

## LOBSTICK ZONE

### Evansview School, Evansburg

Spring has sprung at Evansview! With the arrival of spring has come a host of brand new adventures and activities. The melting of snow created much-loved massive puddles, as well as the unearthing of 'hidden' garbage. All students joined forces to beautify our playground, and take ownership of their play-space, fitting in well with this month's family group focus on global citizenship.

Evansview hosted the first of two kindergarten open houses on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Many excited, curious faces joined our current kindergarten students for the day, both in the classroom and outside, as part of our Forest School program. We look forward to our next open house on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The entire school toured our beautiful new fire hall with much exploring, questioning, and learning. Our students also had the opportunity to participate in our second annual book swap, bringing books from home, and trading them for new favourites.

On April 19<sup>th</sup> we started the long weekend with a pep rally, pumping up our mini-basketball players for their tournament that weekend. Each team had the opportunity to play a game against staff. The students went home happy, and the staff went home tired!

The last full week of April was busy, with the Grade 6 garage sale fundraiser for their outdoor education trip next month. The week was capped off with two presentations on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 'School of Moves' and 'Evergreen Theatre'. 'School of Moves' offered dance moves and interactive storytelling, demonstrating how to appreciate the things that move around us, and how to create the life we dream of. Thank you to Evansview PAC for your sponsorship! Several lucky students were able to participate in the Evergreen Theatre production, "The Sinking Island". All students learned how our changing oceans affect the world around us. Thank you to REPSOL and The Edson & District Recycling Society for sponsoring this event. April 30<sup>th</sup> was an afternoon of coding fun with the Grade 1/2 class, exploring the tools available from the division's Ed Tech library. May is looking to be even busier, with a variety of things to look forward to!

### Grand Trunk High School (GTHS)

The Grand Trunk High School students and staff would like to thank all of our coaches and volunteers who have helped to make our school a great place to be. We appreciate your time and efforts. Everybody here is excited that spring has now finally seemed to think about arriving, and we all look forward to the warm weather and the extended daylight hours associated with it.

Various sporting events take place in May with the junior high GYAC badminton tournament in Hinton at Harry Collinge High School on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the junior high track meet being held on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Entwistle School. The Board of Trustees and central office staff will be in Grand Trunk for a school tour on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, and the last parent teacher interview night for the school year will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> as well from 4:30pm until 7:30pm. Remember, there is no school on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for the statutory holiday.

In honour of Education Week, students and staff took part in various activities throughout the month. Some of the highlights included:

1. The Grand Trunk High School Beautification Project is a project that has been set up to help improve the aesthetics inside our school campus. The project is currently in the works and is going to be a graffiti mural illustrating Grand Trunk and all of the programs it offers. With the help of AJ Starlight, a Hinton based professional graffiti artist, members of the Art 10 and Art 20 classes at Grand Trunk are involved in the planning and painting of the 30 foot mural. AJ offered his services to be involved in this project through our Indigenous Liaison coordinators across the division. AJ's work can be seen in private collections, at Harry Collinge High School, and on various walls across the country.
2. GTHS junior high students had the pleasure of taking part in our fourth YMCA Exchange with an equally adventurous group from Mississauga, Ontario. A big thank you to our supportive families, staff and community members who helped us fundraise

#### EVW Events for May

14	Gr. 5 & 5/6 Classes Field Trips: Telus World of Science
17	Gr. 1/2 Field Trip: Aerials Gymnastics
31	Gr. 2/3 Field Trip: St. Albert Intl. Children's Festival/ Gr. 4 Field Trip: Fort Edmonton Park

## GTHS, cont'd

to escort our guests to West Edmonton Mall and Jasper to enjoy the Skytram, tour the town, and hike to Pyramid Island. Once again 'Camp Evansburg' served as the perfect home away from home for our guests. Another highlight of our week was volunteering at the GTHS Legends Room, Tipple Park Museum and at the Good Samaritan; what a welcoming community we have! We now look forward to travelling to Mississauga at the end of May to spend another week with our newfound friends.

3. The 'Annual Grand Trunk/ Harry Collinge Rock Tour', now in its eighth year, will visit several schools in and around the Edmonton area from Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition to the travelling rock shows, the students and staff involved with the performances will be setting up a family concert/ dance fundraiser at Grand Trunk on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 7pm.

### GTHS Events for May

- 13 **Mother's Day**
- 16 **Jr. High Track Meet @ Entwistle**
- 17 **School Board Visit @ 9:30 am**  
**Parent/ Teacher Interviews from 4:30-7:30 pm**
- 18 **No School for Students**
- 21 **STAT: No School (Victoria Day)**
- 24 **Last Day of It's Cool Sessions for the Gr. 8's**
- 27 **GTHS YMCA Students Depart for Mississauga**



## Niton Central School, Niton Junction

The longer winter did not slow down the staff and students at Niton Central! Students spent lots of time in April preparing for our school talent show, 'Niton's Got Talent!' Students from both elementary and junior high participated in this awesome community event, put on by our great school council. We also had a visit from Evergreen Theater who put on a great show about our changing ocean climate. The Grade 6 class started new units in science and social studies. They review food webs and food chains by dissecting owl pellets, before beginning their 'Trees and Forests' unit. The Grade 6 students also experienced the world of 'Black Panther' when their classroom was transformed into Wakanda. Students had to analyze the 'Black Panther' comic book, compare the Wakanda tribes and government to the Iroquois Confederacy, and used their knowledge of angles and shapes to create hologram projectors. Students loved getting an in-depth look into the amazing fictional country of Wakanda!

Ms. Sterling's Grade 2/3 class began their unit on 'Rocks and Minerals' in April. They began their unit by discussing geodes, and what they are. They continued to discuss what geologists are and then became geologists themselves. Students use hammers, and were able to use their geologist skills to break apart rocks to find the geodes. We have some great scientific minds in 2/3! Our humanities teacher, Ms. Paul, took two junior high students to the UNESCO Conference for Diversity and Human Right. Niton Central is a part of the United Nations Associated School network, which means that the United Nations recognizes Niton's commitment to the humanistic, ethical, cultural and international dimensions of education. This year is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Declaration of Human Rights, and UNESCO invited Ms. Paul and two junior high students to join other UNESCO schools in Winnipeg, at the Museum of Human Rights. Students and teachers got together in Winnipeg to discuss reconciliation, peace literacy, and how to wage peace instead of war. It was a great opportunity for some of our students to see the work other UNESCO schools do, and how human rights have changed over the years.

### Niton Events for May

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| 6  | <b>Gr. 9 English LA PAT Part 1 - Writing</b> | 23 | <b>Junior High Track and Field in Hinton</b> |
| 9  | <b>Gr. 6 English LA PAT Part 1 - Writing</b> | 24 | <b>Elementary Environment Day</b>            |
| 18 | <b>No School for Students</b>                | 31 | <b>Hug for the World Day</b>                 |
| 21 | <b>STAT: No School (Victoria Day)</b>        |    |  |

## Wildwood School, Wildwood

Wildwood School's 'Bus to Swim' program is finishing its third successful season. Wildwood Legion generously donated \$500 towards this highly popular program. McWinn Filter cleaning has also been a committed sponsor. Thank you to our supporters for recognizing the value of learning how to swim. Students travel to Park Valley Pool in Drayton Valley on Thursday's for five weeks taking two 'back to back' swimming lessons plus getting a half hour free swim time each trip. If students meet the requirements, they earn their Red Cross swim badge.

As an extension of the culture exchange that took place last year between Wildwood Grade 5's and 6's, and Mother Earth's Children's Charter School, students travelled to MECC School on April 24<sup>th</sup> to reconnect with everyone, including Canadian author David Bouchard. Jody Nero presented special thank you gifts to MECC's teacher Maxine Hildebrandt, and Mr. Bouchard. Ms. Hildebrandt and Wildwood School teacher Lisl Gunderman, have both been nominated for a Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Teaching for creating and carrying out this remarkable project between their two classes.

Wildwood School's NASP Archery team had three big wins at the division tournament held in Hinton on April 7<sup>th</sup>: First Place Overall Elementary Team, Brody Laackmann - First Individual Junior High; Jaxson St-Amant - Second Individual Elementary. Steel Morrison was a winner of the Grade 7-8 'Egg Drop' structural engineering competition. His design was the best at keeping an egg safely intact while being subjected to a drop from three metres. Shyanne Ogleby-Brown was the winner of \$25 in merchandise from our Scholastic Book Fair.

With help from volunteer student actors, Evergreen Theatre performed an amazing play for elementary about the effects of pollution. Junior High Outdoor Ed and students in Grades 2 and 3 enjoyed a special nature presentation called 'Small Mixed Handleables' where students were able to hold and learn about an incredible variety of insects, spiders, amphibians, and reptiles. These two classes are partnering for an upcoming field trip to Chip Lake Park where older students will be teaching younger ones about the food chain and the nutrient cycle. Other trips this month include our Grade 4's and 5's touring an Environment Canada Weather Station, older Cree students attending a culture camp near Hinton, Grade 8's finishing 'It's Cool' sessions, and Grade 6 students staying overnight in Jasper.

Everyone please join us for the Spring Tea on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Wildwood Hall! The event is a fundraiser this year and tickets are available at the school.



## EDSON & AREA

### Fulham School

The first week of May was Education Week and Fulham School was busy with a number of activities. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the students brought in items such as food, clothing, and photos for Heritage Day that represented their cultural heritage. On other days, Elders from the students' families were invited to come to the school and present the story of their family.

Soccer and running clubs will begin in May. We have scheduled three soccer games between our school and Niton School. Recently, Miss Bird has been out to visit our school where our students enjoyed using all the cool STEM-related gadgets that GYPSD has available.



## Fulham Events for May

7	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
11	Crazy Hair/Hat Dress-Up Day
14	School Board Tour
15	Denim Day-Donations for the CURE
16	Family Night

## École Westhaven School

At Westhaven School we know everyone learns at a different rate and in different ways. The staff all works at building positive relationships with the students and parents. This helps us work together to ensure each individual child succeeds. Our students learn in a wide variety of ways. This is why we teach them through games, play, music, stories, rhyme, and drama. Our Smartboard is an excellent tool to have the students interact with learning. For example, documentaries are shown to enhance a concept for the students or to connect it to their knowledge and understanding.

We understand that students need to be actively involved in their learning and that they learn best when they are having fun and are supported by parents, teachers and the community. We enjoy the enthusiasm, energy and inquisitive minds of our students. We are so happy to have such a vibrant community of learners!

## Westhaven Events for May

7	Circle of Friends
11	Gr. 5's Host Volunteer Tea Thank You
18	No School for Students
21	STAT: No School
25	No School for Kindergarten

## École Pine Grove Middle School (PGMS)

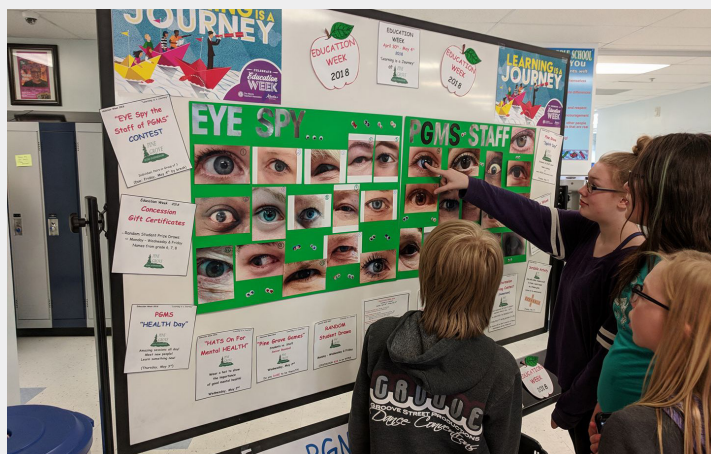
April was an extremely busy month at Pine Grove with a large number of events both showcasing student talents and bringing community members into the school. Drawings and paintings by art students at Pine Grove were displayed at the Red Brick Gallery during March and April. An impressive variety of work gave the public a chance to see the artistic talent many of our students are developing. Ms. Wilson and a group of art students held a reception at the Red Brick on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Servold's Grade 8 language arts students hosted a 'Shakespeare Showcase' in the Pine Grove Learning Commons on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Audience members learned more about Shakespeare's life, watched students perform well known scenes and sonnets, and even participated in a quiz called 'Shakespeare or Hip-Hop'. After the showcase, audience members and students cut into a delicious cake, decorated with an image of William Shakespeare.

April was also a busy month for drama students at Pine Grove. On the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with Parkland Composite High School, students performed two one act plays for sold out crowds. The Pine Grove senior one act play also went on to compete at the Zone II West Junior One Act Festival, which was held in Edson this year.

Grade 8 students attended Cool Camp on April 12<sup>th</sup>, an event designed to help students learn about respectful relationships and good decision making. Some sessions were run by trained teen facilitators from Parkland Composite High School; other sessions featured speakers from a variety of organizations including the RCMP and the Compass Centre for Sexual Wellness.

Grade 6 students had the chance to take field trips to the Edson Airport and the Alberta Legislature during April. Authors Carolyn Fisher and Bethany Ellis also visited Pine Grove, giving talks to our students on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## Mary Bergeron Elementary (MBE)

Things are getting busy around Mary Bergeron Elementary! April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup> was Education Week and the Western themed Book Fair pulled into town. Many parent volunteers turned the school into a western town, and we all dressed up in our western wear on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The students got an opportunity to shop at the Book Fair during the week, and guest readers read to various classes on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> was a busy day, as student-led conferences occurred in the evening, and 'Genius Hour' displays were showcased for families to see. Earth Appreciation Day will be celebrated on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Mary Bergeron Elementary, as Earth Day was over a weekend. The students will participate in various activities to help the Earth.

The school will be sending classes to tour the Recycle Depot on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to learn about what happens with all of the recycle we send there. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, we will honor our wonderful volunteers with a Volunteer Appreciation Tea from 2-3 pm.

During the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>, the kindergarten and language enrichment students will be anxiously awaiting the arrival of their butterfly larvae! Learning about their life cycle and caring for them until the big butterfly release is always an exciting time. There is no school May 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, so families can enjoy the long weekend together.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Grade 8 students from Pine Grove will be coming to buddy up with their kindergarten class for some fun spring activities. Many classes are beginning to visit the Community Garden and participate in their wonderful education programming during the month of May. The kindergarten classes are visiting the Edson Hospital in May to learn about what happens when people go to the hospital, and all the areas that make it run smoothly. May 31<sup>st</sup> is another School Spirit Day, Twin Day, where staff and students dress as a twin with someone else in the building.



## Parkland Composite High School

We jumped right into May with Education Week, run by Parkland's amazing education assistants. Each day offered up unique events held in the Pacer Dome at lunch. Tuesday at lunch was free alphagetti, 'spell a word' and win a prize; Wednesday was 'Hats on for Mental Health' with rewards to those wearing a hat; Thursday saw education-based games in the dome with many prizes up for grabs. Last, but not least, on Friday was 'Spin the Wheel' for \$0.25 per spin, with cool items to win.

Parkland is very pleased to hold our 2018 graduation ceremony and banquet at the Edson & District Recreation Complex for the 36<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Traditions are important and having the recreation complex open for business allows us to carry on this graduation tradition.

Flex Project Days are geared towards engaging the student outside of the textbook. The purpose of these flex days is to encourage engagement through curricular-based projects allowing students to learn through unique and diversifying ways. The morning block is from 8:35 - 11:25 am, lunch is one hour, and the afternoon block is 12:25 - 3:10 pm.

## Parkland Events for May

For all practice dates and times: Check out our calendar @ [www.parklandcomposite.ca](http://www.parklandcomposite.ca)

11-12	<b>Notre Dame Rugby Tournament @ Red Deer</b>
14	<b>School Council Meeting @ 7pm</b>
15	<b>Flex Project Day: Blocks 1 &amp; 4</b>
22	<b>Sr. Track &amp; Field Zones in Edmonton</b>
23	<b>Jr. Track &amp; Field GYAC Track Meet in Hinton</b>
24	<b>Flex Project Day: Blocks 3 &amp; 5</b>
25	<b>Boys &amp; Girls Rugby Tour. @ Lloydminster</b>
30-31	<b>Party Program: Grade 9's</b>

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### École Mountain View School

The first week of May brought Education Week! There were many activities scheduled throughout the week. We had a technology fair for Grade 3 and 4 students where they used iPads to program and control 'Dash and Dot' robots. Resources were provided from the GYPSD Digital Lending Library. Our Grade 7 students took part in a junior achievement session 'Diversity in Action' presented by local volunteer Christine Cassidy. The session focused on how diversity benefits a community as well as poses challenges for individuals, and how it ultimately enriches our lives and workplaces.

We had two groups perform at the Yellowhead Regional Arts Festival. All of our students participated in our annual Math Trails activity on Wednesday. Classes broke into small groups to travel around the school and into the community to solve practical math problems. Once again, 'Vicious Cycle' and 'The Old Grind' were gracious in holding problem solving stations in their businesses. On Thursday, students were recognized for modelling our virtues program at the awards ceremony. We wrapped up the week with our variety show on Friday afternoon. Students, along with some staff members, shared their various talents with the rest of the school. Performances include singing, piano, dance as well as some acrobatic aerials.

Our May Literacy Hour, on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, has a special focus. We are hosting a 'Human Library'. Our students will have the chance to see three different sessions where invited guests share their unique stories live and in person.

### Crescent Valley School (CVS)

### Harry Collinge High School

## JASPER

### Jasper Elementary School (JES)

Our spring weather has now arrived in Jasper, and our students are looking to explore our great outdoors.

At the end of April, we celebrated our many volunteers and businesses in the community. Our students distributed 'crown jewel' thank you cards and handmade crowns to community volunteers, parent volunteers and businesses to display in their windows.

We kicked off May, with an Education Week and Energy Cube Challenge assembly on April 30<sup>th</sup>. During Education Week, Grade 4 students learned about the fur trade at the Palisades on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Grade 5 students participated in an overnight trip to the Palisades on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The students explored flora and fauna of local wetlands, and learned about life cycles and aquatic adaptations. Students discussed how individuals and groups can preserve and enhance wetland habitats. GPS skills, team building, compass and map skills, wildlife art, games, survival, canoeing, hiking, campfire sing-a-longs were all part of this spectacular two-day event.

Jasper Elementary School will get active on May 11<sup>th</sup> as all of the students will be heading out to Lake Annette for a school-wide field trip. The students will hike around Lake Annette, enjoy a picnic lunch, enjoy reading and listening to stories in the outdoors, and participate in nature-based activities.

Each class is also organizing end of the year activities and the Grade 6 students will head off to Edmonton to tour the Alberta Legislature and the TELUS Science Centre. We can't forget the students of JES who will be showcasing their many talents at our Student Talent Show on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

### EMS Events for May

7	Literacy Hour-Human Library @10:25am
10	CPF Hot Lunch
15	Inifinitus Performance @12:30pm
18	No School for Students
21	STAT: No School (Victoria Day)
22	School Council Meeting @7pm
25	No School for Kindergarten
28	School Walk @12:20pm
31	Class Pictures



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### Summitview School

Summitview School is very excited that spring has finally arrived. As a school community we wrapped up the month of March with Earth Day, which we celebrated by having all of our students go outside to clean up garbage to 'Help End Plastic Pollution'. Also on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we had a wonderful visit from Authors, Mary Ann Lippiatt and Marty Chan. Mary Ann Lippiatt enlightened our students in Grades 4-6 with a storytelling performance. Marty Chan, an author of kids' novels, came in and inspired our Grade 7 and 8 students by telling scary stories and having many laughs. Finally our Grade 7 and 8 students ended the month of April with a beautiful day of spring skiing with temperatures at a high of 20 degrees. We started the month of May with Education Week where 'Learning is a Journey'. Throughout the week we had 'Stop, Drop and Read' times where everyone in our school took moments throughout the day to drop everything that we were doing to pick up a book and read. Also during Education Week, we promoted 'Hats on for Mental Health' day on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students wore their hats to school to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. We were very excited for this day to make the connection between our 'Self-Regulation Friday's', good mental health, and how it related to high quality teaching and learning.

Missoula Children's Theater will be visiting Summitview School from May 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be working with classes to do a workshop with the kids on acting. Missoula Children's Theater also works with our community as a whole where they will bring all of the kids together, and host workshops in the evenings to practice for a community show performance at the end of the week. This year they will be performing "Gulliver's Travels". Also as we enter into spring, we are raising awareness around safety when riding bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc to school. At Summitview, our SWAT team (School Wellness Action Team) will be teaming up with our local By-Law Officer promoting safety by ticketing kids that are wearing helmets with a 'slushy ticket'. We would like to thank Duane Didow and Chalet Foods for supporting our helmet and bike safety awareness at school as he donated 99 slushes!

### JES Events for May

9	Gr. 6 English LA PAT
7-11	Mental Health Awareness Week
10	Healthy Snack Sale Hosted by Gr.4/5 hosted by Ms. Irwin/ Gr. 6 Field Trip to Palisades
11	Gr. 6 French LA PAT/ School-Wide Field Trip to Lake Annette
18	Early Dismissal @12:05pm
21	STAT: No School (Victoria Day)
22 & 23	Scholastic French Book Fair
24	Student Talent Show @1:30 pm/ Healthy Snack Sale Hosted Gr. 1, Mme Becky
28 & 29	Gr. 6 Overnight Field Trip to Edmonton

### Jasper Junior/Senior High School

The month of April was a rewarding time at Jasper Junior/ Senior High School. Highlights from the month included Alberta Health Services vaping presentations, rugby practices, a music festival and a spring dance. May promises to be equally exciting and busy.

### JJSHS Events for May

8	Gr. 9 French LA PAT
10	Gr. 9 English LA PAT/ Mental Health Wellness Fair
11 & 12	High School Drama Play -"Annie"
17	Gr. 9 Immunizations
24-26	Outdoor Education Wilderness Trip

### SVW Events for May

May 8	Gr. 6 English LA PAT
8-10	Missoula Theatre Workshops
16	Helmet Safety Presentations
21	STAT: No School (Victoria Day)
29	Indigenous Student Camp
30	Track and Field Day

## Sheldon Coates School

The big news for us is the announcement that we will be receiving a \$120,000 grant towards our playground project which means we have met our financial goal! Thanks to our school council and all who have made this a reality. We are hoping to begin some of the installation this summer.

At Sheldon Coates we are excited about some of the cool learning we have enjoyed including our awesome author visits with Marty Chan and Maryanne Lippiatt. Kids were inspired by the fun and excitement of these presenters. Thanks to the Young Alberta Book Society for making this available!



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

Our students have been busy preparing for and participating in the Regional Skills Canada competition. GCCHS sent a bus with 22 students to compete in various disciplines and eight of those students returned with a medal! GCCHS students earned four GOLD, three SILVER and one BRONZE in events such as welding, work place safety, small engines, robotics, graphic design, fashion design and carpentry. We are so proud of all our students for their hard work and accomplishments. Our GOLD medalists, Sydney, Joey, Ryland, Daylon and Parker, will head to Edmonton on May 30<sup>th</sup> to represent GCCHS in the Provincial Skills Canada Competition.

During April, GCCHS Grade 9 students were informed about the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol: students visited the hospital where health care professionals explained potential injuries and long-term consequences. We offer a big thank you to all the emergency agencies that worked together to make this important event a success. We appreciate all the time and effort that these individuals and agencies put into making this a great learning experience for our students.

GCCHS and SonRise recently had the privilege of being visited by Edmonton author Marty Chan and storyteller MaryAnn Lippiatt. Marty presented to the Grade 9 classes, and he really sparked the students' interest in reading. His very humorous presentation was enjoyed by everyone. He also presented an engaging talk with our Grade 5 and 6 class. MaryAnn Lippiatt told descriptive and imaginative stories that all our Grade 1's to 4's thoroughly enjoyed. These presentations were made possible by the Young Alberta Book Society who support and promote presentations like these all over Alberta.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, SonRise held a family movie night in the gym. This highly successful event was a blast and almost all our families from SonRise attended. Children came to school in their pj's and enjoyed pizza and treats while watching the new release 'Paddington 2'. Community businesses and school families provided item donations that were raffled off in support of SonRise. It was great to bring our school community together for a great night of entertainment and to support our wonderful school and our students.

There are lots of exciting times ahead in May for our students. GCCHS will be hosting our annual baseball tournament on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a great day of fun for students and staff who compete to be crowned the best ball team in the school. We have a bus load of students that will be heading to Grande Prairie for a day of experiencing what Grande Prairie Regional College has to offer. We have Grade 10-12's that are interested in seeing the college first hand and learning more about their programs. Our outdoor education classes will have a few field trips in May to go canoeing and fishing in our nearby lakes.

### GCCHS/SR Events for May

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| 7-12 | Missoula Theatre Workshops                               |
| 7    | Gr. 9 English LA PAT                                     |
| 8    | Gr. 6 English LA PAT                                     |
| 17   | Kindergarten to Kelley's Bathtub/ Grad Retakes           |
| 18   | GCCHS Baseball Day                                       |
| 21   | STAT: No School (Victoria Day)                           |
| 22   | Outdoor Education Fishing                                |
| 24   | Outdoor Education Canoeing                               |
| 25   | GCCHS 2018 Graduation                                    |
| 27   | Portugal Bottle Drive                                    |
| 28   | Discover E Workshops SonRise/ Badminton Zones Tournament |
| 29   | Indigenous Student Camp                                  |
| 30-1 | Skills Canada Provincials/SR Pizza Day                   |



## GCCHS, cont'd

The Grade 12's are excited for their upcoming graduation that will be held in May this year, and it will be hosted in our very own gymnasium. The ceremony will begin at 2pm on May 25<sup>th</sup>, followed by a dinner and grad pictures, before the evening program at 7pm.

The Missoula Theatre rolls into Grande Cache the second week of May, and it will take place in our new gym. Students from Grades 1-12 are welcome to attend the auditions on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. During the week, Missoula instructors will make time to do workshops with classes throughout our building. The play "Gulliver's Travels" will be performed on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> for two shows in GCCHS's gym. All are welcome to attend.

During Education Week, SonRise had three special dress up days, and on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, they walked up to Whispering Pines to participate in several activities along with the residents. Staff and students always look forward to this special time with our community members.

Kindergarten has an exciting field trip planned in May to visit Kelley's Bathtub. Students from the University of Alberta will be coming to present DiscoverE, a science workshop for each class, where students will participate in fun experiments that relate to curriculum expectations for each grade. The month of May looks to be a great few weeks!

April proved to be a busy time for TLC students and staff. Here is a run-down of the highlights from the past busy four weeks:

- Diploma exam writing session from April 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>: Many TLC students, and community members looking to re-write or challenge diploma exams, are now taking advantage of this mid-semester exam writing opportunity.
- TLC staff bus driver training: Teachers and support staff interested in becoming trained to drive our TLC bus took the opportunity to be trained.
- Physical Education 10 at the Palisades: This was an action packed, fun, adventurous, and memorable experience. The opportunity to earn credits while spending time in the beautiful Rocky Mountains with students from our five TLC school communities, try new activities, and learn about lifetime fitness and health, was a popular course this year. We hope to run it again in the future.
- The Makerspace Event with John Close & Amelia Bird in Hinton: Students made awesome 3D creations and learned about programming robots! Thank you to John and Amelia for sharing their time and talents with our youth.
- Community Engagement Action Team (CEAT) Youth Representatives Present to Yellowhead County and Edson Town Councils: Two former TLC youth presented to the councils. Barb Shepherd accompanied the youth to this event.
- Positive tickets from RCMP: Each Friday TLC Edson honors a student who is striving to make positive choices to further their education and make good choices.
- Forestry Field Experience: A three credit program of studies hosted at the Black Cat Ranch in Brule. This program is open to all TLC high school students who are keen to learn more about forestry and careers in the forestry sector.
- Education Week April 30 - May 4: Each TLC school hosted local, fun, and informative in-house activities through Education Week.

## THE LEARNING CONNECTION (TLC)

