



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for March 16, 2022

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Ecole Frank Ross held their science fair. Congratulations to the top two students who are off to the regional competition. Mr. Shields' class at EFR has done a project involving model classic cars. Students researched their car and created dioramas showing the history of the car. The Diversity Club celebrated International Women's day with a school wide challenge in breaking bias.

Little Prairie Elementary has elective classes every Monday and Friday afternoon. The students can choose from a variety of elective classes that include, board games, coding, skating, swimming, beading, cooking, drama and theatre, and more. The Little Prairie Elementary Basketball team had a successful undefeated season.



At Tumbler Ridge Secondary School, the grade 7/8 ADST classes created mazes and then coded spheros to solve the mazes.

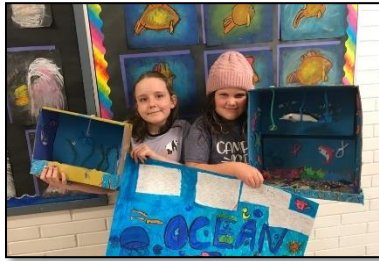
Crescent Park students are researching ancient civilizations and will have final presentations of learning.



Tremblay Elementary School celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by decorating and wearing "wacky socks". All the classes participated, it was a great experience for everyone involved.

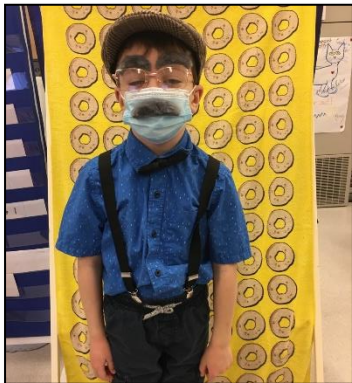
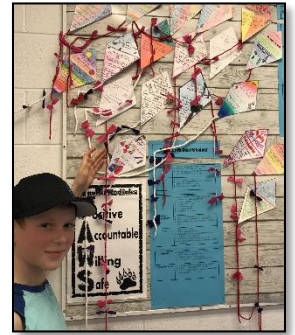


The district wide elementary basketball tournament was a huge success. It was well organized and the players had tons of fun to wrap up their season.



At Canalta Elementary, Mrs. Hiebert and Mrs. Neumann are using Universal Designs for Learning to have students research habitats and create posters or dioramas.

Students at Canalta are working on PAWS (Positive, Accountable, Willing, Safe) initiative with setting SEL (Social, Emotional, Learning) goals.



100' s Day was observed across the District. This day recognizes the hundredth day of school. Schools plan lots of fun events to celebrate this day.



Pink Shirt Day was also recognized across the District. This day is to lift each other up and stamp out bullying. The goal is to treat each other with kindness and respect.

Close to 200 staff members took part in a professional development session presented by Kevin Lamoureux on "Exploring Equity in Schools Through Truth and Reconciliation."

The Superintendent announced Ashley Tower has been appointed the principal of Windrem Elementary effective August 1, 2022. Congratulations.

2022-23 School Calendar

The Board of Education has adopted the 2022-23 School Calendar. The first day of school for students is September 7, 2022 and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be observed on September 30th and is included as an instructional day at this time. The school calendar can be viewed on the district website.

Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirement

On March 4, 2022, The Minister of Education in collaboration with the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) announced that as part of the Province's commitments to truth, reconciliation, and anti-racism, the Ministry of Education is implementing an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement for all students.

Although the expectation from the Ministry is to start this new requirement in September 2023, high schools in the district are already focussed on implementing the requirement sooner as many students acquire their graduation requirements from grades 10 to 12.

K-12 Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines Update

New guidelines have been announced for both public and the education sector. The new K-12 guidelines will be effective the first day of spring break (which varies through school districts in the province).

Summary of key updates effective the first day of spring break:

- Schools can return to classroom and learning environment configurations and activities that best meet learner needs and preferred educational approaches, although will still consider strategies to create space between people.
- School gatherings and events will have capacity limits of 50% until the provincial health order is lifted on April 7, 2022.
- Schools can return to routine sign in/sign out practices.
- The decision to wear a mask is a personal choice.
- Schools should make every effort to avoid field trips to venues/locations that place additional requirements that could prevent a student from participating.

Reports from the Secretary Treasurer:

Finance Reports

The Secretary Treasurer presented the monthly finance reports as of February 28, 2022.

2022-23 Capital Plan & Bylaw

The Ministry approved funding the following capital plan projects for the district:

	Project:	Funding:
DCSS-SP Campus	School Enhancement Program – HVAC Upgrades	\$550,000
DCSS-SP Campus	School Enhancement Program – Roofing Upgrades	\$650,000
Tremblay	School Enhancement Program – Electrical Upgrades	\$100,000
TRE	Carbon Neutral Capital Program – HVAC Upgrades	\$50,000

Pouce Coupe	Carbon Neutral Capital Program – HVAC Upgrades	\$120,000
Bus Fleet	2 - C(70-75) with 0 Wheelchair Space 1 - C(64-69) with 0 Wheelchair Space	\$472,279
Total:		\$1,942,279

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
March 21-April 1, 2022	Spring Break – schools are closed
April 15, 2022	Good Friday – schools are closed
April 18, 2022	Easter Monday – schools are closed
April 20, 2022	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm

The TRSS Senior Boys Basketball Team traveled to zones in Prince George in style as they had the opportunity to travel in the Grande Prairie Storm bus sponsored by Conuma Coal.



Thank-you!