

School NEWS



October 2018

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EVANSVIEW SCHOOL

At Evansview School, we began our year by inviting students to enjoy a sundae, tour the school, finalize registrations, and find their lockers. A formal Meet the Teacher night came later in September as the staff prepared a barbecue supper for our students and their families. The ankle-deep snow caused a change in plans for our first whole-school event. A special thanks goes out to our first responders (both firefighters and EMTs) who came to help us with our annual Terry Fox Run. Instead of trudging through the snow, we had a dance off. Many cool moves could be seen not just by the students but also our guests! We finished up our event by enjoying hotdogs and cookies.

Our crossing guards are back on duty making sure that our students and their families safely cross the road. Our kindergarten and Grade 1 students also completed their bus safety training during the last week of September.

Orange Shirt Day marks a time when Evansview students remembered all those children who attended

residential schools. The students in our school received their own orange t-shirt with a logo created by a local Grand Trunk student. All the Evansview students joined the junior high students for an activity designed to come to a deeper understanding of the experiences of Indigenous children who were taken to residential schools.

This year we are working on adding to our school library book collection. Our 'Indigo's Love of Reading' campaign saw donations for over 100 books! Thank you to our community and families for all your donations. Look for some of our new library titles coming in a backpack near you.

EVANSVIEW EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

- 8 STAT: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)
- 12 Kindergarten Trip to Public Library/ Gr. 6 Memory Project Sharing
- 16 & 24 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews
- 16-25 Book Fair
- 19 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: Staff PD Day
- 31 Halloween Celebrations

GRAND TRUNK HIGH SCHOOL (GT)

It's been a busy and exciting September at Grand Trunk High School! We kicked off our school year September 4th with a Grand Trunk mini-conference to ensure success for all of our students. Students attended sessions that taught them how to access library books through Trac Pac, use Solaro to gain knowledge and understanding on grad requirements and transitioning to high school, along with strategies for success with academic studies. GT students signed up for sports teams and clubs, learned about the Yellowhead County Firefighters program, and about our fantastic rock band and industrial arts programs. Students also took part in a scavenger hunt to discover new and fun information about our school and our staff, and to have the chance to move freely about our building. The feedback we have received on our conference from both students and parents has been very positive.

On September 5th, Dwayne Peace from Life Synergy 4 Youth visited Grand Trunk to work with our Grade 8 to 12 students with the presentation 'Life's Challenges in Secondary School'. Later that evening, Mr. Peace held an additional parent and community session on these important topics.

On September 7th, we had a barbeque lunch for all students and staff prepared with the help of our local trustee and board chair, Brenda Rosadiuk. During lunch, the students had a chance to partake in games and activities with the staff to celebrate the first week of school.

The Grad Class of 2018 graduation ceremonies were held on September 22nd. It was heartwarming to revisit with these students to celebrate their successes as well as catch up on their current lives. It was a wonderful event to witness this special moment in the lives of our students, as they move from being high school students to citizens of the world. This graduation marks the final fall graduation as we are transitioning to a spring convocation this year.

On September 28th our school celebrated Orange Shirt Day, learning about the historical significance of the day with Evansview students joining our junior high classes in the afternoon for student led, hands-on activities. This was a important event to gain knowledge about Orange Shirt Day and to build relationships between our junior high students and elementary students. The school was abuzz with interactions and learning in all ages.

It is hard to believe that September has already left us. The 2018-2019 school year started in September with dynamic energy that will continue to flow throughout the year.

This year there has been the introduction of many new option classes, especially at the junior high level. New classes include classes in wellness, literacy and social gaming. Students are embracing the opportunities to experience new initiatives created by our staff members.

Volleyball season is now well under way with a staff of coaches for our junior and senior teams. With practices, tournaments and games, these teams are busy and will continue to find successes as their seasons progress. These programs exist for our students because of the committed volunteer coaches we have at GT and we greatly appreciate their time and effort.



New clubs have been created this year at GT including a Dungeons and Dragons club and an art club, all providing the students unique opportunities to experience new and amazing things. As the year progresses, more clubs will be added to the Grand Trunk roster, especially through student interest and requests.

October brings with it the first sessions of parent/teacher interviews on October 4th. They were a great opportunity for our staff to meet with families to discuss the education of their children.

On October 19th, our school staff will be meeting to look at our data from the 2017-2018 school year to learn from the results, and set goals to move our students toward a successful future. We will be using this time to work together to ensure student success.

NITON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Niton Central School has had a busy startup this year and many great things are happening here! This month we'd like to feature just three of them:

- The Grade 5/6 Classroom Economy System - Mrs. Maskell has implemented classroom economy for the school year, where students earn classroom 'currency' for jobs and pay rent for their desks. They can earn bonus cash by participating in extracurricular activities, helping others, or earning excellent grades. On the flip side, students can also be fined for infractions such as not completing assignments or not listening when other students are speaking. In addition, there will be monthly auctions where students can use their currency to bid on popular items. The classroom economy helps students learn valuable life skills such as organization, the value of saving and delayed gratification. They also had to apply for the jobs they wanted and were interviewed before they were awarded. The Grade 5/6 students have embraced their classroom economy wholeheartedly!
- Junior High Gamification - Mr. Hayes has restructured how he delivers the curriculum this year through a gamification lens. This does not mean more screen time for the students, but rather a framework to engage, reward and challenge students in their studies. The two major components of gamification are 'progress mechanics' where students progress to different levels, and 'story and narrative' which provides the structure for the levels. The classroom now has a medieval theme and even a giant game board at the back of the room. Who says school can't be fun?



- Grade 2/3 Community in the Classroom - Once every month this year, Mr. Meier's class will put on an event to bring the community into our school. For their September function, each student invited

a member of the community in to have lunch with them in their classroom on the last Friday of the month. This gives them the opportunity to showcase their flexible seating plan and all of the great projects they have been working on. The Grade 2/3 students were very excited to have guests in!

We are delighted to announce that a former staff member of our school will be returning to work part-time in the junior high. Leanne DeLeeuw brings a lot of skills and talents with her that are sure to enhance what we are already doing.

NITON EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

5	DARE Program Starts for Grade 6 Class
8	STAT: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)
10	School Council/Niton Central Fundraising Society Meetings
12	WE Day in Edmonton
17 & 18	Parent/ Teacher Interviews
19	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: Staff PD Day
24	Bee Aware Field Trip for Grade 7 Class
29	Fall UNESCO/ ASPnet Meeting
30	Staff Literacy Consultations with Irene Heffel
31	Halloween Celebrations

WILDWOOD SCHOOL

Wildwood School has had a wonderful start to the 2018-2019 school year. Principal James Randall has been very impressed with the new paint in the the hallways and office areas, repairs to the driveway, and work the teachers, teacher aides, and custodians did to ensure the school was ready for the year. The students, staff, parents, and community have made him feel very welcome to his new role and his return to Wildwood School, and he would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone.

The month of September was busy with an emphasis on excellence in junior high and building routines in elementary. Junior high students had the opportunity to participate in two separate presentations that focused on the benefits of hard work and dedication. During the presentations, students heard from local presenters who have excelled in their commitment to achieving

their goals. Wildwood adventurer, Shay Foisy, spoke about her travel adventures as she ventured through Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. The second presentation was from Brad Bremner and his band who recently signed a recording contract with Eagle Records.

September was the start-up of the playschool program as well as the 'Successful Kids and Families' program hosted within the school. It is wonderful to partner with these programs to have our young up and coming students in the school so they are comfortable and accustomed to the building when they enter kindergarten.

The month of October is going to be a busy month at Wildwood School with the return and start up of the ever popular grandparents program for Grade 4's. We are once again partnering with local stakeholders to ensure our students and community feel connected to one another and share experiences from our students' and our grandparents' perspectives. We are thankful for the continued commitment our grandparent volunteers make to our school and our students as each group shares history, perspective, and views while working together.

In addition to the grandparent program, students can look forward to a junior high trip to NAIT on October 12nd, Student Led Conferences on October 16th and 17th, a field trip to Camp Warwa for Grade 4-6 on the 18th, School Bus Safety Week presentations for kindergarten and Grade 1 students, school pictures on October 23rd, and Halloween activities on October 31st.

► EDSON & AREA

FULHAM SCHOOL

Our school year got off to a great, although snowy, start! All of our students participated in the Terry Fox School Run. We recognized Orange Shirt Day with students and staff wearing orange, and we were pleased to be able to share Phyllis Webstad's book 'The Orange Shirt Story' with students.

October is always a busy month here at Fulham. We will hold parent/teacher interviews this year about one month before report cards go out. This will give parents, students, and teachers time to voice any concerns, find solutions, and see results by report card time. Our book fair is an enchanted forest theme this fall and we are hoping for a record-breaking turn-out! A percentage of

all book fair sales will go towards new books and fun supplies for our school.



FULHAM EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

- 3 Parent Council Meeting
- 5 Assembly
- 8 STAT: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)
- 9 School Photos
- 17 & 18 Parent/ Teacher Interviews
- 17 Swimming in Edson at Repsol Place
- 19 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: Staff PD Day
- 23 - 26 "Enchanted Forest" Book Fair
- 24 Fairy Tale Dress-Up Day
- 31 Halloween Party in the PM

ÉCOLE WESTHAVEN SCHOOL

Westhaven School is very excited to welcome new staff members to our school team. The following are our new teachers: Mr. Martyn Middleton (has been with us since February) and Mrs. Audra Bowman (an experienced teacher who has transferred to us from Pine Grove). We also welcome a new teaching assistant, Nicole Robinson.

We are excited to continue our full day kindergarten project. We look forward to seeing positive growth and readiness for Grade 1 in these beginning students. Many teachers provide literacy support to their students with the Daily Five literacy program within the classroom environment to assist students in reading. Parents also can always help in assisting their children to read, by reading every day at home. If you have any questions regarding how you can help your child, please talk to your child's teacher.



WESTHAVEN EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

- 8 STAT: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)
- 12 WE Day in Edmonton
- 23 & 24 Book Fair and Parent/ Teacher Interviews from 5-7 p.m.
- 26 Tentative School Dance
- 31 Halloween Activities

ÉCOLE PINE GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL (PGMS)

September was an extremely busy month at École Pine Grove Middle School. As well as welcoming a new group of Grade 6 students to our school, we also have a new school principal, Ms. Erin Murphy; four new teachers: Ms. Caitlin Goetz, Ms. Carmen Larson, Mr. Domonic Lodge and Ms. Lynden Tucker, and a new education assistant, Ms. Linda Sontag.

Pine Grove began a brand recycling program in September. A garbage audit performed by the Edson and District Recycling Society last spring noted that only five per cent of all the waste produced at the school actually needed to go to the landfill. The remaining 95 per cent was made up of materials that could be composted or recycled. Based on this information, the Recycling Society helped Pine Grove remove conventional garbage cans and replaced them with recycling bins for different types of waste. We are moving towards becoming a zero waste school!



The first few weeks has also been busy with benchmark testing. These assessments in reading, writing and math are given to all students and help teachers identify student needs in literacy and numeracy. The results of these tests will help us to create groups to work on specific skills with specific students.

It's been a great start and we are excited to move forward with new faces and new initiatives.

PGMS EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

- 3 Turkey Trot
- 4 Huestis Field Trip 6F
- 5 World Teachers' Day
- 8 STAT: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)
- 11 Huestis Field Trip 6A, 6C, 6D
- 12 Huestis Field Trip 6B, 6E
- 18 Human Library
- 19 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: Staff PD Day
- 29 LIVE Different Presentation

MARY BERGERON ELEMENTARY (MBE)

With the month of September behind us and a smooth and exciting start to the school year in the books, we set our sights on October, 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 then have multiple opportunities to demonstrate it. This month we are focusing on 'responsibility' – 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 month of October practicing and showing how we can be responsible. 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 responsibility for our monthly Bucket-Filler draw which is held at our last M&M assembly of the month. Six lucky students – one from each grade – will win an opportunity to celebrate their great behavior by being recognized by the entire school at the assembly and will get to go out for lunch with Mr. Reynolds and Ms. Boos!

Another exciting learning opportunity that we are looking forward to is the Science in Motion presentations that

we will be hosting during the second week of October. Using Alberta's science curriculum as our guide, a group of enthusiastic science presenters come to our school and provide a variety of exciting science programs, activities, experiments and demonstrations to our students - making science fun, dynamic and easy to understand. These presentations truly engage our students' imaginations and pique their interests in science. We are really looking forward to the learning and excitement that they provide.



And of course, how can you end the month of October without a Halloween party?! We will have our Halloween Parade and assembly on the 31st where our students get an opportunity to show off their costumes, and we will also be showing off our dance moves as the whole school performs a dance routine we will work on for that occasion. It promises to be Spooktacular!!!

PARKLAND COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL (PCHS)

October is a very busy month at Parkland.

Awards Night took place in the Pacer Gym at Parkland on Friday, October 5th. Students were acknowledged and celebrated for their high academic achievements from the previous school year. Parkland recognized over 200 recipients with awards as well as those who have earned scholarships.

Photo retake day is on the 22nd which is the last chance for students to get a new or updated picture this year. Parent/ teacher interviews will be located in the Pacer Dome and Pacer Success Centre from 4 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 25th. Students are encouraged to introduce their teachers to their parents to discuss their academic progress.

PARKLAND EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

- 3 First Aid Course/ Citadel Trip/ Student Council Meeting @ Noon
- 5 Awards Night @ 7pm
- 8 STAT: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)
- 9 Student Council Meeting from 7-9 pm
- 11 Post-Secondary Career Event from 9-11 am & Community Employer Showcase from 1-3 pm
- 12-14 AP Environmental Science Trip
- 12 JV Boys/Girls V'ball Tourn. @ Morinville/ Sr. Boys/Girls V'ball Tourn. @ Barrhead
- 15-18 Palisades Trip
- 17 Student Council Meeting @ Noon
- 18 LaSalle College Presentation @ Flex
- 19 & 20 Sr. Boys/Girls V'ball Tourn. @ Mayerthorpe
- 22 Photo Retakes
- 25 Parent /Teacher Interviews from 4-8 pm
- 26 & 27 Sr. Boys/Girls V'ball Tourn. @ Stony Plain
- 27 JV. Boys/Girls V'ball Tourn. @ Barrhead
- 30 Flex Community Day

► HINTON

CRESCENT VALLEY SCHOOL (CVS)

What an exciting month September was as we welcomed many new families and classmates to our school community! We understand the challenges associated with moving, attending a different school, and making new friends, and are proud of how smoothly our new students made this transition. We truly appreciate our students for befriending the newcomers and fostering a sense of belonging.

Another community building event was our Old-Fashioned Welcome Back Picnic, which unfortunately had to be held indoors due to inclement weather. Nonetheless, participants enjoyed potato sack races, turnip bowling, the cabbage toss, bobbing for apples, and a pie eating competition.

In preparation for Orange Shirt Day, students reflected on why they matter and prepared a statement to share

at the assembly. Elder Dorothy Coutereille opened the ceremony with a prayer and Jennifer Kelley, Indian Residential School Health Support, facilitated teachings on residential schools of the past and the significance of orange shirts. The ceremony was interspersed with a variety of drumming, songs, and dances. The message was clear: every child matters; we are all precious and sacred.

October promises to be equally memorable. Students in Grades 5-7 will participate in their self-selected CTF courses which include shinny, lifetime fitness, SPCA – animal care, art, photography, coding, genius hour, and family games night.



This month, we also have scheduled a monthly awards assembly, school photos, goal-setting conferences and class open-houses, and the annual Halloween bash - complete with a haunted house, tunnel of doom, spooky caves, and mystery treats.

ÉCOLE MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL

HARRY COLLINGE HIGH SCHOOL (HCHS)

It is hard to believe that we are already into October this year. Our newest students, the Grade 8's, are settling in nicely and everyone is now well underway to completing the first portion of the 2018-2019 school year.

October 5th was World Teachers' Day. This was a great opportunity to let our fantastic teachers know how much they are appreciated.

We celebrated our outstanding students at our annual awards night on October 10th.

There is always lots of activity at a high school including all the extra-curricular sports. Starting the year off

are volleyball and cross-country running. Our junior Rockies volleyball players were in action at home on the 12th and 13th displaying some super volleyball skills.

After a great weekend of sports, it is time to focus on academics. Please mark your calendars for parent/teacher interviews which will be held on October 16th and 17th. Families are asked to watch your email and our facebook page for the chance to book your interviews.

HCHS EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

- 4 SACE Presentations (Grade 8, 9)
- 5 World Teachers' Day
- 8 STAT: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)
- 10 ELAA Post-Secondary Fair from 1-3 pm/
HCHS Awards @7 pm
- 12 & 13 Jr. V'ball Tourn. @ Home
- 15 School Council
- 16 & 17 Parent/ Teacher Interviews
- 19 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: Staff PD Day
- 31 Halloween

► JASPER

JASPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (JES)

Our school year opened with the theme 'Caring is Everything!' This theme communicates that all children can sincerely make a difference and bring joy to others, themselves, and the community in which they live. Caring is woven into our daily morning messages and assembly topics. This month we started by wearing an orange shirt on October 1st in memory of residential school survivors. Our hope is to build empathy and understanding with students and a commitment to the ongoing process of reconciliation. Caring for the school, health, family, personal goals, friendships, and the environment are some examples of the themes to look forward to this year!

It was wonderful to see all of our families at the Welcome Back event



on September 13th. This event was a great opportunity for families to meet the classroom teachers and learn about the partnerships that we have with parent council, Community Outreach Services, Alberta Mental Health, and Canadian Parents for French, Jasper Right to Read Society, and the Jasper Out of School Care program. Thank you to all who took time to sign up for classroom positions such as key communicators and student council representatives.

Our first assembly opened our school year in a special way. Matricia Brown with several of our students played a big drum while other students entered through the 'arm tunnel' of the sixth graders. We sat in a circle formation as the teachers read excerpts from David Bouchard's book 'The Drum Calls Softly'. Matricia presented each class with a beautiful talking stick to be used as a communication tool in classrooms.

Throughout the academic year at JES, you will see students engaging in art, music, writing, learning projects, free reading for enjoyment, field school activities, nature immersion outings, community involvement, stewardship, and a variety of science and mathematics projects that extend the grade level curriculum. It is essential to the staff at JES that all children feel a sense of belonging, that they experience success, and that they have a voice in their learning.

JES EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

- 3 Parent Advisory Council Meeting
- 5 World Teachers' Day
- 8 STAT: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)
- 11 Healthy Snack Sale
- 12 Rocks & Rings Curling Grade 5/6 Kongsrud & Grade 4/5 Irwin
- 15 Rocks & Rings Curling Grade 5e/6e Bejenaru & 3e/4e/5e Auger
- 17 & 18 JES Dark Sky Festival
- 19 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: Staff PD Day
- 24 Take Me Outside Day
- 25 Healthy Snack Sale hosted by J. Auger 4e/5e
- 31 Halloween Dress-Up & Parade in Afternoon

JASPER JUNIOR/ SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (JJSHS)

Jasper Junior Senior High School had a great start to the year. Highlights included our start up school spirit day, grade level hikes, our Grade 10 stewardship program, volleyball tryouts and games, and several field trips. We also held a meet the teacher night and a school council meeting.

JJSHS EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

- 10 Post Secondary Fair
- 15 School Council
- 25 Halloween Dance

► GRANDE CACHE

SUMMITVIEW SCHOOL



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

Both the high school and SonRise students and staff at GCCHS had a busy start-up this year. On September 11th we held our welcome back barbeque which was well attended by students and parents from all grade levels. Everyone was treated to great cooking, tours of the facilities, and the opportunity to meet staff.

The high school held an awards assembly on September 14th. Honors certificates were awarded to

all students achieving over an 80 per cent average for the whole year, and honors with distinction were awarded to those with averages greater than 90 per cent.

On September 21st we hosted a post secondary fair for our students in Grades 10, 11 and 12. Representatives from many Alberta universities, colleges, trade schools, and the Canadian Armed Forces, were on hand to answer questions and provide guidance to students considering various career possibilities.

Thirty eight of our SonRise students from kindergarten to Grade 6 participated in a cross-country run held at Kelly's Bathtub on the 24th. The students performed admirably and several award ribbons were given out.

Our senior girls' and boys' volleyball teams played a match at Gerard Redmond in Hinton on September 26th. This was the first competition of the year and all students played well.

We recognized Orange Shirt Day on September 28th throughout the entire school. Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools, and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation.

GCCHS/SR EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

- 3 Sr Girls' & Boys' V'ball Teams host HCHS
- 4 SonRise Progress Reports/ Sr Girls' & Boys' V'ball Teams @ HCHS
- 5 Terry Fox Walk/ World Teachers' Day/ High School Progress Reports
- 8 STAT: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)
- 10 & 11 High School: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 18 SonRise Backwards Dress-Up Day/ SonRise Sports Night
- 19 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: Staff PD Day
- 26 School Spirit Day
- 31 Halloween

SHELDON COATES SCHOOL

September was an eventful month at Sheldon Coates! The students were excited for the new sidewalk games that had been painted on the tarmac in August - the hopscotch is a big hit! Many of the classes are including outdoor learning into their week's plans. While outside, the students explore, question, create, and problem solve; all while embracing whatever weather Mother Nature throws at us.

Garden School has also started up again. Each class makes four visits throughout the year to Ms. Calder's garden where they learn about seasonal changes, needs of plants, growing, harvesting, and various plants and bugs. Many students also participated in the school's first annual fall fair, where they brought a sample of what they had grown over the summer to be judged by Ms. Calder and a guest judge. Visitors to the open house were able to not only meet the staff and see the school, but also check out the fall fair.

The end of the month was filled with the start of swimming lessons, picture day, and the Terry Fox Run. On September 28th, the staff and students were encouraged to wear an orange shirt for Orange Shirt Day. The Warrior Women from Jasper also put on a drumming and singing presentation in honor of the day.

October is set to be an exciting month as well. In class, the Grade 3's are starting to learn about the continents of the world and where our small town fits in. The Grade 2's have dove right into the Daily 5 literacy program, and are building their reading stamina. The Grade 1's are having a ton of fun as they study apples, pumpkins, and colors in science. Finally, the kindergarten students are focusing on the letters in their name and on the shapes in their world.

Our first STAR assembly was on October 5th and Mrs. Harley's Grade 1 class put on a small performance. In mid-October, the students will have a visit from the firefighters, and we will have our first Leaders in Action lunch. The month will wrap up with our Halloween activity day, in conjunction with everyone's favourite sugar-filled holiday! It looks as if this coming month we will also be making more snowmen, snow forts, and giant snowballs; outdoor learning, here we come!

The staff at Sheldon Coates truly have a passion teaching and learning, and they help to make our school shine!



THE LEARNING CONNECTION (TLC)

TLC staff would like to extend a warm welcome to two new staff members - teacher Amanda Clarke has joined our TLC family as our Continued Learning, Engagement and Academic Recovery Coordinator (CLEAR), and Mary Adreassen is our newest teacher for high school English at TLC Hinton.

TLC staff, students and families braved a cold and snowy September to utilize the online registration feature for GYPSD that has resulted in a very successful month. Staff continue to encourage students to build literacy with several resources available such as our Reading Shelf, Solaro (an online student resource for all subjects, with parental access possibilities), and the Read and Write Google extension for chromebooks. Reading everyday supports comprehension in all subjects!

September was a busy month for travel for TLC students. The Black Cat Ranch was host to our Forestry Field Experience from September 10th to 12th where participants learned various outdoor skills and techniques that are used in Alberta's forestry industry. As a follow-up to the field experience, there is an upcoming Forestry Simulator week long session scheduled for October 15th to 19th for high school students interested in careers in the forestry industry and related fields of work. On September 25th, students participated in an outdoor excursion to Willmore Park near Edson which included a hike and medicinal plant session with Renay Woelfing. Thank you to teachers Barb Shepherd and Liam McClennan for making these excursions possible.

Students also participated in Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 28th. Staff led discussions around the significance of the day and the importance of learning about the effects that residential schools have had on our communities. These discussions help to foster a deeper understanding of the historical implications today, and into the future. Students have new 2018 orange shirts and there is a concerted effort to discuss the significance of the graphic on the t-shirt. We have also given t-shirts to some parents and community members, including Grande Cache trustee, Mr. Ken Fate. We hope to draw attention to the effects that residential schools had on our Indigenous population, in and around, our community. TLC Jasper

has a number of high school fine arts program students who are busy preparing their submissions for next year's Orange Shirt Day graphic t-shirt design contest.

A notable circumstance for our TLC Grande Cache is that the the Town of Grande Cache is undergoing a viability review. TLC staff and students were very fortunate to have the CAO for the town, Denise Thompson, make a presentation about the implications of this for their community. This was especially exciting because this is the first opportunity for many of our Grande Cache youth to exercise their right to vote.

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