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Grand Trunk High School (GTHS)

It is hard to believe that we are already into the month of March. Some highlights from February included Valentine's Day Candy Grams and Team Canada Pride Day. Grand Trunk High School also instituted silent reading time that started at the beginning of February. Students and staff alike are reading for two twenty minute blocks twice a week in an effort to develop reading and literacy skills throughout our school community and to help improve reading fluency on provincial exams.

The junior high basketball seasons also came to a close at the end of February culminating in the GYAC tournament held in Edson for all division and area teams. We congratulate all teams and dedicated coaches for all of their hard work. Well done!!

March proves to be a busy month for us here at Grand Trunk with various basketball tournaments including zones, and possibly provincial tournaments for our senior boys' and girls' teams. We wish both teams good luck in the remainder of their seasons.

We are also looking forward to our now 3rd annual 'Taste of GT' event which has proven to be a very popular community event. This year's 'Taste of GT' event will occur on Friday, March 23rd, from 10:30am - 1:00pm, and will feature many different offerings of food in a food festival style atmosphere. Tickets will cost \$1.00 a piece and most items can be purchased for a ticket or two.

GTHS Events for March

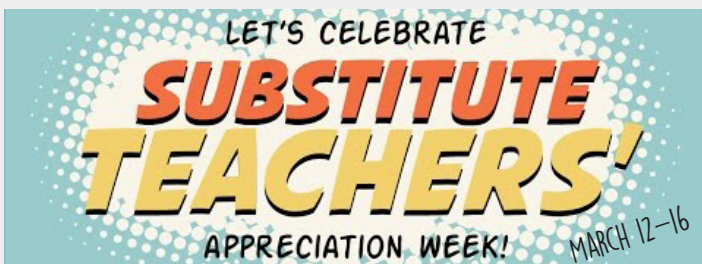
- 8 Parent-Teacher Interviews from 4:30-7:30pm
 - 9 Sr. High B' Ball Zones @ Westlock/
No School for Students
 - 23 Taste of GT Event
Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
- Mar. 24 - April 2: Spring Break

Evansview School, Evansburg

Evansview has been on a journey of rebirth and growth as we have welcomed many new staff into our building over the last year, including our own Mrs. Zadderey. We have taken this journey down a path of redirection as we have tried to bring together a new school identity and focus for both staff and students. Through the existing icon of our handprint that has long been a symbol of Evansview School, we developed a set of core values and ideals that we wanted to promote and develop within our building. Incorporated into this is the key teachings brought to us by our Indigenous colleagues and friends as well, providing a very sound basis and companion for the values that we wanted to emulate.

At the end of January, we held our first assembly based on these new values, and used it to reflect on the acts of kindness that the students recognized and shared on a bulletin board in our main hallway. Students were encouraged to write a note about a kind thing someone had done for them, or they had witnessed someone else doing. This was not an exercise meant to brag about ourselves, but to celebrate the community members of our school. Little did they know, the acts were then used to draw for prizes as certificates of kindness were awarded at the assembly at the end of January.

We also promoted the new monthly values of resilience and courage. Students spent this month sharing about how mistakes that they have made led to a growth or change in their learning. This required a great deal of courage to do, as we needed to be able to share about something that we did not understand, or do correctly. The resilience that we show in continuing on, however, is a very positive and necessary trait that we want to foster with all of our student body. Through this, they will face challenges and learn as their journey continues. As March begins, we will be focusing on respect. The last day of February was Pink Shirt Day, and that seemed to be a natural lead in to this value that encourages us to treat those around us in ways that we would want to be treated. Our assembly involved a selection of students being recognized through a draw, the celebration of the variety of mistakes that we had made that have in turn furthered our learning, and kicked off for our new focus. This ability to celebrate through the students and experiences that are in this building is bringing us all together in new and better relationships, and is helping us to forge a positive, growth minded group of people all around. Coming up in March we have an assortment of activities including mini-basketball offered for all grades, and our our annual 'Movie Madness' as our kickoff to spring break.



Niton Central School, Niton Junction

February was filled with snow and love at Niton Central. The elementary classrooms got together to create "100 Ways to Show Kindness". Each student in elementary wrote 'one way to be kind' down on a heart. These are now displayed on the windows of the elementary wing. It was a great way to show some '100 Day and Valentine's Day' spirit!

Ms. Paul's Grade 9 class started their political party assignment this month. Students were split into different political parties, and then came up with a platform, signs, colours, and a slogan for their party. Students had a lengthy debate last week where parties got to debate their points, and their junior high constituents got to ask each party questions.

The Grade 3 and 4's started to dive into Indigenous culture in February. They have been studying tipis, and the symbolism behind them. They will be starting to create their villages soon, and looking at the many Indigenous groups within Alberta.

The Grade 6 restaurant 'The Space Arcade' opened on February 26th. This was a student-run restaurant that was also a fundraiser for their year-end camping trip. Students participated in every aspect of the restaurant. They created the menu, came up with a theme, decorated the science lab, cooked the food, created advertisements, served the food, and so much more. This was a great way to get some real work experience while also being aligned to various parts of the Grade 6 curriculum. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who came out to support our students' efforts!



Wildwood School, Wildwood

We are so proud of our junior high boys' basketball team who are the 2018 gold medal winners of the 1A Division Championships at the Grande Yellowhead Athletic Conference. The season's final and deciding tournament was held in Edson on February 23rd and 24th.

D.J. Szelec and Wes Walker, former Wildwood students, coached the Wildwood team. Both boys graduated from high school last year, but were very willing to volunteer as coaches. Both of them excelled at sports all through junior high and high school. Their decision to give back to the community they were raised in was very much appreciated. The coaches dedicated a lot of time and effort. They enthusiastically joined right in for practices that lasted up to three hours, two or three times a week. Szelec praised the players for how much they improved over the season. He felt from the start the kids had a very good chance to win it. He was ecstatic over the team's victory, "Wildwood hasn't won the banner in twelve years!"

In other Wildwood School news, primary grades will be skating at the complex this month. The Grade 2/3's have a field trip to the Muttart Conservatory, and the Grade 5/6 class is going to tour Edmonton City Hall where they will also participate in a mock city council session. 'Zap! The Electricity Show' comes in March. The shiny rinks continue to be a well loved recess activity. Outdoor education students will be trying out snowshoes. 'Bus to Swim' registrations are being collected this month. Report cards will be given out March 23rd.

Niton Events for March

- 5 Math Blitz Part 2 Begins
- 7 Jr ATB Open at Lunch
- 9 No School for Students
- 14 Twin Day
- 16 Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day
- 23 Report Cards Go Home
- Mar. 24 - April 2: Spring Break

EDSON & AREA

Fulham School

Mr. Becker's Grade 5/6 class has recently completed their Olympic-themed activity. They took part in many events such as floor hockey, floor curling, and timed sled races and the winners received gold, silver, and bronze medals. They also did Olympic-related comprehension and reading assignments.

March will be busy with all of our staff and students participating in our annual drama week. Not only do our students act in our play, but they build the background and props, and students are chosen to run the light and sound equipment. This year, our play "Hansel and Gretel" will take place on March 22nd. There will be an afternoon performance at 1pm and an evening performance at 7pm, followed by coffee and goodies.

Students who have registered for mini-basketball will begin practices this month. We will have a Grade 5/6 boys' team this year, and we wish them lots of fun and the best of luck in their tournament.

This month, we will begin a new cross-graded STEM activity. Ms. Bird, the division's Educational Tech Lead Teacher, will be coming for two visits, and bringing all sorts of cool and interesting science and technology equipment for our students to use such as Makey Makey, Bloxels, various circuits and Kiva Kits.

On March 21st, our school will recognize World Down Syndrome Day. We all plan to wear 'crazy socks' and listen to stories and videos about just what it means to have Down syndrome.



École Westhaven School

Westhaven students and staff are working diligently on academics, physical, social and emotional growth. Our monthly feather assemblies continue to focus on all the positive things our students are doing in the areas of academics and citizenship. Whenever students excel in their school work or show exemplary citizenship skills, they have the opportunity to be noticed by an adult through receiving a feather. The feather is colored and proudly displayed in the foyer to show all visitors the great work our students are doing. We are very proud of our students' achievements in these areas. Our assemblies focus on these excellent skills the students are learning.

Fulham Events for March

- 7 Dental Hygienist Visit
- 9 No School for Students
- 16 Report Cards Go Home
- 21 Crazy Sock Day (World Down Syndrome Day)
- 22 1pm & 7pm "Hansel and Gretel" Performances
- Mar. 24 - April 2: Spring Break

Westhaven Events for March

- 5 Feather Assembly @ 9am
- 6 Circle of Friends Activity
- 9 No School for Students
- 12 & 13 Farm Safety Presentations
- 14 & 15 Kindergarten Open Houses (9-11:30 am & 5-7pm)
- 16 Steve Harmer (magician), Wear Green
- 20 Circle of Friends Activity
- Mar. 24 - April 2: Spring Break

École Pine Grove Middle School (PGMS)

Being such a short month, February always seems to go by in a blur. However, even with fewer school days, Pine Grove still packed many activities into the month.

During Random Acts of Kindness Week, homerooms watched and discussed some powerful videos, all of which conveyed a message of kindness. Students completed a "Kindness Starts With Me" sheet and identified ways they could be kind to themselves. In the front foyer, a kindness tree was built out of paper hearts on which students wrote down acts of kindness they had experienced. The week wrapped up with "Pink Day" on February 16th, and students were introduced to a poster which suggested 100 ways to be kind to others.

February's book fair included a brand new fund raising incentive, Mr. Randall's 'Book Fair Tie'. A target of \$3,200.00 was set and with every \$500.00 raised, a student was picked to cut off a piece of Mr. Randall's book fair tie. By the end of the week the fundraising goal had been reached, and Mr. Randall had nothing left to keep soup off his shirt. Needless to say, everyone enjoyed watching the tie get shorter and shorter!

During, the last week of February, Pine Grove held its annual Hockey Hooky trip to Roger's Place in Edmonton. This year the match up was between the Oil Kings and Medicine Hat Tigers and 150 students, parents and staff attended. This popular annual event was a great way to wrap up a short, but busy, month!



Mary Bergeron Elementary (MBE)

February was a month full of kindness and bucket filling at MBE. In the front foyer, there was a poplar tree blooming with acts of kindness written on pink hearts covering the tree. Each classroom was filling their buckets with random acts of kindness, and six lucky students were randomly drawn on February 26th to have lunch with Mr. Reynolds and Ms. Boos.

On February 13th, MBE enjoyed the entertaining show "Jack and the Beanstalk" performed by Alberta Opera with the help of sixteen students ranging from Grade 2 to Grade 5. Students and staff completely enjoyed the musical, and look forward to another great show in the future.

Our school participated in MBE's first Winter Olympics on February 22nd. Staff and students dressed in red, white and Team Canada clothing to kick off the event, with an opening ceremony followed by a sunny winter afternoon participating in a number of fun winter activities outside. Our SWAT team members led each event and explained the rules at each station. A few of the events our students enjoyed were hockey, bobsled, curling, and snowshoeing. The fun-filled afternoon ended with a delicious cup of hot chocolate and marshmallows provided by our school council.

Our busy month of February ended with the revealing of MBE's three new school mascots: the moose, the beaver and the black bear; one for each wing of our school.



MBE Events for March

- 7 Kindergarten Open Houses (9-11am & 5-7pm)
- 9 No School for Students
- 16 Pizza Hot Lunch
- 21 Kindergarten Open Houses (9-11 am & 5-7 pm)
- 21 School Council Meeting
- 22 Crazy Hat Day
- Mar. 24 - April 2: Spring Break

Parkland Composite High School

Grad photos are scheduled for the following days and times: Monday 1-4 pm, Tuesday 10-6 pm, and Wednesday 9-4 pm. All 2018 graduates are expected to have their photos taken by booking their time slot via the following website: <http://lifetouch.ca/northernalberta>.

Parent-teacher interviews take place on Wednesday, the 14th, from 4-8pm. Teachers will be available to see you and your student this night within the Pacer Dome and the Pacer Success Centre.

If you have a concern about school or student safety, please follow these simple steps to submit your tip, and get the information where it needs to go. If this is an emergency, or you or someone you know is in danger, please dial 911. Otherwise please click on the PSSTWorld logo at the top of our website to report your concern.

Grad 2018 meetings continue for students and parents. Updates and information can be found at www.facebook.com/pchsggrad2018/

Parkland Events for March

For all practice dates and times: Check out our calendar @ www.parklandcomposite.ca

- 5-8 Grad Photos
- 6 Mandatory FLEX Grad Meeting @ 9:55am
- 9 No School for Students
- 9-10 B'ball Zones: Boys in Edson Girls in Devon/
Wrestling Provincials @ Medicine Hat
- 12 PAC Meeting @ 7pm
- 14 Parent/ Teacher Interviews from 4-8pm
- Mar. 24 - April 2: Spring Break



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Summitview School

At Summitview School, our Grade 6 students were very excited to host their annual Valentine's Day dance on February 15th. Students were very excited to purchase treats from our canteen, go to the photo booth to create memories, and to dance the night away with friends.

We kicked off Teachers' Convention Week with a school-wide sock hop before our teachers traveled to Edmonton in the afternoon for professional development. Teachers' Convention is a time where educators are continuously working towards improving our practice so we can have a greater impact on developing lifelong learners within our school community.

Mr Hammer's outdoor education class went on a fishing trip to Pierre Gray Lakes. They spent the day on the lake, fishing, participating in games, building a fire, and enjoying the outdoors. The purpose was for students gain a better understanding of conservation, safety in cold weather, knowledge of how to ice fish safely and an appreciation of the outdoors.

The month of February, 2018, also brought us the Olympics. Our school community decided to host our very own 'Summitview Olympic Afternoon'. Students were placed into teams, named by countries that are currently participating in the Olympics. We began our afternoon with opening ceremonies followed by each group participating in various events such as bobsled, hockey, speed skating, curling, and a biathlon. These events were simulations of the actual Olympic events that took place in PyeonChang. Our staff was very creative using school resources to simulate the events.

Summitview, cont'd.

All teams then met back in the gymnasium where we hosted the closing ceremonies, tallied the points, and placed our gold, silver, and bronze team winners.

Summitview ended the month by supporting Pink Shirt Day on February 28th. The focus was on cyberbullying. It was a great day to show as a community our support by wearing our pink shirts, and educating our school community on the severity of cyberbullying, how to access supports, and how to report a concern through our new online reporting system, PSSTWorld.

SVW Events for March

- 12-15 Book Fair
- 21 Dessert Theatre Night
- 22 'Baby Think it Over' Event for Grade 8's



Sheldon Coates School

One of the things we are excited about at Sheldon Coates is having access to a BEST Coach (Bringing Empowered Students Together) who is supporting staff and students. Mrs. Beckstead is helping students learn about self-regulation strategies, personal safety, and how to get along even better with friends and family. We want to acknowledge the great support we are receiving from our wonderful BEST Coach. Way to go, Mrs. Beckstead!

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

High school students at GCCHS began their second semester at the beginning of February. Students have settled in to their new courses and routines are being formed in each class. Students enjoyed participating in the Valentine's Day matchmaker activity called 'Matchomatics'. Students were able to get a list of personality matches from the student population. Students also had opportunity to buy 'Seeds of Love' in place of candy-grams to send to others in the school. These plant seeds were attached with notes that were sent to friends on Valentine's Day. SonRise students bought candy-grams, and over 600 were exchanged throughout the building! SonRise celebrated 100 days of school by involving all K-6 students in a fun filled afternoon of games in the gym and lots of 'minute to win it' type games in the classrooms. Students got to decorate a cupcake with icing and gummie worms that read 100! The afternoon was a blast and it was great to celebrate being 100 days smarter!

SonRise students will receive their second term reports in mid March, and parent-teacher interviews will be held on March 21st and 22nd. Parents are reminded that they can book their interviews online at www.grandecacheschool.ca and click on the 'information for parent's' icon to find interview times. High school parents can visit with teachers on the same two nights, March 21-22. On March 21st, interviews can be booked on our website but interviews will be organized in a drop in fashion from 6-8:30pm on March 22nd. GCCHS students that have solid attendance in the second semester are welcome to join us for a Ski Day on March 12th to Marmot in Jasper. There are 36 openings for skiers and they will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis provided that attendance is not an issue.

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open. Any parents with children that will be five years old by December 31st, 2018, are welcome to register for kindergarten by visiting our office for more details. We will be holding preview days, and an information and registration night will be announced in April. The teachers and support staff wish all our families a safe and enjoyable spring break which begins on March 23rd.

GCCHS/SR Events for March

- 6 SR – Comfy Dress Day
- 12 Marmot Trip
- 15 SonRise Report Cards Issued
- 16 St Pat's Dress-Up Day
- 21-22 Parent /Teacher interviews: GCCHS & SR
- 21 Pizza Lunch SR

JASPER

Jasper Elementary School (JES)

February was a busy month at Jasper Elementary School. Students once again enjoyed the opportunity for ski lessons at Marmot Basin. Ukulele, coding, and newspaper clubs started back up, and Jasper parents spoiled the staff at a luncheon during Teacher Appreciation Week.

A heartfelt thank you to Community Outreach Services for collaborating with local agencies to bring 'Circles of Rhythm' to Jasper schools on Pink Shirt Day. Circles of Rhythm is a research-based therapeutic tool for trauma, anxiety, and depression; they focus on creating a sense of belonging, bringing about social and cultural change and promoting mental and physical health through group drumming. What a powerful way to develop unity and a sense of connection with our students.

Along with joining in with the high school's Franco-Albertan flag raising event on the first, all students celebrated 'Franco-Olympique' style with outdoor games and activities on March 2nd. March is also reporting month. Report cards will be handed out on Monday, March 19th, and parent-teacher interviews will take place from the 20th – 23rd. Spring break begins on March 26th and students are back at school on April 9th.

JES Events for March

- 7 Parent Advisory Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 8 Healthy Snack Sale Grade 3/4 Hosting
- 9 12:05 Dismissal - PD for Teaching Staff
- 19 Term 2 Report Cards Sent Home
- 21-22 IPP Meetings/ Gr. 2e Field Trip Maligne Canyon (Mar. 22 alt.)
- 23 12:05 Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Mar. 26 - April 6 Spring Break



Jasper Junior/Senior High School

The month of February was a rewarding time at Jasper Junior Senior High School. Our teachers returned from convention with many new strategies and ideas to improve student learning. Highlights from the month included many exciting basketball games, student curling, a Grade 9 trip to Quebec, and a Grade 7 and 8 ski program. We ended the month with a whole school giant drum circle and a pink shirt day to promote inclusion and respect.

JJSHS Events for March

- 14 Band Turkey Dinner
- 14-16 All Grade 9 Students Skiing
- 26 Spring Break Begins

HINTON

EMVS Events for March

- 5 Grade 1 Cross-Country Ski Day
- 8 Carnival, Progress Reports Sent Home
- 9 No School for Students
- 12 Literacy Hour from 10:21 - 11:25am
- 14 Kindergarten Open Houses (9 -10:30am & 6:30 - 8pm)
- 19 School Walk from 12:20 - 1:15pm
- 19-20 FRIM Circus Workshops
- 23 When I Grow up I Want to be Theme Day
- Mar. 24 - April 2: Spring Break

École Mountain View School

March is a busy month at École Mountain View School! A great deal of our month is devoted to celebrating Francophone culture through our Rendezvous de la Francophonie which kicked off on Friday, March 2nd with the Franco-Albertan Flag raising ceremony. Through this ceremony, we recognized Alberta's rich francophone heritage and culture. Along with representatives from the Association Canadienne-Francaise de l'Alberta and other dignitaries, students recited speeches they have written about the importance of French in their lives, the anthem was sung en français in addition to another song highlighting Francophonie in Alberta. Other activities celebrating Franco-Albertan culture at EMVS in March include the Carnival on March 8th where Grade 7 students will organize traditional games for the younger students while enjoying sugaring off on snow. There will also be a French Immersion party on March 16th for classes to celebrate their commitment to bilingualism and Francophone culture. Finally, French Immersion classes will take part in a French circus workshop later in March.



Crescent Valley School

Harry Collinge High School

THE LEARNING CONNECTION (TLC)

TLC Evansburg has had a good start to the term. For Valentine's Day, staff made lunch for attending students that included smokies and poutine. A TLC Evansburg student decided to help out and baked a heart-shaped cake in the spirit of the events. To celebrate Valentine's Day and Random Acts of Kindness Week, TLC Edson partnered with the Community Engagement Action Team to deliver coffee, hot chocolate and cookies to people on Main Street, Edson. The students, led by teacher, Barb Shepherd, had a great time connecting with community members! For Pink Shirt Day, TLC Edson invited the Family Violence Prevention worker to talk with our students about healthy relationships and we handed out anti-bullying resources and pink cookies to community members. TLC Hinton was happy to host the Hinton Fire Department for a presentation on junior fire-fighting and volunteer firefighting opportunities for students. TLC Hinton's February 5th's 'Try it Tuesday' featured a moccasin workshop with Matricia Brown. Students enjoyed an engaging atmosphere, hands-on activities, and connecting to traditional Aboriginal stories. TLC Grande Cache students delivered cupcakes to the doctors and staff of the Grande Cache Medical Clinic, the local EMTs, the Town of Grande Cache staff, and local RCMP. They also distributed carnations to the staff at the post office, the local pharmacy, and the residents of Whispering Pines Lodge. The students enjoyed the chance to interact with members of the community and say 'thank you' for all they do. TLC Grande Cache would also like to thank retired teacher, Mr. Doug Donahue, for helping students to build miniature log cabins. Students cut willow in late fall, stripped the bark and then built the cabins in a very similar manner to what one could be built in the wilderness. Students from all five TLC campuses were excited to participate in a field trip to the Yellowhead Launchers Archery range, where students were given the opportunity to learn archery.

Upcoming Events!

Students are also looking forward to attending upcoming Try It Tuesday events which include a video conference session featuring knee replacement surgery, floral design, the Hockey Hooky event at Rogers Place, and the upcoming Palisade courses in March.