gr. 5 Wetlands Field Trip/ Discover E Sessions for K - Gr. 4 & 7-8 Grade 9 Palisades Trip | 22 | Gr. 9 Math PAT, Gr. 7-8 Math Final, & Elementary Pet Day Grande Yellowhead Pool Party at Greengrove Pool |
| 11  | Sigmund Brown Author Visit for Elementary   | 25 | Gr. 6 Science PAT, Gr. 9 SS PAT, & Gr. 7-8 SS PAT  |
| 14  | Gr. 6 SS PAT  | 26 | Elementary Track & Field Day   |
| 15  | Gr. 2/3/4 Field Trip @ Kelly's Bathtub & Gr. 7 / 8 LA Pt A Final                          | 27 | Gr. 9 Science PAT, Gr.7-8 Science Final/ Gr. 4/5 & 6 Carnival Day  |
|     |   | 28 | Sport/Academic Awards, Community BBQ, & Report Cards Home  |

## Wildwood School, Wildwood

The Wildwood School Spring Tea held on May 15<sup>th</sup> was an outstanding success! For the first time ever, this annual event was held at the Wildwood Community Centre. The hall, being the top rate multi-use facility that it is, provided the perfect venue for the impressive live stage performance by students from kindergarten through Grade 9. The Spring Tea showcased vocalists, musicians, choirs, and musical theatre groups. Food service was overseen by key parent and student volunteers. Attendees were treated to refreshments and several courses of food. Classy and clever decorations created a stunning backdrop for the show. Teacher Shannon Kolotyluk, the show's director, was pleased to be so strongly supported by many community partners. She was also very impressed with the high degree of professionalism demonstrated by students as they carried out a wide range of roles and responsibilities. Over one hundred guests attended the successful fundraising event.



June is packed full of events to bring what has truly been an exceptionally wonderful school year to a close! The first ever Bike Rodeo for K-6 happens on June 12<sup>th</sup>. This safety training event takes place at both the local pump track as well as the school parking lot, and will involve FCSS, peace officers, a number of parents, staff and junior high student helpers. Yellowhead County's Pond Day on June 5<sup>th</sup> is a wetlands education day for Grade 4-5 Science. June 6<sup>th</sup> is the second annual trip to Clare Stone Pond for trout fishing. University of Alberta students from DiscoverE facilitate an excellent series of elementary science workshops on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Grade 4-5 Social Studies has a Pioneer Day field trip to the Tipple Museum on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps most importantly, the pressure is on to achieve highly in academics. With all of the hard work everyone has done this year, students will be trying for peak performances on all of the year-end testing taking place this month in core subject areas. Awards Day is on June 28<sup>th</sup>, our last day of school.

## EDSON & AREA

### Fulham School

It's the end of another wonderful school year and we have so many fun and educational activities planned here at Fulham School. Our kindergarten and Grade 1 and 2 classes will visit the Community Garden and the Kinsmen Spray Park in Edson. Our Grade 3 and 4 students will take part in Pond Days at Chip Lake. Students in Grade 5 and 6 will journey to the wetlands at School Lake, and those in Grades 3-6 will also travel to Edmonton to explore the Telus World of Science.

Students from the University of Alberta will visit our school on the morning of June 7<sup>th</sup> to engage our students in science activities with their DiscoverE program.

June 21<sup>st</sup> is National Aboriginal Day, and our school will journey to Whitecourt to participate in the programming they have planned at Rotary Park. There will be performances by the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Dancers, music, tipis, bannock, fur displays, and crafts for our students to enjoy.

Our annual Talent Show will take place on the morning of June 22<sup>nd</sup> with students and teachers providing many entertaining performances. In the afternoon we will have one big ceremony to recognize three different milestones - our Grade 6 students will be moving on from Fulham School to Pine Grove Middle School in Edson; a celebration of our kindergarten students beginning "grade school"; and the presentation of our community's yearly student awards. We hope the parents and family of the students involved can join us.

This year is our school's turn to visit Niton School for our annual Track and Field Day. Students in Grades 1-6 will travel to Niton for this fun event on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Fulham School Family Picnic will be the afternoon of June 27<sup>th</sup>, and we hope all of our families can join us for a day of outdoor activities and lunch.



## École Westhaven School

Westhaven School staff and students have a very active month in June. We are enjoying our last few weeks together before our summer break. Students are eagerly winding down and culminating their learning with curriculum focused fieldtrips.

### Westhaven Events for June

- 4 School Council Meeting @7PM in School Library/ Ms. Gilchuk's Class to Switzer Park/Ms. MacPhail & Ms. Stewart to Community Garden
- 6 All Kindergarten Classes to Switzer Park in Hinton
- 7 Mr. Muamba, Ms. Savoie, Mme. Hamelin, & Mrs. Moses Classes to Wetlands
- 11 Mme Longmire's Class to Visit RCMP
- 12 All Westhaven Students to Parkland for Aboriginal Activities
- 13 Mrs. Reynolds Class to RCMP/ Ms. Stanton Class to Evansburg Museum
- 14 Mme Laborerie & Mme Maude Classes to Switzer Park/ Ms. Vande Voorde's class to RCMP/ Ms. McPhail's Class to Evansburg Museum
- 15 Sports Day
- 19 (Sports Rain Out Day)/ Mme. France & Mr. Muamba's Classes to Fort Edmonton
- 20 Ms. Stewart & Mrs. Keating Classes to Switzer Park
- 21 Mme. Longmire Class to Community Garden
- 22 Ms. Gilchuk's Class to Edson Airport/ All Kindergarten Classes to Splash Park
- 25 Mrs. Keating'S CLASS to Community Garden
- 26 Mrs. Reynold's Kindergarten Class to Community Garden/ Mme. Mazur 'S Class to Camp Warwa
- 27 Ms. Vande Voorde's Class to Community Garden
- 28 Last Day for Students/ Grade 5 Farewell/ Kindergarten Graduations

## École Pine Grove Middle School (PGMS)

It is hard to believe the school year is almost at an end. At Pine Grove, along with preparing for year end exams, we are enjoying our last month with a number of field trips.

Students in Grade 8 went in the annual Camp YoWoChAs trip at the end of May, an event which challenges them to try activities such as a climbing wall, canoeing, and shelter building. During the first two weeks of June, the Grade 7 classes will be visiting Jasper, hiking Maligne Canyon as well as visiting Miette Hot Springs.

In preparation for PAT's and final exams, students have extra time in homerooms during June in order to review and study. Teachers will be going over strategies for studying and test taking, as well as doing some practice tests, using resources like Exambank, and fun game oriented reviews.

At the very end of June, Pine Grove will hold its annual awards ceremony, and a farewell BBQ for the Grade 8 students. Also, this will be the third year that Pine Grove will welcome the graduates from Parkland Composite High School to do a walk through our school in their caps and gowns; a great way for our students to be inspired about their upcoming high school years while celebrating the achievements of those who are finishing Grade 12.

As another school year is drawing to a close, the staff at Pine Grove would like to wish all our students a relaxing and enjoyable summer and best of luck to the Grade 8 students as they move on to high school!



## Mary Bergeron Elementary (MBE)

There is no doubt that all of us at Mary Bergeron Elementary are excited to see the month of June arrive – but not because it signals that the end of the school year is near – but because it is a month where our entire school community will have several opportunities to celebrate our successes and accomplishments... and we have a great deal to celebrate!

The month of June will start off with our Grade 5 classes celebrating the anticipated results of the hard work they have put in all year with an opportunity to visit and tour PGMS – the school they will transition to next year as they head off to middle school. We are very proud of them and can't wait for the opportunity to 'show them off' to Pine Grove. Our school will also be acknowledging the hard work of another group of students as we hold our kindergarten graduation ceremonies mid-month to celebrate their successes and upcoming transition next year to Grade 1 after an amazing year in the 'Green Wing'. We are extremely proud of them as well.

In fact, we are extremely proud of all of our students, staff, and parents – so much so that we have two major events planned for the month of June to honor and celebrate all that we have accomplished this school year. The first will take place during the first week in June, and will be a mural project created with tiles made by students and staff that will hang in the school to commemorate Mary Bergeron Elementary's inaugural year. An 'Artist-in-Residency' company will be at the school to coordinate this exciting project and we can't wait to unveil it when it's complete. Plans are also in place for our entire school community to have an opportunity to come together during the last week of school and celebrate together the fact that we have truly held true to this year's mantra... "We've Got This"! On June 25<sup>th</sup>, our school community will enjoy a day of celebration that will include our final 'M & M' Assembly, a school-wide bbq, and a wide range of fun activities and opportunities for our students, staff, and parents to participate in. It should be a great end to a great year!

But as much as we have to celebrate after our school's first year of operation, hang on to your hats, everyone... cause "you ain't see nothing yet"!

### Parkland Events for June

- 5 Jr. High Track & Field Zones Meet in St. Albert
- 11 PAC Meeting @ 7pm
- 14 Yearbook Meeting @ Lunch
- 21 Last Day of Classes
- 29 Graduation Ceremony & Banquet

## Parkland Composite High School

Environment week for Parkland is a year-round focus within our courses. We have four main groups that focus on the environment:

**Advance Placement (AP) Environmental Science** - This program is dedicated for academic students who dedicate their time during evenings and weekends, and who have applied, or been chosen by a staff member. Leadership, presentation skills, and environmental science curriculum are some examples of what these students experience throughout the year. Students in this course can earn extra college or university credits by writing their AP exam in May.

**Outdoor Education/Wilderness** - Students develop skills towards the conservation, management and enjoyment of wild spaces. Outdoor Education focuses on hunter education, garnering the Hunter Education Certificate.

**Envirothon** - This course is an academic science competition based on natural resource management. Last year's competition earned Parkland the gold and silver trophies, and we are proud to announce that this year, Parkland has recently won all three - Envirothon Alberta Provincial Champions, Silver, and Bronze. Our provincial champions will now travel to Idaho this summer to compete against the state and provincial winning teams.

**Forestry** - This course is designed to introduce students to the basic forest ecosystems of Alberta, and the different types of data representations and forest measurement skills used in statistical analysis and data compilation for a forested region.



## HINTON

### Crescent Valley School (CVS)

#### École Mountain View School

The sun is shining and we are excited to be headed into a busy final month of school. June will see students travelling all over the region for some exciting field trips. Trips to Kelly's Bathtub, the Beaver Boardwalk, Jasper, School Lake, and Miette Hot Springs, among others, are planned for our students. Our annual Environment Day will also be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> as a way to promote environmental stewardship. The chance to learn in the context of nature is what makes Hinton and Grande Yellowhead such a perfect place to live! On a more dramatic note, École Mountain View's performance of 'Seussical Jr.' will be held on a couple of dates in June, with the evening performance on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The annual Track and Field Day for Grade 5-7 students is set for June 7<sup>th</sup> at Harry Collinge High School.

A new event for this school year that we are proud to be offering in partnership with our RCMP liaison officer, is a bike rodeo for Grade 1 and 2 students. The bike rodeo event will provide an opportunity for students to practice and develop skills that will help them become better bicyclists and avoid typical crashes. With summer holidays right around the corner, we couldn't think of a more perfect way to keep our young students safe. The bike rodeo will take place on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We want to wish all of our students and families a perfect summer holiday and look forward to seeing your bright faces for the 2018-2019 school year!



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CALM**  
Schools almost  
**Out for  
Summer**

### Harry Collinge High School (HCHS)

Wow! It is hard to believe it is already June. It has been a challenging, but rewarding year for everyone at Harry Collinge. The depth and strength of the community support for our students and staff has been overwhelming and most appreciated - thank you!

June brings with it a number of activities for our students as they wrap up their year. As always, we have year-end events for the Grade 8's and 9's. Our Outdoor Education program, under the expert guidance of Mrs. Lea Bamsey, Mr. Paul Stenhouse, and Ms. Caty Carnaghan, is culminating in a number of great activities including two overnight expeditions. HCHS is extremely proud of Anthony Woods (discus) and Jonathan Jespersen (longjump) who both qualified for the ASAA Provincial Championships on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Red Deer. We wish both boys good luck.

It is the time of year to say goodbye to some dear friends and colleagues while at the same time welcoming new faces to HCHS for the fall of 2018. Retiring after an impactful and successful career as a science expert at HCHS, Ms. Lindsey Oshann leaves behind a large pair of shoes to be filled. Equally large shoes will be left behind by Mrs. Carol Mercier and Mrs. Paulette Lissell with their retirement from their roles as teaching assistants. All three of these ladies have had a huge impact on the success of our students and we wish them the very best in retirement.

#### HCHS Events for June

- 31 Hug for World Love Day (Niton Central School, Gr. 1's)
- 1 'A Wrinkle in Time' @ PATH (PM Grade 9 and 10)
- 5 GYAC Track & Field Zones
- 6 Gr. 8's - 'Willy Wonka', Perf. Arts Theater (1 pm)
- 7 Gr. 9 Trip - Whistlers Mountain, Jasper
- 8-10 Sr. Outdoor Ed Trip - Mount Robson (Departing After School Friday)
- 13 Diploma Exam: ELA 30 Part A
- 14 Diploma Exam: SS 30 Part A
- 20 Diploma Exam: ELA 30 Part B/ PAT: Fr. LA 9 partie B
- 21 National Aboriginal Day /Last Day of Classes
- 22 Diploma Exam: SS 30 Part B/ PAT: Science 9
- 25 Diploma Exam: Math 30/ PAT: Social Studies 9
- 26 Diploma Exam: Chemistry 30/ PAT: English LA 9
- 27 Diploma Exam: Biology 30/ PAT: Mathematics 9
- 28 Last Day for Students/ Diploma Exam: Physics 30 (AM)/ Diploma Exam: Science 30 (PM)
- 29 Graduation - Class of 2018 (HCHS, noon)

## JASPER

### Jasper Elementary School (JES)

The end of the year is a time for us to celebrate our learning together and reflect on our accomplishments. This month classes will be busy with field trips, assessments, and end of the year celebrations. Grade 6 students had a terrific time in Edmonton touring the Alberta Legislature and the TELUS Science Centre on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The Grade 3 field school will wrap up their investigation of animal life cycles with a visit to the Parks Compound and a Pine Beetle Study. Field study classes will also be painting wooden animal cut-outs to display on the school fence to commemorate their Grade 3 year. Grade 2 classes are conducting a pond study at Cottonwood slough on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Grade 1 and 2 students will enjoy an afternoon swimming together, and the kindergarten classes will head out to the Jasper Park Lodge on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Staff and students have been working with our local knowledge keeper, Matricia Brown, to expand their relationship with First Nations people and foster a greater awareness of culture. Grade 6 students will be making regalia with Matricia on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This project provides an opportunity for students not only to learn, but also sustain the roles and lifelong responsibilities of being a drum keeper. It has been amazing to witness the enthusiasm for this project spread among teachers, support staff, families, and community members in Jasper. We encourage parents and community members to join in the National Aboriginal events happening on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Information Centre in Jasper.

Summer vacation is a time for creating memories. We encourage our students to enjoy the warm summer days and make the most of exploring our beautiful home this summer by spending lots of time outdoors. Promise yourself that you will make good use of your holiday. Do all the things that you love to do: go camping, play sports, attend summer camp, paint, draw, play with your pets, make music, visit relatives, and travel to new places. You will have an abundance of free time and many choices to make. Start the summer off on a positive note by establishing some goals for yourself. Cherish this time with your family and friends and be sure to devour as many books as possible on your summer reading list!

### JES Events for June

- 1 Class Photos/JJSHS Grads Parade through JES
- 4 Gr. 3/4 Howe MacDonald - Parks Compound
- 5 Gr. 3/4 Howe MacDonald - Pine Beetle Study
- 6 Parent Council Meeting
- 11 JJSHS Gr. 6 Parent Information Night/ Gr. 6 PAT LA Part B
- 12 Gr. 6 Tour JJSHS
- 13 Gr. 6 PAT Fr. LA Pt B/Spotlight Assembly @ 11am/  
Gr. 2 Cottonwood Slough Pond Study
- 14 Kindergarten Field Trip to Jasper Park Lodge
- 15 Gr. 6 PAT Social Studies
- 19 Gr. 6 PAT Mathematics
- 21 National Aboriginal Day
- 22 Retirement Party @ Maligne Hostel for P. Trottier/  
Gr. 6 PAT Science
- 25 Student Council Summer Carnival from 1:15 – 3pm
- 28 Walk Down Assembly @ Jasper Activity Centre  
@10:40am/ Noon Dismissal



### Jasper Junior/Senior High School

## Summitview School

At Summitview School we just wrapped up the month of May and are looking forward to the last month of the school year filled with fun and exciting learning opportunities for our students. May found us working with community organizations to promote bicycle safety, the arts, parent involvement in fundraisers and school wide athletic events.

We were preparing for June field trips with May fundraising. Our Grade 5 parents came out to support and help run our Spring Fling Dance to raise money for our trip to Camp Yo Wo Chas. Students helped to run the dance, with staff and parent support, gaining real world knowledge and skills in organizing and implementing their dance activities. They will use these funds to offset the costs of the trip where they will experience canoeing, team building, low ropes, swing by choice, bouldering, and an early morning polar dip.

Outdoor experiences are important to our students in and out of school. With the return of nice weather our students have been spending their free time biking and playing outside. We partnered with a community organization to promote safe helmet usage and we have been handing out positive tickets for free slushies donated by the local convenience store The Chalet. Our students have also been learning about track and field sports in their physical education classes and in track and field practices after school. We sent 25 students to the GYAC track meet on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in Hinton. Summitview had a good day with six students placing and heading to the zone competition in St. Albert. Our annual track and field day at our school was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> with the support and involvement of high school students who guided our students in these events.

June is a month filled with celebrating our academic achievements and supporting our learning through engaging experiences in our upcoming field trips. Some of our field trips that are happening at our school are, our Grade 4 students recently went to our local Power Pond to engage in wetland research, our Grade 8's are celebrating their transition to the high school with a trip to the Palisades Centre, and our Grade 7's will be headed to Camp Tamarack in Grande Prairie to engage in multiple team building activities and down hill biking. Our Grade 6's will be heading to the Palisades Centre to work on their 'trees and forests' unit using the knowledgeable and engaging Palisades staff and programming.

We are excited to announce that our Grade 7 first year teacher Ms. Brittany Sopko, was awarded the Edwin Parr Award for Zone 2 and 3 in Edmonton on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Sopko is an excellent first year teacher and we are very proud of her work and accomplishments. She has made Summitview proud, and is an excellent role model for our young and impressionable youth. We look forward to working with Ms. Sopko as we move into next year.

## GRANDE CACHE



### Grande Cache Community High School, (GCCHS) SonRise Christian Program (SR)

Over the last month, SonRise students have had many great activities to participate in, including our visit to the local senior's residence called Whispering Pines. At the lodge, all our students participated in various games with the seniors and ended the afternoon with more visiting and refreshments with the residents. University of Alberta students from the DiscoverE program recently visited SonRise classes to share 90 minute presentations and engage students with science activities on simple machines, small crawling and flying animals and classroom chemistry.

During the month of May, GCCHS and SonRise hosted the Missoula Theater with over 60 students from all Grande Cache schools joining together to present the play, 'Gulliver's Travels'. SonRise also had the Missoula leaders in to conduct an all-school workshop on acting. GCCHS celebrated with our Grade 12 students at their high school graduation on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Forty young men and women walked across the stage to accept their diploma and to begin the next chapter of their lives. Many are going to school in the fall, and some are going to begin life in the workforce. At the end of May, GCCHS sent eight students to compete in the Skills Canada Provincials in Edmonton. Students competed in various disciplines from welding, work place safety, small engines, robotics, graphic design, fashion design and carpentry. A bus load of Indigenous students were given the opportunity to attend the National Skills Competition, not as competitors, but as spectators to see the skilled tradesmen competing for the national title. SonRise will hold its annual school carnival on June 1<sup>st</sup> with lots of fun and exciting games and activities. Proceeds raised from this event will be given to an elementary school for underprivileged children in Nigeria called Gilgal. SonRise will also conclude the year with a number of out-of-town field trips to Grande Prairie, Hinton and Jasper. Our K-6 graduation and celebration will conclude the year on June 20<sup>th</sup>. All families and friends are welcome to attend. GCCHS will hold its final exams from June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 28<sup>th</sup>.





**Sheldon Coates School**

## GCCHS/SR Events for June

<b>May 30-1</b>	<b>Skills Canada Provincials in Edmonton</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>SonRise Carnival of Fun</b>
<b>4-5</b>	<b>Indigenous Skills National Trip in Edmonton</b>
<b>6-7</b>	<b>SR Grade 5-6 Trip to Palisades</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>SR Grade 1-4 Trip Grande Prairie</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>ELA 30-1 Part A</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>SS 30-2 Part A</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Celebration of Success-SonRise Graduation/ ELA 30-1 Part B</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>National Aboriginal Day/Last Day of Classes for GCCHS</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>SS 30-2 Part B/GCCHS Exam Week Begins</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>SonRise Sports Day</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Bio 30</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Physics 30/ Science 30/ Last Day of Classes</b>

## THE LEARNING CONNECTION (TLC)

The month of May began with a Forestry Field Experience course for TLC students at the Black Cat Guest Ranch. Additionally, Teacher Barb Shepherd arranged for a Forestry Experience Simulator program to be hosted at TLC Edson. Participants were able to operate forestry equipment through the use of virtual reality tools. Students were put through a total of six hours of this training, and seemed to really enjoy the hands-on learning. Thanks to Barb for setting this up! The 'Hats On For Mental Health Day' was promoted at all TLC schools. Mental Health and related topics were discussed, and the visual support and recognition of this very common struggle is important to students and staff alike. Students learned some outdoor skills and gained an understanding of forestry imaging. May 22<sup>nd</sup> was our annual trip to Kelley's Bathtub for 'Art in the Park', an opportunity for our students to learn some sketching and watercolour painting skills followed by a wiener roast and a presentation on moss bags and willow whistles by our Indigenous Liaison Worker, Renay Woelfing, Elder Dorothy Courtereille, and Dorothy's son, Eldon Courtereille.

Preparations for graduation celebrations in Hinton on May 25<sup>th</sup>, in Edson on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and in Evansburg on June 15<sup>th</sup> are underway! Stay tuned for pictures on our social media sites from these very special and momentous celebrations. Our principal, Stuart Graham, along with the TLC Evansburg staff were pleased to host the Board of Trustees in Evansburg for our School Continuous Improvement Plan Review.

We will celebrate environment week with a trip to Templeton's Greenhouse to plant an herb container and a tour of the Community Garden where we will learn about vermicomposting. TLC Evansburg students and staff visited Green Thumb Greenhouses where they were able to construct their own planters with various types of flowers. Students created very unique and beautiful arrangements.

All TLC students are wrapping up the school year as they prepare to complete courses, write school final exams. Staff and students are also preparing for Provincial Achievement testing and diploma examinations. The TLC English, math, social studies and sciences committees have created review and study packages for each respective subject area to help target greatest areas of need for success on diploma exams. TLC Summer School 2018 registration opens June 4<sup>th</sup>, and is open to high school students (including students completing ninth grade in June). Summer School 2018 runs from July 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup> in the communities of Hinton, Edson, and Evansburg.