



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for December 14, 2022

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Indigenous Veterans Day was recognized on November 8th and schools celebrated Metis culture on Louis Riel Day (November 16th). Louis Riel was a prominent leader among Metis people and fought to protect Metis rights against the Canadian Government. He led the Red River Resistance (1869-70) and North-West rebellion (1885).



DCSS volleyball teams had a successful season. The grade 10 team placed 9th at Provincials.

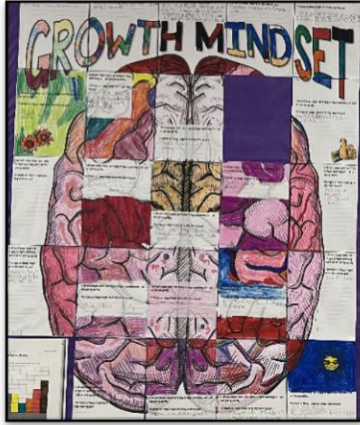
them to trades; the students visited Northern Lights College to learn more about the trades and academic programs offered. The students also had the opportunity to tour Gear O Rama Supply to learn more about heavy duty mechanics.

DCSS-South Peace Campus students are very busy in the woodshop. One of the students has crafted an amazing electric guitar.

DCSS students participated in activities connecting



Chetwynd Secondary School held their Snowball Dance and they have over 60 students playing extra-curricular basketball. In their home tournament, both senior teams went undefeated and took home first place. The pep rally before the tournament included having elementary students in attendance.



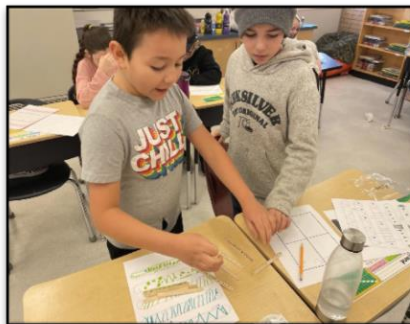
Devereaux Elementary students are learning about the brain and growth mindset.

Ecole Frank has been very busy with holiday activities. Mr. Schild's class collected 1400 pounds of food for food banks, Mrs. Harman's class had a singing show and the students are excited about the gingerbread bakery centre in their classroom. Classes are beginning to get outside and use the snowshoes that were donated by the school PAC group.



French Immersion students from Central Campus visited Ecole Frank Ross and joined the French Immersion students in an afternoon of games and activities to practice their oral language skills. The school held their holiday concerts over two nights with classes performing songs and skits. The Ukulele Club and Music Club also performed at the concerts.

Canalta students have been busy learning about moose and other wild animals of the area, researching gifts and how pricing is established. Students enjoyed a project-based learning (PBL) activity where they learned about old maps including how to read and use them. Students in Ms. Robb's class has partnered with a long-term care facility in New Brunswick, they had fun creating holiday cards which they sent to their grandbuddies. The maker space in the library is getting lots of use; the students learned how to use a green screen to place themselves in a snow globe! The students are excited to showcase their Christmas concert at Unchagah Hall while their gym is still being used as a classroom until the portable is ready. Students did enjoy their bowling and pizza party to help make up for not having access to their school gym.



Thank-you to Treaty 8 Tribal Association for donating \$4550,72 to school breakfast programs.

Don Titus served over 300 holiday meals and then the students enjoyed participating in holiday activities. Many parents and past students helped out with the activities.



Kindergarten students from Crescent Park Elementary visited the Nawican Bergeron Youth Centre and enjoyed a dance and ceremony presentation from other students all dressed in their Native regalia. The Kindergarten class also had a career experience where they could dress up in their career choice and learn all about it.

Parkland Elementary School has been named as one of the top 10 finalists in the CBC Canadian Music Class Challenge for 2022 in the MusiCounts Passion Prize (most spirited, fun and passionate performance). Every fall, CBC Music in association with MusiCounts — the charity of the Juno Awards — launches the Canadian Music Class Challenge, a contest to engage music classes across the country with Canadian music. Parkland students performed, Heart of Gold by Neil Young, at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery which was recorded and sent in for the contest.



Watch their performance on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7XAqCng3yIq>.

2021-22 Graduation Rates

The Superintendent reported on the 2021-22 completion rates. The overall 6-year completion rate for SD59 was 82% which is down 3% from the previous year; the rate for Indigenous students fell 5% from 73% to 67%.

Provincial and district data for 2021-22 can be accessed through Ministry of Education and Child Care Student Success Portal: <https://studentsuccess.gov.bc.ca/>.

Reports from the Secretary Treasurer:

Statement of Financial Information (2022)

The Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) report was presented. This annual report is required by all public institutions. The report publishes the names and salaries of employees over \$75,000 (wages & benefits), vendors over \$25,000, and trustee income and expenses. The report is posted on the district website.

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
December 19, 2022 - January 2, 2023	Winter Break – schools are closed
January 18, 2023	Regular Board Meeting – Dawson Creek
February 3, 2023	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
February 15, 2023	Regular Board Meeting – Dawson Creek
February 20, 2023	Family Day Holiday – schools are closed

