

OUR VISION

Our school division endeavours to provide each student with the opportunity to fulfill their potential and pursue their dreams.

OUR MISSION

We nurture each student's education and well-being within an inclusive rural learning community.



Key Messages:
February 5, 2020

District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ GYPSD welcomed the [Honourable Nathan Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and MLA for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills](#), to Ecole Mountain View School. In addition to explaining [Alberta's electoral process](#) to the Grade 6 students, Speaker Cooper:
 - Reviewed the roles of [municipal, provincial and federal levels of government](#);
 - Shared his role and responsibilities as Speaker of the House; and,
 - Led the students through the [lively process of developing a bill into a law](#).
- ✓ Students around GYPSD are growing and refining their literacy and numeracy skills as part of the division's Instructional Focus. Recently, Superintendent Lewis celebrated [Family Literacy Day](#) with students at Wildwood.
- ✓ Semester Two is up and running for high school students. Encourage GYPSD's seniors in their [home stretch to graduation](#).

District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ Principals are nominating 1st year teachers within GYPSD for this year's [Edwin Parr Award](#).
 - Each year the [Alberta School Board Association](#) honours six outstanding first-year teachers, from across the province, with the Edwin Parr Teacher Award. Mr. Edwin Parr was a school board Trustee and president of the Alberta School Trustees Association from 1956 – 1962. To honour his legacy, ASBA established this award in his name in 1964.
 - The selected nominees will come to the board for final selection.
 - GYPSD is proud to claim the past two Edwin Parr award winners!
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis is leading learning at GYPSB and championing for the 42 Rural Boards in Alberta. Highlights include:
 - Upcoming meeting with [Alberta Education to celebrate GYPSD's 2018-2019 results](#) and to confirm [Education Minister Adriana LaGrange's](#) visit in the spring;
 - Raising up the complex issues of class size and composition in small schools; and,
 - Collaborating with University of Alberta's Dean of Education Jennifer Tupper to address and advocate for more [OTs and SLPs](#).

District Priority 3: Community Engagement

- ✓ Our Board of Trustees, led by Board Chair Brenda Rosadiuk, is committed to leading advocacy for strong public education, building collaborative relationships and developing solutions-focused partnerships to ensure success for our GYPSD students and community. Highlights include:
 - Board Chair's attendance at the [Alberta School Board Association](#) and Alberta School Boards' Insurance Exchange meetings to enhance governance on behalf of the board of GYPSD.
 - Approval of a plan to recognize and show appreciation of the staff, parents/ caregivers, students and community members who support and exemplify the true spirit of public education.
 - Approval of a plan to advocate that the new recreation centre be constructed at its current location.
 - Approval of the playing of *O Canada* at Board meetings.
 - Participation in [Circle of Courage, 6 Keys to Thriving](#) training.
 - Recognition of the important feedback parents provide to GYPSD principals when they complete the [Accountability Pillar](#).