



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for December 15, 2021

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Windrem Elementary School students have been participating in Literacy blitzes which accelerate rapid automaticity of sight words. Grade 7 students at Little Prairie Elementary took a leadership role and planned a Winter Carnival for the whole school to participate in.



DCSS students, Ty O'Dwyer and Ridley Chisholm were gold medal winners at the BC High School Swimming Provincial Championships held in Richmond. Congratulations to both students on this accomplishment.

The DCSS- South Peace Senior Girls Volleyball team recently finished fourth at provincials. Congratulations to the team on this strong performance.

At Moberly Lake Elementary, students have been learning about the Caribou Recovery Project with Caribou Info-metrics. The local project has brought a herd of Caribou back from brink of extinction from a population in the low 20's to 116 animals.



Chetwynd Secondary School has received new sewing machines for their textiles program, thanks to a community donation.

Extra-curricular basketball is up and going at Chetwynd Secondary with over 25% of the school population taking part. The senior girls' team will be hosting zones in February.



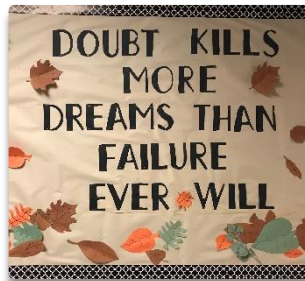
Chetwynd Secondary Grade 8 students created beaded poppies for Remembrance Day.



Crescent Park Elementary teacher, Joanne Malkinson, received the Best Teacher award in the Dawson Creek Mirror Community Awards. School District 59 was voted as the best place to work.

Catharine Leroux, District Numeracy Teacher, hosted a numeracy workshop and presented her binder of early numeracy interventions – basic skills and assessments to be used in K-3. In supporting the Enhancement Agreement, Indigenous Education Assistants will be targeting students in grades 1-3 in a pilot of this initiative. The program will be rolled out to Kindergarten teachers district wide later in the school year. The binder includes numeracy supports and interventions with resources already created. Interventions are based on Joyful Literacy structures and strategies.

DCSS-Central Campus is spreading positivity through their Citizenship classes, these classes are taken by all grade 8 students.



Mentorship Grant

School District 59 has been successful in applying for the School District Mentorship Grant under the Expect Respect and a Safe Education (ERASE), a provincial program aimed at improving the lives of young people, parents, and educators within the education system, where young people are vulnerable to entering pathways associated with gangs and criminal behavior.

SD59 received a total grant of \$10,500, which will be used to support programming with our partner organization, the Nawican Bergeron Youth and Cultural Centre. The "Walking the Path" and the "Power to Her" programs will be offered to students at Dawson Creek Secondary in grades 8 – 12.

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
December 20 – 31, 2021	Winter Break – Schools are closed
January 3, 2021	New Year's Day stat in lieu Schools are closed
January 4, 2021	Schools re-open after Winter Break
January 31, 2021	Non-Instructional Day / Staff Pro-D students do not attend school
February 16, 2021	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm
February 21, 2021	Family Day – School are closed



School Trustees visited Ecole Frank Ross to view their new mural. The local artist who worked with students to create the mural led the board members through an explanation of the process and the work that students did to complete the project.



ENJOY THE WINTER BREAK

