

The Division Digest

Highlights from our Schools September 20 - October 16, 2017

WANDERING RIVER SCHOOL



Canada 150 Celebrations

The Hamlet of Wandering River held its Canada 150 Celebration on September 9. The day started with a pancake breakfast and then a parade with several floats, horses and wagons, and the Wandering River School marching band! The students all arrived wearing their Canada 150 shirts provided by NLPS. It was a great day with a free hot dog lunch, games for the kids, a baseball game for the older ones and a beautiful buffet dinner to cap it all off. The day was all organized and provided for by the Wandering River Seniors.

ARDMORE SCHOOL



Terry Fox Run

Students, staff and parents participated in our annual Terry Fox Run to raise money for cancer research. It was a beautiful day to run. This year we were able to raise \$500 more than our intended goal.

WANDERING RIVER SCHOOL



Swimming Lessons

This year Wandering River School plans to implement a theme of the month. During September we learned about water safety and took swimming lessons. Every day from September 25 to 29, we went to the Athabasca Landing Pool where we all took swimming lessons. It was a great week where students learned water safety and swimming technique. Students received a badge or sticker and were promoted to the next level. Many students then registered for private or class lessons and are continuing to learn on their own. Great job everyone!

ARDMORE SCHOOL



Fire Prevention Week

Ardmore Fire Department visited our school to talk to the students about Fire Safety and Prevention. They visited classrooms with firefighter suits to put on, brought their fire trucks for show and the water hose to try. One of the biggest attractions is always Sparky the Fire Dog. Fun and education working together.

WANDERING RIVER SCHOOL



School of Moves

On October 3 we had a special visit from Dianna and Shar with the School of Moves. They taught the kids to learn more about themselves and life while discovering new moves and sharing them with friends! They focused on ways to live out your best self by understanding how we communicate and perform in life. Since "Life is a Stage," they shared helpful tips from their experiences and passions on how to master the art of self-discovery through understanding our physicality and emotions, our thoughts and words, and our creativity and passions, to develop strong character and self-esteem. The students had lots of fun dancing and moving with their classmates and watching the show.

ARDMORE SCHOOL



Cross-Country Run

Ardmore School had a very successful Cross-Country Run on October 5, with two students finishing in the top 10.

NORTH STAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



APPLE Schools Rule

We are so thrilled at North Star to continue making healthy choices this year as an Apple School! We have a new face leading us this year, Tiara Slingerland. We also have a core group of students who dedicate their early mornings to helping Miss Tiara deliver our breakfasts, taste tests, set up phys. ed circuits and more! Thanks for all you do Tiara and helpers!

VERA M. WELSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



APPLE School Events

Students taste tested Kohlrabi which was donated to the school from Sand Springs Ranch. Grade 3 students facilitated the taste testing. Many students for the first time tried a Kohlrabi, a sweet vegetable.

Students are starting to bring in birthday books for their class to replace sweet treats. Students unwrap a book as a gift to the school and parents or teachers read the book to the class. The book becomes a part of our school library with a birthday sticker on the inside cover of who donated the book.

VERA M. WELSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Just Read Celebrations Have Started

Students read over 10,000 books to earn their Milk and Cookie Day. Our APPLE school facilitator collaborated with Aurora Middle School home economic students to make us healthy cookies. Parents came to deliver the cookies and milk. We are going to keep reading to 25,000 books to get to our next school wide award - PJ Day.

VERA M. WELSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Songwriting Workshop with Norman Foote

Grade 2 and 3 students attended a song writing workshop with Norman Foote on October 17 and held a performance for the school in the afternoon.

That evening, Grade 2 and 3 students who signed up were able to join Norman Foote for a Halloween-themed concert free for the whole community to attend. Students were the background singers and had a great time making music!

NORTH STAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Friendly Faces of North Star

North Star struck gold a second time this fall as we welcomed Pennylynn Heffner to our staff! Though we only get her a few times a week, we're sure glad that we do! Can't wait for her Teddy Bear Lunches, mindfulness wall, and much more. Thank you for bringing your cheerful presence to our building!

BONNYVILLE CENTRALIZED HIGH SCHOOL



Student Learning Opportunities

BCHS staff and students were successful in growing a ton of vegetables out of our garden. We used the vegetables to make lunches in the concession and also donated many meals to the Bonnyville Friendship Centre.

CASLAN SCHOOL



Orange Shirt Day

On September 29 the students and staff wore their orange shirts to honour the children who survived the Indian Residential Schools and to remember those who didn't. #Every Child Matters #Orange Shirt Day 2017

CASLAN SCHOOL



Volleyball Action

On October 3 our school hosted a volleyball game against the Holy Family Catholic School from Waskatenau. Our team did fantastic, winning three games and losing three games. This event gave experience to some of our younger students who got to play in their first ever volleyball game.

KIKINO SCHOOL



Highest Perfect Attendance Numbers Ever

Each month Kikino School holds perfect attendance "Golden Ticket" incentives for students who have one or fewer excused absences. Whether it's a trip to a location in Lac La Biche, a tasty treat, or a special school event, the students always have something to look forward to. This September, Kikino School had a perfect attendance number of 84 students! That is just over 80%. As the entire grade 7 and 8 class had perfect attendance, the oldest class in the school had a chance to display their leadership skills as they hosted a Fun Fall Carnival which consisted of skill games, colouring activities, a flavoured water station, and a tug of war.

IRON RIVER SCHOOL



Fire Prevention Week

The Iron River and LaCorey Fire Departments came to Iron River School October 11 to show everyone the fire trucks, teach us about "Two Ways Out," and provide a pizza lunch for all the staff and students.

IRON RIVER SCHOOL



Mobile Trades Lab

The Mobile Trades Lab has been at Iron River School since October 2. Students from grades 5-8 have been welding and using the plasma cutter everyday with the help of Daryl Heffernan. They are making amazing works of art!

ART SMITH AVIATION ACADEMY



STEM Stars

In our STEM elective for grades 5 to 8, students are doing more than learning about tech, they are expanding their research and presentation skills. Kael P is researching his STEM STAR who is a person who he thinks has done amazing things with their STEM skills!

ART SMITH AVIATION ACADEMY



Maze Competition in Robotics

Grade 5 to 8 students in the Robotics elective are challenging their coding skills, along with problem-solving, math and science, to solve mazes that students made themselves. They were competing in a timed competition to get their Spheros robots from the start to finish!

NELSON HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Cross-Country and Peace Feast

After a great startup, NHS students participated in the LSAA Mountain Bike Race and Cross-Country Districts. Grade 8 students hosted our Annual Peace Feast where all NHS families contributed to a community potluck lunch.

GLENDON SCHOOL

Post-Secondary Night, Learning Commons and Orange Shirt Day

Glendon School students had the opportunity to attend post-secondary night at St. Paul Regional High School. They were able to talk to representatives from many schools and gather information about what those schools have to offer.

From renovations being completed during the summer to the activities that have been implemented, the Learning Commons is a welcoming, vibrant space for all students. We have STEM activities that match up with the novel studies some of our students are reading. We have Library Amazing Race Challenges every month. Our first Amazing Race Challenge had the students reading about aerodynamics and how to build paper airplanes. They then had to put that knowledge to the test and see which team could build the best airplane.

Orange Shirt Day was a huge success. Students had a chance to hear Phyllis's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission in Williams Lake, BC. This was a day to celebrate that Every Child Matters.

ART SMITH AVIATION ACADEMY



Terry Fox Run

Students and staff joined the rest of the 4 Wing community in their annual Terry Fox Run/Walk. Our cross-country team ran with helpers from Cold Lake High School to challenge the competitive 4 Wing runners in the 5K run. The school community helped in raising over \$10,000 with the Wing for the Terry Fox Foundation.